



## Press Release

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### **CANADIAN MEN CAPTURE THREE IN A ROW AT 2010 WORLD WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(Birmingham, UK) The Canadian Men's Wheelchair Basketball Team captured their third consecutive victory at the 2010 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships Saturday defeating France 67-55. The Sr. Men's and Women's Teams are looking to successfully defend their dual World Champions titles at the tournament taking place July 7-17, 2010 in Birmingham, UK.

Both the Canadian Teams won gold at the previous tournament held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands in 2006. For the Canadian Women it was their fourth consecutive World Championships, meaning this year they are vying for an unprecedented fifth straight World Title.

Richard Peter (Duncan, BC) shot a solid 8-for-10 (80%) from the field and led all players with 17 points and 7 assists against the feisty French. Joey Johnson (Lorette, MB) dominated the defensive glass with a game high 16 rebounds including 15 at his own end of the court.

Canada's two three-pointers came care of Adam Lancia (Toronto, ON) who tallied 9 points and 7 rebounds, and Dave Durepos (Fredericton, NB), who also totalled 9 points.

At times Canada had difficulty containing France's speed as they consistently applied a full court press making life as difficult as possible for the Canadian breakout. Back the other way they wasted no time with their own breakout forcing Canada's defenders to be sharp.

The teams exchanged leads numerous times with Canada up by a single digit (16-15) after one quarter, and then France taking control 33-29 at halftime. Canada experimented with their lines a little throughout the game and by the third quarter they found the right combination of players to outscore their opponents 17-9.

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“With France using their overall speed so well against us, we had to outthink them and play a smart team game to come out on top,” said Team Canada Athlete Dave Durepos. “With no standout offensive superstars on our team we know we have to work hard as a group to be successful, and that’s what we did tonight.”

The Canadian Men remain undefeated through four days of competition with a record of 3-0. They will look to make it four in a row when they face Turkey July 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am (GMT). The Canadian Women have a record of 2-0 thus far and will play their next game against Mexico July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm (GMT).

Canadian athletes and coaches will be available for scheduled interviews throughout the duration of the tournament.

To schedule an interview, or to request additional information, or images, please contact Emma Van Steen, Communications & Media Relations Assistant, at (613)-260-1296 ext. 200, or by email at [evansteen@wheelchairbasketball.ca](mailto:evansteen@wheelchairbasketball.ca)

**Team Canada Men Schedule/Results** *(all times shown in GMT):*

- vs. Mexico – Thu. July 8, 2010 @ 2:00pm
- vs. Algeria – Fri. July 9, 2010 @ 4:15pm
- vs. France – Sat. July 10, 2010 @ 2:15pm
- vs. Turkey – Sun. July 11, 2010 @ 11:45am
- vs. Australia – Mon. July 12, 2010 @ 6:45pm

**Team Canada Women Schedule/Results:** *(all times shown in GMT):*

- vs. Great Britain – Thu. July 8, 2010 @ 11:45am – Win 54-39
- vs. Netherlands – Fri. July 9, 2010 @ 2:00pm
- vs. Mexico – Sun. July 11, 2010 @ 6:45pm
- vs. Australia – Mon. July 12 @ 12:15pm

- *Quarterfinals will take place on Wednesday July 14, 2010*
- *Semifinals will take place on Thursday July 15, 2010*
- *Medal games & closing ceremonies will take place on Saturday July 17, 2010*

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Wheelchair Basketball Canada is at the 2010 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships and will be providing frequent social media updates, video blogs, and photo galleries, in addition to daily recaps.

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### **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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