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## Hounds Win National Championship

***Thank you...thank you...thank you!***

Dear Hounds and Friends of Notre Dame,

We are still living in the afterglow of our tremendous victory in the national Midget AAA boys' hockey championship in Selkirk, Manitoba. On April 27th, as the returning team bus turned onto Main Street, the Hounds were greeted by hundreds of cheering fans, television crews and a short celebration at Varsity Hall.

During the tournament the boys and their coaches were uplifted by the dozens of well wishes sent their way from Hounds and friends across the world, by the presence of loyal fans during the round robin and playoff games, and of course by the huge delegation of students, staff and friends who attended the final game. Media commentators referred often to the emotional impact of the Notre Dame spirit on the tournament and even on themselves. Even other teams have been extraordinarily complimentary.

On behalf of the College, I want to extend a special thanks to everyone who was part of this chapter in Notre Dame history, and indeed everyone who contributes their resources and goodwill to our school in ways large and small. I hope that each of you feel that you own a piece of this great event and ownership in the *alma mater*. In particular I would like to recognize those donors, two in particular, whose contributions offset so much of the student travel cost to the final game.

At a Mass of Thanksgiving last evening, the boys assured me that plenty of academic challenges awaited their return and that they have spent a great week catching up and returning to life as normal. They also reflected that the victory was not theirs alone but truly the product of a community commitment for which they are deeply grateful.

I am proud to be part of that community and again wish to say to each of you that your generosity of spirit has been palpable and touching for all.

God bless,

David Howie  
President



# From Coach Pedrick's Desk



**Coaches Jason MacLean & Del Pedrick during the Telus Cup Championship game.**

As Director of Hockey Development and Head Coach of the Midget AAA Hounds I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff, Jason MacLean (Assistant Coach), Brooke Kosolofski (Head Strength & Conditioning Coach), Randy Durovick (Manager), Keenan Smith (Gamebreaker video) and Jon Frape (Hockey Operations) for their dedication and expertise this past season with our National Championship Midget AAA Hounds. In addition, I would like to thank our athletes for their commitment and dedication to Notre Dame. This group of young men demon-

strated an unwavering commitment to developing in mind, body and spirit which empowered them to tackle the many challenges they faced during our long championship season. I would like to personally thank the staff and students at the College for their steadfast support. From Red & White nights during league playoffs, to an uncomfortable bus trip to Swift Current to an amazing show of support at the Telus Cup Championship game in Selkirk, MB. Our team felt the spirit of Notre Dame through each and every staff member, student, alumni, supporter and parent that attended each and

every game, as well as the overwhelming number of inspirational emails from those that were with us in spirit. Winning championships often comes down to the intangibles. The 7<sup>th</sup> man's impact upon our pursuit of this championship continues to resonate with Hounds throughout the world. This once in a lifetime experience will be a memory that the entire Notre Dame family will cherish for decades.

Yours in Hockey,

Del Pedrick B. PE., B. Ed.  
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# Hockey Canada's Notre Dame Experience



Notre Dame Hounds win 2009 Telus Cup

**SELKIRK, Man.** - For the first time in 23 years, the Notre Dame Hounds have won Canada's National Midget Championship.

Drew George scored twice and added an assist and Christopher Gibson turned aside all 43 shots he faced for the shutout as Notre Dame (West) topped the Calgary Buffaloes (Pacific) 4-0 in Sunday afternoon's gold medal game in front of 1,281 fans at the Selkirk Recreation Complex.

The gold medal is the third for the Hounds at the National Midget Championship, along with national titles won in 1980 and 1986. The three gold medals ties Notre Dame for second all-time at the tournament, joining Lac St-Louis (1981, 1985, 1992), Ste-Foy/Séminaire Saint-François (1979, 1996, 2001) and Richelieu/Collège Charles Lemoyne (1987, 1990, 1998). Only the Regina Pat Canadians, with four (1983, 1988, 1994, 1999), have won more.

Coming off a heart-stopping semifinal victory over Laval-

**Post-game the Hounds share the Telus Cup with the Notre Dame Family.**

Bourassa on Saturday, in which they needed two goals in the final six minutes to earn the victory, the Hounds struck early on Sunday, as George beat Calgary netminder Sam Brittain just 100 seconds after the opening faceoff.

George set up Milson for the 2-0 goal just 6:04 later, and the Hounds used Gibson's goaltending to take them the rest of the way. George notched his second of the game just 59 seconds into the third period, and Hounds captain Ben Gamanche, the tournament's Top Forward, rounded out the scoring late.

Gibson was at his best in the third period, making 18 saves as the Buffaloes tried in vain to get back into the game. Overall, Notre Dame outshot the Buffaloes 44-43.

One of the biggest highlights of the week came about 90 minutes before face-off, when four busloads of Notre Dame students, who traveled 7 ½ hours from Wilcox, Sask. to cheer on their classmates, pulled up to the Selkirk Recreation Complex. Decked out in their red and white, the students set up a facepainting booth on the concourse, where anyone could get their faces done for free. The students filled two full sections of the arena, and were loud and proud from the

moment they came into the building.

Post-game, the Hounds did a team photo in front of the student congregation, who then broke into the school song. With everyone singing and cheering, it was a moment that gave me goosebumps, and one of the most amazing things I have seen at the domestics I have worked. There were more than 1,200 in attendance for the gold medal game, and the 200 Notre Dame students were just as loud as the other 1,000.

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The 2009 Telus Cup Champions  
and  
The Notre Dame Family



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