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**TWENTY FOUR YOUNG SOCCER STARS TO REPRESENT CANADA  
AT THE 2017 DANONE NATIONS CUP FINAL IN NEW YORK CITY**

***Boys' and girls' teams representing Canada selected following the 2017 Danone Nations Cup  
National Final in Boucherville, Quebec***

**BOUCHERVILLE, QUEBEC – July 7, 2017** – After two thrilling final selection games, the 24 talented boys and girls from across, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec who will represent Canada at the 2017 Danone Nations Cup world final have been revealed. Boys Team Red defeated Boys Team White, with a final score of 2 to 1. Girls Team Red defeated Girls Team White by a score of 2 to 1. The final games took place in front of a passionate crowd at Pierre-Laporte Park in Boucherville on July 6. The teams will travel to New York City for the international final in September to represent Canada at the 2017 Danone Nations Cup World Final.

“The calibre of soccer demonstrated by these boys and girls is remarkable, and showcases both the level of talent and quality of work being done at the club level in Canada. The 2017 Danone Nations Cup national final was an unforgettable experience for these young athletes, who have proven they have what it takes to represent Canada on the international stage,” said Dean Howie, Danone Nations Cup Team Canada coach since 2001. “I’m excited to work with my assistant coach, Patrick Leduc, as we live this experience alongside our young players.”

Kristina Kiss, a former Pam Am Games medalist who will serve as the head coach for the first-ever Canadian girls’ team to travel to the Danone Nations Cup world final, is looking forward to seeing her team experience an international tournament. “I can’t wait to share my own international soccer experience with these exceptional young girls. Danone’s initiative to help young people develop healthy habits and skills is exceptionally important, and I am proud to help encourage Canada’s next generation of female soccer talent,” she said.

“We are thrilled to support the 2017 Danone Nations Cup in Canada, an event that promotes fair play and encourages young people to lead healthy, active lifestyles,” stated Natacha Gouveia, Head of External Communications, Danone Canada. “Initiatives like the Danone Nations Cup are reflective of DanoneWave Canada’s efforts to lead an Alimentation Revolution, with the ambitious goal of protecting and nourishing the health of people and the planet.”

The twelve boys who will compete as Team Canada are:

- Emilian Blaga, Laval, QC

- Nathan Karanganwa, Quebec City, QC
- Julien Khoury, Montreal, QC
- Daniele Mastroianni, Mont-Royal, QC
- Ben Penticost, Dunrobin, ON
- Loic-Fabien Sany Kong Boumsong, Quebec City, QC
- Guy-Marcel Sany Kong Abe, Quebec City, QC
- Ethan Agyare-Danso, Etobicoke, ON
- Hadi Assaad, Ottawa, ON
- Cyrann Essindi, Ottawa, ON
- Jordan Hendriks, Brampton, ON
- Tremaine Henry, Brampton, ON

The twelve girls who will complete as Team Canada are:

- Sabrina Bambozzi, Saint-Eustache, QC
- Jade Bordeleau, Terrebonne, QC
- Rosalie Olou, Blainville, QC
- Nellie Sigman, Mascouche, QC
- Anaïs van Doesburg, Pierrefonds, QC
- Katerina Vassilounis, Saint-Lazare, QC
- Victoria Godinho, Toronto, ON
- Ava Greco, Brooklin, ON
- Naomi Kato, Toronto, ON
- Angelina Kristic, Georgetown, ON
- Carmya Mastrangelo, St. Albert, AB
- Alexia Ntakos, Georgetown, ON

The team will depart for the international final in New York City in September. There, they will get to train with head coaches Dean Howie and Kristina Kiss, and assistant coach Patrick Leduc, take part in the opening ceremony, play in the tournament, and meet hundreds of children from around the world.

### **About the Danone Nations Cup**

Initiated by Danone in 1999, the Danone Nations Cup is the world's biggest soccer tournament for children between the ages of 10 and 12. Since its first edition, the international competition has given hundreds of Canadian children the opportunity to represent their country on the world stage. With a focus on fair play, the Danone Nations Cup is much more than just a tournament, it is a truly unique and memorable experience for every participant, representing their country internationally. For more information, visit [coupedanonecup.com](http://coupedanonecup.com).

### **About DanoneWave in Canada**

DanoneWave is a business unit of Danone and operates from headquarter offices in White Plains, NY, Broomfield, CO, Boucherville, Quebec, and Mississauga, Ontario. DanoneWave was

formed following the acquisition of WhiteWave Foods by Danone, bringing together two purpose-driven, health-focused and high-growth companies. DanoneWave's ambition is to produce healthful dairy, plant-based products and coffee creamers and beverages, create economic and social value and nurture natural ecosystems through sustainable agriculture. Its portfolio of brands include: Activia, DanActive, Danone, Earthbound Farm, Horizon Organic premium dairy products, International Delight coffee creamers and iced coffee, Oikos Greek yogurt, Silk plant-based foods and beverages, So Delicious Dairy Free, Vega and Wallaby Organic. For more information about DanoneWave in Canada, please visit [danone.ca](http://danone.ca), [facebook.com/danonecanada](https://facebook.com/danonecanada) or [@DanoneCanada](https://twitter.com/DanoneCanada).

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