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CT Players Chosen for Junior National Sled Hockey Team

Greetings Connecticut Hockey Family:

While the Olympic Games concluded on Sunday with a gold medal game between the USA and Canada that will go down in the record books of one of the greatest of all time, international hockey competition with Connecticut residents representing the USA will continue in Vancouver. **Anthony Kuntz** (West Hartford) and **Ryan Pellitier** (Columbia) have both been selected to play on the USA National Under-20 Sled Hockey team that will compete in Vancouver, British Columbia at the [2010 Paralympic Games](#), which begin on March 12, 2010.



Anthony Kuntz

Anthony and Ryan are members of the CT Sled Hockey team, that practices weekly at Loomis Chaffee School and participates in the Northeast Sled Hockey League. Once a month they travel to Danbury, CT where they play teams from New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, and Pennsylvania.

[CT Sled Hockey](#) started in 2003 when a group of people driving past a rink in Massachusetts saw an advertisement for a sled hockey tournament. They stopped and learned that while there were teams from the surrounding states, there was no team from CT. This was the catalyst - after many meetings and brainstorming sessions, as well as guidance from the disabled division of USA Hockey - CT Sled Hockey was born.



Ryan Pellitier

The vision from inception was to create a program that is available to any person within the state of CT who is interested in participating. Initial funding received from the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce and the Hartford Wolfpack allowed CT Sled Hockey to purchase sleds and necessary equipment to get the program off the ground. With ongoing fundraising, the program continues to be free all players.

We are incredibly impressed by the dedication of the coaches and parents of CT Sled Hockey, as well as the athleticism and strength exhibited by their players. We'd like to introduce you to Anthony, Ryan, their coach Pat Carney, proud parent Dr. Joanne Kuntz, and the rest of the sled hockey team. Please watch these videos: [Meet Anthony & Ryan](#) and [About CT Sled Hockey](#). We think you'll be impressed, too!



If you would like to see the CT Sled Hockey team in action, go watch the "**Celebrity Sled Hockey Game**" on March 6, 2010 at ISCC in Simsbury. The "celebrity" team will include celebrities from Channel 30, Hartford area radio personalities, former U.S. Paralympians, former Hartford Wolfpack players, and former Hartford Whalers players. The game starts at 4:00 pm. The event will also include raffles with over \$800 worth of prizes donated by local businesses as well as the opportunity to try out a sled after the game.

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