

## Triathlon Canada Announces 2007 National Development Team

### Two Winnipeg Juniors Selected to the Team

Triathlon Manitoba and the Canadian Sport Centre Manitoba are pleased to announce that Triathlon Canada has selected their 2007 National Developmental Team (Olympic Distance) members and two Winnipeg Juniors made the team.

2007 National Development Team (Olympic Distance)			
Men		Women	
Name	Hometown	Name	Hometown
Colin Jenkins	Hamilton, ON	Sarah-Anne Brault	Winnipeg, MB
Andre-Paul Baillargeon Smith	St. Catherines, ON		
Blair Peters	Winnipeg, MB		

These athletes compete at the Olympic distance of 1.5k swim/ 40k bike/ 10k run in ITU (International Triathlon Union) Events in order to obtain world ranking points.

**Blair Peters:** After breaking his scapula in a bike crash at the 2005 Junior National Championship, resulting in a six week layoff from training, Peters, from Winnipeg, trained very hard to recover from his injury and went on to win both the National Junior Championships and the National Junior Series in 2006. Of note is the fact that Blair finished 2nd at the Canadian-USA challenge race to the 2005 World Junior Champion (Stephen Duplinsky) and led the Canadian men to their first victory over the USA in the three year history of the event.

The 17-year-old competed in his first World Championship in Lausanne, Switzerland and finished 44th but importantly had the 10th fastest run time.

**Sarah-Anne Brault:** Brault, from Winnipeg, in only her first year in the sport, had the difficult task of trying to knock off World Champion Kirsten Sweetland in the biggest races in '06, and as a result Brault finished second at the National Triathlon Championships and second again at the National Duathlon Championships. In fact, Sarah-Anne won silver medals at four Canadian Championships during the 2006 season, finishing 2nd at the Canadian Junior Track & Field Championship in the 3000m in a time of 9:46 and 2nd at the Canadian Sprint National Championship behind first place finisher Kathy Tremblay.

Brault, a former silver medalist at the Canada Games in the 5,000 metre run, is recognized as a world class runner and a real threat if she gets off the bike near the lead.

With Sweetland turning her attention to the elites, Brault will be the odds on favourite to win the Junior Nationals and will have a chance to improve her result at the World Championships where she finished 35th in 2006 where she had the 5th fastest run at the event.

Sarah-Anne and Blair train in Winnipeg at the Manitoba-National Triathlon Centre (MNTC). They were the only juniors selected to the team as the other development team members compete in the Under 23 category. The MNTC is supported by the Canadian Sport Centre-Manitoba, Triathlon Canada, Sport Manitoba and Triathlon Manitoba.

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