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MEN'S & WOMEN'S CANADIAN NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TO COMPETE FOR GOLD AT BT PARALYMPIC CUP

(Manchester, UK) Both of Canada's Senior National Wheelchair Basketball Teams will compete for Gold at the 2010 Paralympic Cup being held May 27-30, 2010 in Manchester, UK. The Sr. Women's Team reinforced their position as the team to beat by defeating the Netherlands 66-45 on Saturday and head into Sunday's final undefeated, while the Men's Team secured their spot in the Men's Championship game with a 52-48 win over Italy.

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 Women**, competing in the competition for the first time, remain flawless through three days of competition. They powered themselves to their third consecutive victory of the tournament, this time over the Netherlands by out-rebounding their opponents 40-31 and limiting the Dutch to just 31% shooting from the field. For the third straight game Janet McLachlan (Vancouver, BC) paced the floor with 21 points and 20 rebounds. She now has reached double-digit points and rebounds in all three games. Cindy Ouellet (Quebec, QC) also had another strong outing scoring 18 points.

The Canadian Women will look for a repeat performance when they once again face the Netherlands in the Women's Gold Medal Final Sunday at 2:15pm local time (BST).

The **Canadian Men** last competed in the tournament in 2007 when they won it for the second consecutive year over rival Australia. Now thanks to a clutch come-from-behind victory over Italy in their final preliminary game they will get the chance to win the tournament for a third time in as many attempts.

Canada took full advantage of their opportunities scoring 10 second chance points in the narrow victory over Italy who led by four points going in the final quarter.

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With a spot in the Championship game on the line Canada outscored their opponents 15-7 in the fourth quarter to win the game 52-38 and earn their berth in the final. Adam Lancia (Toronto, ON) and Bo Hedges (Wonowon, BC) were the focal point of Canada's attack scoring 17 and 16 points respectively. Lancia also 12 rebounds and 3 assists while Hedges also had 6 rebounds.

The Canadian Men will meet host Great Britain to in the Championship game Sunday at 4:15pm local time (BST).

Day 3 Results:

Women: **Canada def. Netherlands 66-45**

Men: **Canada def. Italy 52-48**

Women: **Australia def. Great Britain 56-28**

Men: Australia vs. Great Britain - TBD

Day 2 Results:

Men: **Canada def. Great Britain 66-44**

Women: **Netherlands def. Great Britain 51-24**

Women: **Canada def. Australia 58-42**

Men: **Italy def. Australia 54-43**

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

Sunday 30 May:

10:00 Women’s Bronze Medal Game - Australia vs. Great Britain

12:15 Men’s Bronze Medal Game – Italy vs. Australia

14:15 Women’s Gold Medal Game – Netherlands vs. **Canada**

16:15 Men’s Gold Medal Game - **Canada** vs. Great Britain

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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