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WOMEN'S HOCKEY ANNOUNCES FINAL WAVE OF RECRUITS

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SUDBURY, ON – The Laurentian Voyageurs women's hockey team and head coach Stacey Colarossi are pleased to announce the final wave of recruits for the upcoming 2013-14 season; a quartet of players in Victoria Medeiros (Oakville, ON), Nicole Vigilanti (Woodbridge, ON), Samantha Morell (Smiths Falls, ON) and Elissa Bertuzzi (Lively, ON).



Medeiros, who will be enrolled in the Communications program at Laurentian next September, is a 5'5" tall forward who will bring a defensive aspect to the lineup. Playing with her Oakville Hornets team, Medeiros led her team in scoring in the playoffs with 4 points in three games.

Medeiros looks forward to becoming a part of the Voyageurs inaugural team next season. "I look forward to representing Laurentian University and being a part of the inaugural team is extremely exciting for me. Surrounding myself with all of the genuine people I've met so far is another thing I'm really looking forward to."

Medeiros was also drawn to the setting surrounding the Laurentian campus. "I really loved the city of Sudbury and the people I met. The campus itself is in a beautiful part of the city; it has lots of trails and lakes that add to its beauty."

A fellow Oakville Hornets product, Nicole Vigilanti will be studying Sport & Physical Education, Con. Ed. in the fall and on the ice she will bring toughness to the defensive corps after she racked up 75 penalty minutes in 34 games this season.

An athlete who enjoys playing multiple sports, Vigilanti is looking forward to being a part of history in the fall. "What I look forward to most as a Voyageur is being a part of history as Laurentian launches its first ever Women's Ice Hockey Team. Being a part of the Varsity Women's Ice Hockey team requires dedication, pride and hard work and I am looking forward to the challenge in store for me."



Morell will be joining the Voyageurs out of the Ottawa Senators organization. A 5'2" forward, Morell will be an offensive spark plug for the team next season. A native of Smiths Falls, ON, Morell was second on her team in scoring after tallying 29 points in 37 games this season is excited about coming to Laurentian next year.

"I come from a small town so the idea of going to a school with a smaller student population seemed very appealing to me. I loved the way Laurentian was set up, the way that it is off by itself, but yet not far away from the city core."

When it comes to the game, Morell had the prototypical Canadian upbringing. "When

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I was younger I was always at the rink watching my cousins play, or at family events where there was always a road hockey game going on. It was on our back yard pond when I really fell in love with the game, as that's where I really picked up the hockey bug. I remember when I was finally strong enough to skate on my own, holding the stick while pushing a puck, it was the best feeling in the world and I've never let go of that feeling."

Coach Colarossi rounded out her recruiting class with local product Elissa Bertuzzi. The 5'3" forward out of Lively adds another offensive presence to the team after she led her Lady Wolves Intermediate team in scoring this year with 69 points in 48 games.

The future psychology student is excited to be playing at home next season at the game's top level.



With the women's roster starting to round, Colarossi will continue to look for those final pieces to the puzzle to help put a contending team on the ice in September. Tickets for next year's men's and women's teams are on sale now at www.laurentian.ca/hockey2013. Be sure to follow www.luvoyageurs.com for up to date news on the hockey programs and all of your Voyageurs.

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