



Media Advisory:

CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL LEAGUE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS COMING TO MONTREAL

(April 3, 2013 - MONTREAL, QUE.) – All of the fast-paced, hard-hitting action of the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL) will be on display in Montreal, Quebec when the top men’s and women’s club teams in the country drop in for their respective national championships April 12-14, 2013 and April 26-28, 2013.

The 2013 CWBL Open Finals taking place April 12-14, 2013 at the Centre Pierre Charbonneau, will feature Montreal native, and London 2012 Paralympic Gold medallist David Eng, and fellow member of the Laval Gladiateurs, Alex Courcelles, who recently qualified for the 2013 Junior World Championships with Team Canada. Competition begins the morning of Friday April 12, 2013 and wraps up with a medal ceremony following the gold medal game the afternoon of Sunday April 14.

The 2013 CWBL Women’s National Championships will take place in conjunction with the Défi Sportif AlterGo 2013 April 26-28 at the Collège Édouard-Montpetit in Longueuil, Quebec. Elite female athletes such as Senior Women’s National Team member Elaine Allard, of Montreal, Quebec will be in attendance. A medal ceremony will follow the gold medal final Sunday morning. Wheelchair Basketball Canada will also pilot a 3-on-3 women’s event.

The tournaments are co-hosted by Wheelchair Basketball Canada and Parasports Québec.

2013 CWBL Open Final Details:

- What: 2013 CWBL Open Finals**
- National Championship featuring the top club teams in the country (open to men and women)
 - Montreal, Que. native David Eng of the Laval Gladiateurs is also co-captain of the Senior Men’s National Team
 - St-Roch-de-l’Achigan, Que. native Alex Courcelles, of the Laval Gladiateurs is also a member of the Junior Men’s National Team that recently qualified for the upcoming World Junior Championships in September

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- When: April 12-14, 2013**
- Starting Friday April 12 at 9 a.m. EST
 - Gold medal final (followed by medal ceremony) Sunday April 14 at 12 p.m. EST

Where: Centre Pierre Charbonneau
3000, rue Viau Montréal
Montréal, Quebec H1V 3J3

2013 CWBL Women's National Championships Details:

- What: 2013 CWBL Women's National Championships**
- National Championships featuring the top female club teams in the country
 - Senior Women's Team Canada member Elaine Allard, of Montréal, Que., playing for Team Quebec

- When: April 26-28, 2013**
- Starting Friday April 26, 2013 at 6 p.m. EST
 - Gold medal final (followed by medal ceremony) Sunday April 28 at 9:30 a.m. EST

Where: Collège Édouard-Montpetit
945, chemin de Chambly
Longueuil, Quebec J4H 3M6

About the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League

The Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL) was founded in 1986 and has two primary divisions: the Open division and the Women's division. The league features wheelchair basketball club teams from across Canada and culminates each season with a national championship for both the Open and Women's divisions.

The league is fully integrated as both divisions welcome athletes with a disability as well as able-bodied athletes to play in the spirit of competition. It often features some of the

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country's best wheelchair basketball players, including past, present and future members of Team Canada.

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).

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, one silver, and one bronze medal in the last six Paralympic Games.

For more information, visit: www.wheelchairbasketball.ca

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