



## Press Release

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### **PATRICK ANDERSON TO REPRESENT TORONTO RAPTORS AT NWBA WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ALL STAR GAME**

(Ottawa, Ont.) Fergus, Ontario's [Patrick Anderson](#) will represent the Toronto Raptors as a member of the East All-Star team playing in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association's all-star game on Valentine's Day.

The 15th annual NWBA All-Star Wheelchair Classic will take place Thursday February 14, 2013 at 18:30 (CST) at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas and is a precursor to the NBA All-Star weekend festivities.

"The All Star game is a fun opportunity to showcase our sport. You never know who might walk in the door at All Star weekend so I hope we put on a good show and represent Canada and wheelchair basketball well," said Anderson.

"It brings me back to my teenage years when I fell in love with basketball. I started playing in the NWBA with the Twin City Spinners right around the same time the Raptors came into the NBA. I still feel a connection to both."

Anderson is widely considered one of the top wheelchair basketball players of all-time, and a three-time Paralympic gold medalist. Most recently he led Team Canada to their third gold medal, and fourth consecutive podium finish at the Paralympic Games.

#### **NWBA East All-Star Team:**

Parnes Cartwright- Miami Heat Wheels, Head Coach

Joe Henry- New Orleans Rollin Hornets

Steve Serio- RHI Pacers

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Brian Bell- RHI Pacers  
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Steve Smutak- Cleveland Wheelchair Cavaliers  
Jacob Goforth- Magee Sixers Spokesman  
Ben Chevillon- Chicago Wheelchair Bulls  
Curtis Lease – Chicago Wheelchair Bulls  
Manuel Perez- Miami Heat Wheels  
Jose Garcia- Bulova Nets  
Hassan Elkadi- Houston Punishers  
**Patrick Anderson - Toronto Raptors**

**NWBA West All-Star Team:**

Mike Schlappi Utah Wheelin Jazz, Head Coach

Trooper Johnson- Golden State Road Warriors  
Jeff Griffin- Utah Wheelin Jazz  
Joe Chambers- Golden State Road Warriors  
Michael Garafola- Los Angeles Clippers Chairmen  
Alex Grunstein- Los Angeles Clippers Chairmen  
Ryan Stevens- Phoenix Banner Wheelchair Suns  
Kelly Case- Phoenix Banner Wheelchair Suns  
Justin Obermeyer- Denver Rolling Nuggets  
Rodney Hawkins- Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks  
Jason Nelms- Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks  
Bobbie Nickleberry- Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks

**About the NWBA**

The National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) is comprised of over 200 basketball teams across twenty-two conferences and seven divisions. The NWBA was founded in 1948, and today consists of men's, women's, intercollegiate, and youth teams throughout the United States of America and Canada.

**About Wheelchair Basketball Canada**

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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).

Wheelchair basketball is a fast-paced, hard-hitting, competitive sport that has emerged as one of the most competitive and athletic sports played at the Paralympic Games. Our senior national teams are held in high esteem around the world for the elite skill and control that placed them on the podium with a combined six gold and one silver medal in the last six Paralympic Games.

**For more information, visit:** [www.wheelchairbasketball.ca](http://www.wheelchairbasketball.ca)

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