



## 2007 ADULT TEAM ALBERTA HEADS FOR ANOTHER GOLD IN SASKATOON

The last time the Nationals were held in Saskatoon in 2002, Team Alberta won its first and only Gold Medal in the Canada Cup. With a great many rookies on the team that year, many had their doubts about how the team would fare. Well here we are again, with many rookies on the team and we're headed back to Saskatoon for a repeat performance.

The majority of the team will be arriving early in Saskatoon to warm-up at the NDFC Ranked Bridge City Open and many of the players are taking advantage of competing with their nationals doubles partners in that event, the Medicine Hat Open and Rodeo City Open.

**Good Luck Team Alberta!!!**

### A PROFILE OF TEAM ALBERTA

**SCOTT LEE** (Lethbridge) gave an outstanding performance at the 2007 Darts Alberta Provincials. Although Scott may be a rookie at the 2007 Adult Nationals Championship, he arrives there as Darts Alberta's Provincial Champion, earning him the opportunity to also compete for 1 of 3 remaining spots for Team Canada to compete at the 2007 World Cup. As the #1 Ranked Player on the Official Darts Alberta Ranking List, Scott has also earned himself the opportunity to compete at the 2007 Desert Classic in Las Vegas in July.

**CARL MERCER's** (Crossfield) earliest experience at the National Championships was a member of Team Saskatchewan, in the late 80's. Fortunately for Team Alberta, Carl continued with his dart career when he moved here several years later. Carl was a member of Team Alberta when we won the Gold Medal in Saskatoon. Carl's achievements include being a former Provincial and National Champion and a member of Team Canada at numerous World Cup, Pacific Cup and World Masters championships. Carl is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Ranking List.

Although **BILL MCDOWALL** (Carstairs) had some tough luck on the first two days of the Provincials, Bill's many years of competitive experience and talent were evident when he won the last day to secure himself the fourth place spot on Team Alberta. Bill's first experience on Team Alberta was when Edmonton hosting the Nationals in 2001. Bill is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Ranking List.

It was evident that **RIKK ARNOTT** (Edmonton) astounded the NDFC Executive at his first-ever National Championship in St. John's NF in 1993, when you kept hearing them say "who is this Rikk Arnott from Alberta". During the rookie year, he took home a bronze medal in both the men's and mixed doubles events and was in a singles playoff for the alternate to attend the 1993 World Masters. Rikk is a long time member of Team Alberta, including the 2002 Gold medal team. Rikk has represented Team Canada at World Cup and World Masters events, has many tournament championship titles to his name, is a former Provincial Champion and brings a wealth of experience to the team. As the #2 ranked player on the Official Darts Alberta Ranking List, Rikk also earned a trip to the 2007 Desert Classic. With being 7<sup>th</sup> on the NDFC Official Ranking List, Rikk will have the opportunity to compete for 1 of 3 remaining spots for Team Canada to compete at the 2007 World Cup.

Although **TREVOR HOBBS** (Grande Prairie) had a rough go of it on the first two days at the Provincials, he showed everyone his true potential when he finished in second place on Day 3 to secure himself the sixth place spot on this year's Team Alberta. This will be Trevor's first experience at the National Championship. Trevor is ranked 12<sup>th</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Ranking List.

**TIM PROKOP** (Calgary) was a bit tense on Day 3 of the Provincials waiting to see the results of the final standings. Although he was knocked out in the early rounds of the knockout that day, his consistent darts on the first and second days were enough to secure him a spot on Team Alberta in seventh place. Tim is ranked 8<sup>th</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Ranking List. This will be Tim's second appearance at a National Championship, with his rookie year being in Victoria BC in 2005.

**FRED SEAWARD's** (Edmonton) first year as a member of Team Alberta was on his home turf, when Edmonton hosted the Nationals in 2001. Fred earned a bronze medal that rookie year in the Men's Doubles with Carl Mercer and was a member of the Gold medal team in Saskatoon the following year. This will be Fred's fourth time as a member of Team Alberta and brings a wealth of competitive experience to the team. Fred is ranked 11<sup>th</sup> on the Official Darts Alberta Ranking List.

This will be **IVAN EDDY** (Fort McMurray) third trip to the Nationals. Ivan's first experience at a National Championships occurred back in 1994. Ivan took some time off from competing at the Alberta Provincials but was back on the team again in 2006. Ivan's first experience at an international competition was when he won the Men's Singles Championship at the 2003 Klondike Open earning him the opportunity to compete at the World Masters. Ivan is ranked 9<sup>th</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Ranking List.

**IVY WIESHLOW** (Calgary) took the year off from competing at the Provincials, but she's back and better than ever. As the 2007 Alberta Provincial Champion, Ivy also has the opportunity to compete in the 2007 World Cup Qualifier. She is a long time member of Team Alberta, has competed twice at the World Masters and achieved a Silver Medal in the 2003 Canadian Open Women's Singles in Saint John NB. Ivy finished the season in the #1 Ranked position on the Official Darts Alberta Ranking List, earning a trip to the 2007 Desert Classic.

Originally from Saskatchewan, **WENDA CARTER** (Edmonton) may well have the advantage by competing in familiar territory. This will be Wenda's fourth time as a member of Team Alberta, with her rookie year being in Saint John NB in 2003. Wenda has a great deal of competitive experience traveling to numerous NDFC Ranked Tournaments and is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Ranking List.

Although **KELLY SHAPKA** (Edmonton) had two very consistent days at the Provincials, she wasn't taking any chances on Day 3 and finished in first place to secure herself a spot on Team Alberta in third place. As a member of last year's team in Halifax, this will be Kelly's second appearance at the Nationals. Even though Kelly doesn't get the opportunity to travel to many tournaments outside of Alberta, she certainly has more than her fair share of competitive experience traveling to all of the Ranked Tournaments in Alberta. Kelly is ranked 8<sup>th</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Ranking List.

**ANNE MARIE COROLUICK** (Medicine Hat) was a rookie of Team Alberta the year we won the Gold medal in Saskatoon in 2002. Now as a well established veteran of the team, she's heading back to Saskatoon for the repeat performance. With this being her sixth appearance at the Nationals, Anne Marie brings a wealth of competitive experience to the team. Anne Marie is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Ranking List.

**LESLEY JOHNSTON** (Edmonton) has certainly shown her talent over the past year, earning a bye into the provincials as the 2006 TAME Women's Singles Champion. Her second place win on Day 1 of the Provincials was enough to secure her the fifth place spot on the 2007 team. Lesley recently won the Women's Singles event at the 2007 AGM Shoot in Calgary. This will be Lesley's first trip to the Nationals. Lesley is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Ranking List.

**CINDY DER** (Edmonton) may be a rookie player on Team Alberta, but Cindy has plenty of experience at the National Championships. As an alternate, Cindy accompanied the team to the 2004 Nationals in PEI and took home the Gold Medal in the Women's Singles at the National Ranked Tournament held in Summerside the weekend prior. Ranked in the top 16 of the NDFC Ranking List in 2005, Cindy took the opportunity to buy-into the Women's Singles event as a Ranked Player at the National Championships in Victoria. Cindy's recent accomplishments at the 2007 Medicine Hat Open earned her the number two spot on the Official April 30<sup>th</sup> Darts Alberta Ranking List, also earning a trip to the 2007 Desert Classic.

**EVELYN ADANTE** (Fort McMurray) is not a stranger to the Alberta Provincials. Evelyn has competed many times trying to earn herself a spot on the team and her diligence and hard work has paid off. Even though she had two consistent days, going into the last day Evelyn knew she needed a lot more points to make the team. Her fourth place finish on Day 3 found her in a tie with Cindy Der for sixth and seventh place on the team. This will be Evelyn's first experience at the Nationals. Evelyn is ranked 9<sup>th</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Ranking List.

**LINDA RUBAK** (Calgary) has been playing in leagues for many years, but this was her first time competing at a Provincial Championship. She certainly proved herself by playing consistent darts throughout all three days and earning herself the eighth position on Team Alberta. Linda's extremely excited about her first trip to the National Championships. Linda is ranked 12<sup>th</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Ranking List.

Although **JUDI BROWN** (Calgary) is traveling with the team as the alternate, she has more than her fair share of experience as a five-time competitor for Team Alberta. Her first experience at the Nationals occurred in Edmonton in 2001, she was a member of the Gold Medal team in 2002, a bronze medalist in the Women's Doubles with Gayl King in 2003 and a bronze medalist in the Women's Doubles with Linda Ledingham in 2006. In addition to her competitive experience, Judi is a certified Level 2 Officiator for the sport. Judi is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Ranking List.

## **THE COACHING TEAM**

**BILL HATTER** (Medicine Hat) is a certified Level 2 Officiator for the sport, accredited as a Level 1 Dart Coach and working toward his Level 2 coaching accreditation. Although Bill has been coaching youth darts at the league, provincial and inter-provincial level since the early 90s, his first experience coaching at the Nationals was in that infamous year of 2002 when Team Alberta took the Canada Cup Gold Medal. He's been coaching the team every year since. Bill was an integral member of the NDFC Coaching Development Team and this experience has assisted him in honing his many coaching skills.

**BRENDA DIETRICH** (Mayerthorpe) is definitely not unfamiliar with the National Championships. Brenda's first experience attending the Nationals with Team Alberta was as a player in PEI in 2004. Brenda attended the 2005 Nationals in Victoria to attain her accreditation as a Level 2 Officiator for the sport. Her first coaching experience at the National Championship was last year in Halifax. Brenda is an accredited Level 2 Dart Coach and brings a wealth of experience to the team from also coaching other sports.

**SANDI ORR** (Edmonton) has a wealth of coaching experience, dating back in the early 90's. Sandi's first National Championship experience was in 1990 and she has attended all but one National Championship since then, in one capacity or another. As a former member of the NDFC Executive, Sandi coached Team Canada at one of the last Pacific Cups (94), two World Masters (94, 96), and three World Cups (93, 95 and 97). Although more recently you'll find Sandi working with Chuck from Specialty Sports Supplies, she works diligently behind the scene with the coaching team. Sandi is an accredited Level 2 Dart Coach and Alberta's Learning Facilitator for the new NDFC Coaching Program.