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World Bandy Championships Set

Canada will again be participating in the 2012 Men's World Bandy Championships to be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan from January 30th to February 5th. The Canadian squad, which is made up of manly Winnipeggers, will participate in the "B" Pool along with teams from the Netherlands, Latvia, Hungary, and Belarus. The Canadian Team is lead by long time veteran player Costa Cholakis. Others who have played overseas include Mark Ralph, Brandon Element, Nick Mazurak , Brett Gavrailoff and Mike Lintick. There are several newcomers to the squad this year, which is coached by the veteran Swede, Goran Svensson.

In last year's World Championship in Kazan, the Canadians lost the "B" Pool title to Belarus and this year are hoping for redemption and to capture the "B" Pool.

Other participating countries in the "A" Pool include Sweden, Finland, Russia, Norway, United States and Kazakhstan while, "C" Pool teams are Japan, Kyrgyzstan and Estonia.

Team Members are: Kevin Marchuk, Roman Naumiuk, Brian Bell, Mark Ralph, Paul Ralph, Brett Gavrailoff, Curtis Krul, Ryan Gilmour, Costa Cholakis, Aidan Penner, Kevin Clarke, Brandon Ellement, Brennan Pearson, Michael Lintick, Jeffery Krul of Winnipeg, Evgeny Opytov of Norway, Nicholas Mazurak of Regina, and Iouri Chtcheglov of Montreal.

"We have a great mix of experience and rookies, stated veteran player Costa Cholakis, I am quite impressed with the enthusiasm of the young guys".

Coaches are Goran Svensson and Kennet Johansson of Sweden and Team Manager is Morris Glimcher of Winnipeg.

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