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### **TWO QUEBEC TEAMS UNDEFEATED ON OPENING DAY AT CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL LEAGUE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MONTREAL**

**(April 12, 2013 - MONTREAL, QUE.)** –The first day of fiery competition is in the books at the 2013 Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL) Open Championship and the Gladiateurs de Laval and the Bulldogs de Quebec have established themselves as the teams to beat. All of the fast-paced, hard-hitting action of the (CWBL) is on display in Montreal, Quebec this weekend at the Centre Pierre Charbonneau with the top club teams in the country competing for the national championships April 12-14, 2013.

In a clash of Quebec club teams, the Gladiateurs de Laval defeated CIVA 80-44 in the opening game of the day. Montreal's David Eng (also a member of the London 2012 gold medal winning Canadian Men's Team) scored a monstrous 40+ points in the victory for the Gladiateurs.

The Bulldogs de Quebec began their quest for gold with a 59-41 victory over the Nova Scotia Flying Wheels. Last year's tournament MVP Maxime Poulin and Vincent Dallaire delivered the offensive punch for the Bulldogs, scoring 33 and 12 points, respectively. Ben Marston and Matthew Budgell countered for the Flying Wheels with 19 and 11 points, respectively.

The Bulldogs remained undefeated after capturing an 81-64 decision in an afternoon tilt against the BC Royals. Once again Poulin was a force to be reckoned with for Quebec, as he posted a game-high 36 points. Kevin Bowie led the BC attack with 29 points.

Laval concluded the day with a 80-53 victory over the Northern Lights. Marc Antoine Ducharme and Carl Pelletier provided the one-two punch pacing the floor with 27 and 24 points respectively.

#### **Team Records after day 1:**

Quebec City (2-0)  
Laval (2-0)  
CIVA (1-1)  
BC (1-1)

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Alberta (0-2)  
Club '99 (0-2)  
Nova Scotia (1-1)

Preliminary round action resumes at 9 a.m. (ET) on Saturday with the semi-finals taking place in the afternoon. The bronze and gold medal games are set for Sunday, April 14, 2013 beginning at 10 a.m. (ET).

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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 five gold and one silver medal in the last five Paralympic Games.

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