



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### MEN'S HOCKEY SELECTS 20 PLAYERS TO REPRESENT ONTARIO AT THE 2015 CANADA WINTER GAMES

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**TORONTO, ON** – Team Ontario Director of Operations Patrick Sweeney along with Head Coach Drew Bannister, Assistant coaches David Schlitt and Cyril Bollers announced the 20-man roster today for Ontario's Under 16 men's team that will compete at the upcoming 2015 Canada Winter Games taking place in Prince George B.C from February 13<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>.

"It is always challenging trying to select a team from such a deep talent pool where the athletes are performing at a high level within their sport. We realize that there will always be disappointment for those players who are not selected at the end of the evaluation process however, we as a staff are excited about the team we have put together who will represent Ontario at the 2015 Canada Winter Games. We believe that the players we have selected will give us the best chance of accomplishing our goal of winning the Gold medal at the Canada Winter Games, stated Director of Operations Patrick Sweeney."

"I am honored and excited to lead and coach this talented and dedicated group of athletes that will represent Ontario at the 2015 Canada Winter Games. I know that this group will represent Ontario with class both on and off the ice at the event said head coach Drew Bannister."

The team will depart for Prince George on February 21<sup>st</sup>, as they begin their quest for gold at the 2015 Canada Winter Games. Men's hockey will take place during the second week of the games from February 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. The tournament features 12 teams, one from the North West Territories, one from the Yukon as well as one each from the ten Provinces.

Team Ontario is in Pool A that also features Team British Columbia, Team Manitoba and Team New Brunswick. A schedule of games will be posted on the HDCO website when it becomes available.

The Hockey Development Centre for Ontario (HDCO) facilitates the Men's Under-16 Canada Winter Games hockey program on behalf of the 3 Ontario Branches of Hockey Canada.

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**Following is the Team Roster**

## Team Ontario Men's Under-16 2015 Canada Winter Games Roster

First Name	Last Name	Position	Height	Weight	Hometown	Team
Simon	Boyko	Forward	5'8.5	165	Mississauga	Toronto Jr. Canadians
Zachary	Gallant	Forward	6'2	175	Oakville	Mississauga Rebels
Joseph	Gareffa	Forward	5'6	158	Toronto	Toronto Titans
Brady	Gilmour	Forward	5'9	156	Grafton	Quinte Red Devils
Zack	Jackson	Forward	6'1.25	170	Barrie	Toronto Titans
Ben	Jones	Forward	6'0	164	Thornhill	Toronto Marlboros
Ryan	McLeod	Forward	6'0.75	174	Mississauga	Toronto Marlboros
Greg	Meireles	Forward	5'9	170	Orleans	Ottawa Jr. 67's
Brett	Neumann	Forward	5'8.25	156	Toronto	Don Mills Flyers
Isaac	Ratcliffe	Forward	6'3.5	171	London	London Jr. Knights
Owen	Tippett	Forward	5'11.25	175	North York	Toronto Red Wings
Gabriel	Vilardi	Forward	6'02	185	Kingston	CIH Academy
Ian	Blacker	Defence	6'3	173	Oakville	Brampton 45's
Jakob	Brahaney	Defence	6'0	162	Hastings	Quinte Red Devils
Hayden	Davis	Defence	6'1	166	Hamilton	Hamilton Huskies
Quinn	Hanna	Defence	6'2	179	Peterborough	Peterborough Petes
Markus	Phillips	Defence	5'11	204	Toronto	Toronto Titans
Reilly	Webb	Defence	6'2	188	Stoney Creek	Toronto Titans
Brendan	Bonello	Goalie	6'2	210	Mississauga	Toronto Titans
Michael	DiPietro	Goalie	5'11	204	Amherstburg	Sun County Panthers
Alternates						
Nick	Suzuki	Forward	5'9.5	180	London	London Jr. Knights
Taylor	Carlson	Defence	5'10	185	Dunrobin	Ottawa Valley Titans
Kristian	Hufsky	Goalie	5'11	157	Kleinburg	Toronto Jr. Canadiens

### TEAM ONTARIO PERSONNEL

Director of Operations:	Patrick Sweeney	Peterborough Petes Minor Midget AAA
Head Coach:	Drew Bannister	Owen Sound Attack (OHL)
Assistant Coach:	David Schlitt	Huron-Perth Lakers Minor Midget AAA
Assistant Coach:	Cyril Bollers	Pickering Panthers (OJHL)
Equipment Manager:	Glen Kinney	Team Ontario Under-16
Video Coach:	Jeff Jordan	Ottawa Senators Major Midget AAA/Ottawa 67's (OHL)