

## **Canada East to face Finland in gold medal final at U19 world ringette championship**

London, Ontario – January 2nd, 2013 – Finland will defend their world title tomorrow as they meet Canada East in the gold medal final at the 2012 U19 World Ringette Championship. Canada East secured a spot in the final after beating Russia 8-4 today in semi-final action, while Finland beat Canada West 11-3. Russia and Canada West will meet in the bronze-medal game.

Josie Scott (Mitchell, ON) scored an impressive four goals for Canada East in the first semi-final game today. Singles came from Robin Scott (Mitchell, ON), Alexandra Lacharite (Sainte-Julie, QC), Maude Charbonneau (Sainte-Julie, QC) and Martine Caissie (Bouctouche, NB) to make it 8-4 over Russia. Lauren McGonigal (Arnprior, ON) scored two goals for Russia and singles came from Breanne Hutchings (Cambridge, ON) and Kayla Albert (Cambridge, ON).

In the Canada West versus Finland semi final, Finnish scoring phenom Susanna Tapani opened the game with a hat trick in less than six minutes. She then went on to score a fourth goal and assist on three others. Canada's goals came from Shaundra Bruvall (Calgary), Melody Caron (La Salle, MB) and Alex Saizew (Calgary).

In the fifth vs. sixth place game earlier today, USA shutout France 8-0. Jesse Nimegeers (White City, SK) picked up a pair of goals and an assist and Kinley Graves (Stonewall, MB) scored two. Goalie Janelle Huberdeau (Lorette, MB) recorded the shutout for USA.

The U19 World Ringette Championship is an International Ringette Federation event. Finland currently holds the world title after defeating Canada East at the inaugural U19 World Ringette Championship held in Prague, Czech Republic in 2009. Finals will take place tomorrow, Thursday, January 3.

Results for Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at the 2012 U19 World Ringette Championship in London, Ontario: USA 8 France 0 Canada East 8 Russia 4 Finland 11 Canada West 3

The following is the schedule of games for tomorrow, Thursday, January 3, 2013 (all times EST): Bronze medal game: 11:00 Russia vs. Canada West

Gold medal game: 14:00 Finland vs. Canada East

All games are being webcast live through this link:

<http://sportscanada.tv/index.php/ringette/ringettecanada/worlds/2012u19worlds>

Stats, schedule and rosters can be accessed through this link:

<http://www.leaguestat.com/ringettecanada/U19/en/stats/schedule.php>

Pictures from the event can be viewed through this link:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/ringettecanada/sets/72157632270898742/detail/>

Fans can send good luck emails to athletes to the following address:

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About Ringette Ringette is a Canadian sport that was invented in 1963 in North Bay, Ontario by the late Sam Jacks. There are currently nearly 30,000 players on more than 2,000 teams across Canada with over 2,400 officials and 5,000 coaches. Internationally, it is played in half a dozen other countries around the world. Ringette has been designated a Heritage Sport by Sport Canada and as part of the Sport for Life movement, ringette is well advanced at adapting Sport Canada's Long Term Athlete Development model. For more information, please refer to the Ringette Canada Web site at [www.ringette.ca](http://www.ringette.ca).

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