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ONTARIO'S VARIETY VILLAGE WIN SILVER 2010 CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

BC Wheelchair Basketball Society (BCWBS), Douglas College, and Wheelchair Basketball Canada host CWBL Open Finals in Coquitlam & New Westminster, BC

(Coquitlam, BC) – The Douglas College Lions defeated Variety Village 58-52 to remain undefeated (4-0) and claim gold at the 2010 CWBL Open Championships in New Westminster, British Columbia on Sunday.

Tournament MVP Pat Anderson (Vancouver) set the pace for the Lions with a game-high 32 points, 20 rebounds and 6 assists to ensure a club team from British Columbia won the tournament for the third straight year.

Variety Village led by as much as 10 points in the first half thanks in part to the efforts of tournament all star Dayton Sopha who last played in the tournament in 2007 - the last time Variety Village won the tournament. He finished the game with 18 points, 18 rebounds, and 8 assists. The Lions closed the gap in final minutes of the second quarter and trailed by a single basket heading into the break. The veterans on the Lions seemed to get better as the intensity picked up in the final two frames. Vancouver's Jaimie Borisoff and Elisha Williams (Team Canada Women) helped to stifle Variety Village defensively – they held them to just 6 points in the fourth quarter to secure the win.

Williams pitched-in offensively with 14 points, while Derek Lundie and Bryan Shore rounded out the scoring for the Lions with 10 and 2 points respectively.

Variety Village's Abdi Fatah Dini (Team Canada Men) and Michael Broughton finished second in team scoring with 12 points apiece. Tracey Ferguson (Team Canada Women) and Jesse McNally each contributed 4 points in the loss.

Les Gladiateurs de Laval Win Bronze

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Les Gladiateurs de Laval defeated the Alberta Northern lights 59-58 in overtime to claim the bronze medal. Marc Antoine Ducharme was the game's high scorer with 26 points and 17 rebounds.

Tournament All Stars

MVP – Pat Anderson (Douglas College Lions)

All Star – Dayton Sopha (Variety Village)

All Star – David Eng (Gladiateurs de Laval) * *Team Canada Men*

All Star – Bo Hedges (Douglas College Royals) * *Team Canada Men*

All Star – Abdi Fatah Dini (Variety Village) * *Team Canada Men*

All Star – Jaimie Borisoff (Douglas College Lions)

About the tournament:

The top seven competitive wheelchair basketball club teams in the country were in Coquitlam & New Westminster for the CWBL Open Finals April 2nd to 4th, 2010. The tournament featured elite players from across Canada including past, present and future members of the Canadian Men's and Women's National Teams that are each going for back-to-back Gold Medals at the 2010 World Championships this July in Birmingham, GB.

Local British Columbia athletes and current Women's Team Canada members Jessica Vliegenthart (Victoria), Nancy Lafleche (Vancouver), Elisha Williams (Prince George) and Men's Team Canada member Bo Hedges (Wonowon) all competed in the tournament.

Overall Results

Sunday April 4, 2010

Gold Medal Game

Variety Village (4-1) – **52**

Douglas College Lions (4-0) - **58**

Bronze Medal Game

Alberta Northern Lights (1-3) – **58**

Gladiateurs de Laval (3-1) - **59**

Saturday April 3, 2010

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Game 12 - semifinal

- 1 B: Variety Village (4-0) - **69**
- 2 B: Alberta Northern Lights (1-2) - **36**

Game 11 - semifinal

- 1 A: Douglas College Lions (3-0) **80**
- 2 B: Gladiateurs de Laval (2-1) **64**

Game 10

- 3rd A: Alberta Northern Lights (1-2) - **84**
- 4th B: Douglas College Royals (0-3) - **54**

Game 9:

- Douglas College Royals (0-2) - **65**
- Douglas College Dingos (0-2) - **69**

Game 8:

- Variety Village (2-0) - **82**
- Gladiateurs de Laval (2-0) - **58**

Friday April 2, 2010

Game 7:

- Alberta Northern Lights (1-1) - **55**
- Club '99 (0-2) - **49**

Game 6:

- Douglas College Dingos (0-2) - **53**
- Variety Village (2-0) - **77**

Game 5:

- Glads de Laval (2-0) - **80**
- Douglas College Royals (0-2) - **50**

Game 4:

- Alberta Northern Lights (0-1) - **44**
- Douglas College Lions (2-0) - **67**

Game 3:

- Variety Village (1-0) - **71**
- Douglas College Royals (0-1) - **50**

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Game 2:

Gladiateurs de Laval (1-0) – 79

Douglas College Dingos (0-1) – 42

Game 1:

Douglas College Lions (1-0) – 66

Club '99 (0-1) – 49

For more information visit: www.wheelchairbasketball.ca

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About BC Wheelchair Basketball Society

The BC Wheelchair Basketball Society (BCWBS) is a non-profit organization formed in 1983 and registered with Revenue Canada as a charity since 1985. BCWBS provides support to wheelchair basketball programs throughout British Columbia.

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).

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