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CANADIAN NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TEAMS SET THE TONE ON DAY ONE OF THE BT PARALYMPIC WORLD CUP

(Manchester, UK) The Canadian Senior Men's and Women's Wheelchair Basketball Teams remain undefeated with one win each following the first day of competition at the 2010 BT Paralympic World Cup taking place May 27-30, 2010.

The tournament serves as a warm-up event for the 2010 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships (July 5-17, 2010) where both the Canadian Men and Women will be defending their Gold Medals and dual World Champions Title.

The **Canadian Men** last competed in the tournament in 2007 when they won it for the second consecutive year over rival Australia. This year they opened the tournament by defeating Australia in their first match of the competition 39-36. They were led by Dave Durepos (Fredericton, NB) who scored a game-high 16 points. Adam Lancia (Toronto, ON) had a game high 13 rebounds to go with his 9 points, while Richard Peter (Duncan, BC) chipped in with 6 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists, and 2 steals.

Despite turning the ball over 17 times the Canadian Men relied heavily on their defence to shutdown their opponents attack. They limited the Aussies to just 4 assists in the game and 18 points from inside the paint. Australia also struggled from the free-throw line hitting 3-of-11 (27%) of their shots compared to Canada who went 4-for-7 (57%).

The **Canadian Women**, competing in the competition for the first time, also opened the tournament with success by defeating host Great Britain 56-30. Fresh off her recent MVP performance at the 2010 Women's Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League National Championships, Janet McLachlan (Vancouver, BC) had another dominant performance racking up a game-high 24 points and 16 rebounds. She was helped out offensively by fellow BC native Elisha Williams (Burnaby, BC) who tallied 12 points and 5 rebounds.

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Canada captured an early lead and never looked back establishing a 28-12 lead by halftime. They outscored their opponents from inside the paint 44-12 and forced 15 turnovers in the victory.

Next up for the Canadian Men take on Great Britain at 13:00 local time (BST), while the Canadian Women will battle Australia at 17:00 local time (BST).

Day 1 Results:

Women: **Australia def. Netherlands 43-42**

Men: **Canada def. Australia 39-36**

Women: **Canada def. Great Britain 56-30**

Men: **Great Britain def. Italy 57-37**

About the tournament:

The BT Paralympic World Cup tournament is a world class multi-sport disability event for elite international athletes, bridging the gap between the Paralympic Games held every four years. In conjunction with the International Paralympic Committee and Paralympics, four sports – Athletics, Swimming, Track Cycling, and Wheelchair Basketball have been staged each year in Manchester, UK since the tournament's inception in 2005.

It features several of the top ranked wheelchair basketball teams in the world representing their respective global regions and competing for both their individual sport trophies, and for the first time the inaugural overall BT Paralympic Cup Trophy which will be awarded to the region with most accumulative points from each discipline.

Team Canada Remaining Schedule

Friday 28 May: 13:00 CAN vs. GB Men
 17:00 CAN vs. AUS Women

Saturday 29 May: 11:00 NED vs. CAN Women
 14:00 CAN vs. ITA Men





Sunday 30 May: 10:00 Women's Bronze Medal Game
 12:15 Men's Bronze Medal Game
 14:15 Women's Gold Medal Game
 16:15 Men's Gold Medal Game

For more information visit: www.wheelchairbasketball.ca

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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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