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Quebec Wins 2010 Junior National Championships



***Tournament MVP
Maxime Poulin
Team Quebec***

Montréal, QC – Québec defeated Ontario 74 to 68 to become the 2010 Junior National Champions in Montréal, Québec on Sunday. In the opening shot of the gold medal match; an easy three pointer by Tournament MVP Maxime Poulin it appeared that Québec was setting pace for another big win. Thus far in the tournament Québec was undefeated, easily beating their opponents by at least 20 point margins. Although underdogs in this game Ontario was also undefeated in the tournament and managed to keep pace, and as the intensity heated by between these provincial neighbours.

In the first half Ontario remained in the game with Jess McNally`s efforts under the rim with 12 points, and teammate Dayton Sopha (Tournament All Star) added 13 of his own to keep Québec from stretching their lead. Ontario increased it defensive presence holding Québec to just 10 points in the second quarter.

Early in the third, Ontario continued to chase and did manage to within to get win two points thanks to a quick pass breakout to Ontario`s Shayne Smith on the open court (2009 Junior National U23 player).

In the final quarter the intense battle continued with all players aggressively worked to maintain ball possession, as both teams maxed out on fouls (21 free

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throw opportunities for Québec, and 17 for Ontario) With 5:40 left in the fourth Dayton Sopha was sent to the line for 1 brought Ontario within 3 points, however Ontario could not manage to take the lead. Maxime Poulin showcased why he was the tournament MVP shooting a perfect from the charity line going 5 for 5 game all.

Québec continued to find the basket to keep their lead. Québec shooters where in good form during the game with Maxime Poulin finishing with 30 points, Nicolas Palmer getting 10 points, and Francis Vallée had 9 points total in the game, and another standout Carl Pelletier netted a double-double with 14 points and 16 rebounds. Jess McNally finished the game with 26 points, and Dayton Sopha closed the tournament with a triple-double (32 points, 13 rebounds and 11 assist) in the efforts for Ontario.

Bronze Medal Game:

Manitoba defeated British Columbia 66 to 47 to claim the Bronze Medal. Manitoba's Jeff Watson was the game's high scorer with 31 points and 10 rebounds.

In the opening quarter it appeared to be anybody's game they where tied 12 -12 after 10 minutes. In the second frame Manitoba came out to showcase their defensive strategy limiting BC to only 10 points in the third quarter. Manitoba continued to shine, improving their shooting to 48% in the second half and stretched lead to 8 with Kyle Bunskeok 1 point sink from the charity line.

British Columbia tired to rally behind the efforts of top scorers Derek Lundie 14 points, Erik Vliegenhart 12 points, Avril Harris 10 points but all where limited by Manitoba's defense.

In the final frame Manitoba pulled away stretching their lead to 15 points with 6:17 remaining and never looked back. Manitoba's Aaron Mosleye-Williams finished off the tournament scoring 18 points, and Kyle Bunskoek added 13 of his own.

Tournament All Stars:

1 Shayne Smith – Ontario (0.5)

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2 Maude Jacques - Québec (1.5)

3 Jonathan Lohnes – Nova Scotia (2.5)

4 Dayton Sopha – Ontario (4.5)

5 Adam Loo - PEI (4.5)

Tournament MVP – Maxime Poulin – Québec (4.5)

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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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