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CANADA CLAIMS TOP SPOT IN POOL B IN DAY 3 ACTION AT THE 2011 WOMEN'S U25 WORLD WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS; CANADA TO FACE MEXICO IN QUARTER-FINALS

(St. Catharines, ON) – Team Canada seized the top spot in Pool B with a 60-47 victory over Germany, advancing to a quarter-final clash with Mexico at the first-ever Women's U25 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships at Brock University in St. Catharines, ON.

Team Canada started strong and hit the target often in the opening quarter, outscoring Germany by a 16-6 count. Germany, led by veteran and tournament leading scorer Mareike Adermann, pushed back with 13 points in the second quarter but ultimately could not find an answer to stifle the Canadian offence. Canada dropped 23 points in the second frame to extend its lead to 39-19 at the half.

Germany shifted the momentum of the game in the third quarter as the squad mounted a massive comeback. The Germans slashed the deficit to pull within 7 points on the scoreboard in the final minutes of the game, before Canucks Cindy Ouellet and Abby Stubbart both hit clutch three-pointers to stem the tide and secure the victory for the host team.

Ouellet led the offensive charge for Canada. She tallied a game-high 23 points along with 11 assists for the double-double. Stubbart finished second in team scoring with a respectable 20-point performance and sharpshooter Maude Jacques continued her solid play on both sides of the ball, forcing turnovers and dropping 10 points.

Adermann finished the game with a triple-double, scoring 21 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists for Germany. The squad (2-1) finished in second place in Pool B and advanced to the quarter-finals. The team's opponent will be determined following the final two games of the day.

Canada concluded preliminary round play with a perfect 3-0 record and will play Mexico, the fourth place team from Pool A, in a quarter-final match at 7 p.m. EDT on Tuesday July 19, 2011.

"We're going to get mentally prepared for Tuesday's game," said Team Canada athlete Jamey Jewells. "I'm looking forward to (playing Mexico). I watched them play Australia today and they are really fast and we're really excited. It's good competition."

In the first game of day three, Australia defeated Mexico 56-47. Mexico (0-3) once again played a solid game and held the 24-21 lead after the first half. Australia (2-1) rebounded on the scoreboard in the third frame and went on to claim the win.

In other action on day three, South Africa (0-2) will play Japan (0-2) at 16:45 EDT and the United States (2-0) and Great Britain (1-1) will renew rivalries at 19:00 EDT to determine the final round robin standings in each pool.

All of the games will be webcast live on the official event website. For more information, visit www.u25wwbc.com.

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About the 2011 U25WWBC

The first-ever Women's U25 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships is a milestone event in the ongoing growth of wheelchair basketball around the globe and forges a legacy of unprecedented opportunity for young women in sport. The tournament features teams from Australia, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Japan, Mexico, South Africa and the United States. The International Wheelchair Basketball Federation event is co-hosted by Wheelchair Basketball Canada and Brock University.

The tournament is brought to you in part by Sport Canada, the Government of Ontario, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Canadian Paralympic Committee, 49 Bespoke and Visit St. Catharines. Visit www.u25wwbc.com for more information.

About Wheelchair Basketball Canada

Wheelchair Basketball Canada is the national sports governing body responsible for the organization of wheelchair basketball in Canada. It is a non-profit, charitable organization that is the Canadian member to the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF).

Wheelchair basketball is a fast paced, hard-hitting, competitive sport that has emerged as one of the most competitive and athletic sports played at the Paralympic Games. Our senior national teams are held in high esteem around the world for the elite skill and control that placed them on the podium with a combined five gold and one silver medal in the last five Paralympic Games. Visit: www.wheelchairbasketball.ca for more information.

About Brock University

Brock University is located atop the Niagara Escarpment in Ontario's Niagara peninsula. With 17,000 full-time students and nearly 600 faculty, Brock is buzzing with activity and welcoming visitors to the campus every day.

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