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BC FOUR-PEATS AS 2010 WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association (SWSA) and Wheelchair Basketball Canada host National Championships in Saskatoon, SK

Saskatoon, SK– British Columbia won their fourth consecutive National Championship title by defeating Team Ontario 68-56 in the finals of the 2010 National Wheelchair Basketball Championships at the University of Saskatchewan.

BC established an early lead and found themselves up by six points at the end of the first quarter. However this game was destined to remain close as the teams exchanged leads several times in the second half. Ontario's Adam Lancia, a member of the Sr. Men's National team scored a long range field goal midway through the third quarter to give Ontario it's first lead 33-31. His team would outscore their opponents 22-16 in that frame.

The tides turned once again in the fourth quarter, this time in favour of BC who notched 25 points on the strength of Erik Hagreen's work down low. He would pace the floor with a game total of 21 points and 13 rebounds. His teammate and Sr. Men's National Team member Richard Peter (Duncan, BC) wasn't far off the mark with 20 points on his own He also had a team high 6 assists.

For Ontario Lancia shot 50% from the field to finish with 20 points. He also had 9 rebounds and 6 assists, while Dayton Sopha went 7-for-11 from the field to tally 17 points, 13 rebounds, and 6 assists.

Lancia was named tournament MVP while Peter and Sopha were named to the tournament All Star team.

With the victory BC also ensured they reached the podium for the seventh straight year. Meanwhile Ontario improves to second place after finishing third the previous two seasons.

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Earlier in the day Quebec earned bronze by beating Manitoba 73-48 and ensuring their spot on the podium for the third straight year. Quebec spread around their offense and kept things tight on defense to capture the win. They managed to tally 10 steals and converted 12 points off turnovers compared to Manitoba that generated just 2 points off turnovers. Another telling stat showed up in the assists column where Quebec bettered their opponents 31-16. Sr. Men's National Team player Mickael Poulin (Quebec, QC) went 11-for-16 from the free-throw line and finished with a game-high 23 points. Manitoba's Aaron Moseley Williams led his team with 13 points. Manitoba finishes 4th for the third year in a row.

Nationals - Final Results:

Gold: British Columbia

Silver: Ontario

Bronze: Quebec

4th – Manitoba

5th - Alberta

6th – Saskatchewan

MVP:

Adam Lancia - Ontario

All Stars:

Abdi Fatah Dini – Ontario

Dayton Sopha – Ontario

David Eng – Quebec

Richard Peter – British Columbia

Chad Jassman – Alberta

Ambassador Award:

Rob Sajtos - Alberta

The tournament was held in conjunction with the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL) Women's National Championships - where the best female club teams in the country also competed to decide a National champion.

The BC Breakers defeated the 6-time defending champions Edmonton Inferno to take tournament gold.

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Both the Canadian Men's and Women's National teams are preparing to defend their Gold Medals at the 2010 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships (July 5-17) in Birmingham, GB.

Women's CWBL - Final Results:

Gold: BC Breakers

Silver: Edmonton Inferno

Bronze: Quebec

4th – Calgary Rollers

5th - Alberta

6th – Nova Scotia / Ontario

MVP:

Janet McLachlan – BC Breakers

All Stars:

Tara Feser – Edmonton Inferno

Kendra Ohama – Calgary Rollers

Cindy Ouellet – Quebec

Jessica Vliegenthart – BC Breakers

Lori Radke – Calgary Rollers

Ambassador Award:

Danielle Peers – Edmonton Inferno

More information including: Individual game recaps, boxscores, and photos are available online at www.wheelchairbasketball.ca

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This will be the final competition for Sr. Canadian National Team athletes representing their respective provinces prior to departing for Manchester, GB for the Paralympic World Cup May 25-30, 2010.

Both the Canadian Men's & Women's Nationals Teams are the defending World Championships. They will defend their titles in the 2010 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships in Birmingham, England July 5-17, 2010.

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About Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association

Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association (SWSA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing and supporting opportunities for children, teens and adults with disabilities to participate in the Association's sport, recreation and leisure time activities to the best of their abilities.

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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