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PAHF announces 2011 Pan American Elite Teams

The Pan American Hockey Federation is pleased to announce the 2011 Pan American Elite Teams.

Since 2007, the Pan American Elite Teams have been named every two years to recognize the top players in the Pan American region. Hockey specialists present at the 2011 Pan American Games in Guadalajara and at the 2011 Pan American Challenge in Rio de Janeiro were consulted for the selection of this year's Elite Teams.

The 2011 Men's Pan American Elite Team is led by Lucas REY, captain of the Pan American Champion Argentina. Argentina is also represented by three other players (Ignacio BERGNER, Rodrigo VILA and Lucas VILA) while Pan American Games runner-up Canada is represented by Ken PEREIRA, Rob SHORT and Scott TUPPER. Three players were also selected from Bronze Medalists Chile (goal-keeper Mathias ANWANDTER, Esteban KRAINZ and Martin RODRIGUEZ).

Altogether, the 2011 Men's Pan American Elite Team is made up of players from seven different countries: Argentina (4), Canada (3), Chile (3), Cuba (2), Mexico (2), Trinidad & Tobago (1) and the USA (1).

The 2011 Women's Pan American Elite Team is led by Lauren CRANDALL, captain of the USA who defeated Argentina for the first time in the history of the Pan American Games. The USA is also represented by three other players (Rachel DAWSON, Katie O'DONNELL and goal-keeper Jaclyn KINTZER) while Argentina is represented by Luciana AYMAR, Soledad GARCIA and Rosario LUCHETTI.

Bronze Medalists Chile had three players selected (Camila CARAM, Manuela URROZ and Michelle WILSON). Uruguayan player Janine STANLEY, although not playing in Guadalajara, was named to the Elite Team based on her excellent performance at the Pan American Challenge.

Altogether eight countries are represented in the 2011 Women's Pan American Elite Team: Argentina (3), Barbados (1), Canada (2), Chile (3), Cuba (1), Mexico (1), Uruguay (1) and USA (4).

Four women and eight men on this year's teams were already named to the 2009 Pan American Elite Teams, with only Luciana AYMAR, Kwandwane BROWNE and Rob SHORT selected in 2007, 2009 and 2011.

On both Elite Teams, some young talents are starting to make their mark on the international scene, such as Martin RODRIGUEZ (Chile, 21 years old), Francisco AGUILAR MONTOYA (Mexico, 22), Manuela URROZ (Chile, 20) and Brienne STAIRS (Canada, 21).

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Men			Women		
Francisco AGUILAR MONTOYA	MEX		Luciana AYMAR	ARG	
Mathias ANWANDTER (GK)	CHI		Katie BAKER	CAN	
Ignacio BERGNER	ARG		Camila CARAM	CHI	
Kwandwane BROWNE	TRI		Jesús Ahide CASTILLO MARÍN (GK)	MEX	
Sean HARRIS	USA		Lauren CRANDALL	USA	
Esteban KRAINZ	CHI		Rachel DAWSON	USA	
Roberto LEMUS DOMÍNGUEZ	CUB		Agustina Soledad GARCIA	ARG	
PoI MORENO QUIROZ	MEX		Jaclyn KINTZER (GK)	USA	
Ken PEREIRA	CAN		Cher KING	BAR	
Yuri PÉREZ PÉREZ	CUB		Rosario LUCHETTI	ARG	
Lucas REY	ARG		Katie O'DONNELL	USA	
Martin RODRIGUEZ	CHI		Brienne STAIRS	CAN	
Rob SHORT	CAN		Janine STANLEY	URU	
Scott TUPPER	CAN		Manuela URROZ	CHI	
Lucas VILA	ARG		Yuraima VERA ROJAS	CUB	
Rodrigo VILA	ARG		Michelle WILSON	CHI	

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