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2007 Pan American Elite Teams

In 2006, the FIH introduced its "WorldHockey All Star Teams" after a suggestion of some top-level athletes. The Pan American Hockey Federation has decided to create a similar concept and name its "Pan American Elite Teams" every two years, after the Pan American Games and Pan American Cups.

Hockey specialists involved or present at the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro were consulted for the selection of the Elite Teams roster. Today, the PAHF is pleased to announce the two Pan American Elite Teams 2007.

The **Men's Pan American Elite Team 2007** is led by Pan Am Games Player of Tournament Kwan BROWNE, from Trinidad & Tobago. The Pan American Games Champion, Canada is represented by four players: its captain Rob SHORT, striker Connor GRIMES, penalty-corner specialist Wayne FERNANDES and goalkeeper Mike MAHOOD. Pan American Games runner-up Argentina also has with four players: Mario ALMADA, Jorge LOMBI, Matias REY and Fernando ZYLBERBERG.

Six countries are represented in the Men's Pan American Elite Team 2007: Argentina, Canada, Chile, Cuba, Trinidad & Tobago and USA.

Luciana AYMAR – the 3 time WorldHockey Player of the Year and Pan American Games player of the tournament leads the **Women's Pan American Elite Team 2007**. The Women's Pan American Games Champion Argentina is represented with five players: Luciana AYMAR, Magdalena AICEGA, Alejandra GULLA, Mercedes MARGALOT and Marine RUSSO. Pan American Games runner-up USA is present with 4 players: Kelly DOTON, Carrie LINGO, goalkeeper Amy TRAN and Tiffany SNOW.

Six countries are represented in the Women's Pan American Elite Team 2007: Argentina, Canada, Chile, Cuba, Netherlands Antilles and USA.

2007 Pan American Games - Elite Teams			
Men		Women	
ALMADA Mario	ARG	AICEGA Magdalena	ARG
AMOROSO Matias	CHI	AYMAR Luciana	ARG
BROWNE Kwandwane	TRI	de HAAS Anika	AHO
FERNANDES Wayne	CAN	DOTON Kelly	USA
GRIMES Connor	CAN	DRAKE TORRES Yakelin	CUB
HARRIS Pat	USA	GULLA Alejandra	ARG
KOPPENBERGER Ian	CHI	INFANTE Daniela	CHI
LEGERTON Wayne	TRI	INFANTE Paula	CHI
LEMUS Roberto	CUB	LINGO Carrie	USA
LOMBI Jorge	ARG	MARGALOT Mercedes	ARG
MAHOOD Mike (GK)	CAN	MICHALUK Tiffany	CAN
MONTEGU Luis	CHI	RUSSO Marine	ARG
QUAN CHAN Dwain	TRI	SCHREUDER Ernestine	AHO
REY Matias	ARG	SNOW Tiffany	USA
SHORT Rob	CAN	TRAN Amy (GK)	USA
ZYLBERBERG Fernando	ARG	van de PAS Marlieke (GK)	AHO

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The Pan American Hockey Federation (PAHF) is recognized by the FIH as the governing continental federation for all field hockey in the Pan American region. There are 22 member Nations of the PAHF. For more information please contact info@panamhockey.org