

## NEWS RELEASE

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### PAHF announces 2019 Pan American Elite Teams

The Pan American Hockey Federation is pleased to announce the 2019 Pan American Elite Teams.

Since 2007, Pan American Elite Teams have been named every two years to recognize the top players in Pan American competitions. Since 2017, separate *Indoor* Elite teams are also named.

Hockey specialists present at the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru, were consulted for the selection of this year's Elite Teams.

The 2019 **Men's** Pan American Elite Team is led by Trinidadian veteran Kwandwane BROWNE, selected a remarkable sixth time to the PAHF Elite Team, a record he shares with Canadian defender Scott TUPPER. Browne played in Lima the last matches of a long and illustrious international career. He was on the first PAHF Elite Team back in 2009 and only missed making the 2015 Elite squad due to injury.

At the other end of the spectrum, six players make their first appearance on the Elite roster, including Lima local hero Fabrizio CORNO, Captain of the Peruvian Team at the Pan American Games.

Pan American Cup finalists Argentina and Canada have the strongest representation with five and four players respectively. The achievements of the USA and Chile, semi-finalists in Lancaster, are rewarded with the nomination of two and three players respectively.

Altogether, the 2019 Men's Pan American Elite Team is made up of players from six different countries: Argentina (5), Canada (4), Chile (3), USA (2), Trinidad & Tobago (1) and Peru (1). The average age is 30.3 years old.

The 2019 **Women's** Pan American Elite Team is headed by Argentinian stalwart Silvina d'ELIA, who was outstanding anchoring her team in the key matches in Lima, scoring two goals in the Final. She is surrounded on the Elite Squad by four teammates, Agustina ALBERTARRIO, Julieta JANKUNAS, Rosario LUCHETTI and Carla REBECCHI.

Chilean Camilla CARAM is the only player appearing for the fifth time on the Elite roster, while her teammate Claudia SCHÜLER is chosen for the fourth time as goal-keeper (following 2009, 2013 and 2017). Canadian striker Brienne STAIRS is also making her fourth Elite appearance.

Pan American Cup finalists Argentina and Canada dominated the voting, with five players selected for Argentina and four for Canada, while semi-finalists USA and Chile are recognized with the selection of two and three players respectively.

Altogether, five countries are represented on the 2019 Women's Pan American Elite Team: Argentina (5), Canada (4), Chile (3), USA (2) and Uruguay (2). The average age is 27.4 years old.

2019 Pan American Elite Team	
Men	
Juan AMOROSO	CHI
Kwan BROWNE [C]	TTO
Maico CASELLA	ARG
Fabrizio CORNO	PER
Pat HARRIS	USA
Adrian HENRIQUEZ (GK)	CHI
Pedro IBARRA	ARG
Gordon JOHNSTON	CAN
Aki KAEPPELER	USA
Juan LOPEZ	ARG
Agustin MAZZILLI	ARG
Mark PEARSON	CAN
Keegan PEREIRA	CAN
Matias REY	ARG
Martin RODRIGUEZ	CHI
Scott TUPPER	CAN

2019 Pan American Elite Team	
Women	
Agustina ALBERTARRIO	ARG
Camila CARAM	CHI
Rachel DONOHOE	CAN
Silvina d'ELIA [C]	ARG
Julieta JANKUNAS	ARG
Rosario LUCHETTI	ARG
Erin MATSON	USA
Sara McMANUS	CAN
Carla REBECCHI	ARG
Claudia SCHULER (GK)	CHI
Kathleen SHARKEY	USA
Natalie SOURISSEAU	CAN
Brienne STAIRS	CAN
Manuela URROZ	CHI
Teresa VIANA	URU
Manuela VILAR	URU

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