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THE GLADIATEURS DE LAVAL SEIZE GOLD AT 2013 CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL LEAGUE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

(April 14, 2013 - MONTREAL, QUE.) – The Gladiateurs de Laval battled their way to gold at the 2013 Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League National Championship in Montreal, Quebec on Sunday. They overpowered their provincial rival the Bulldogs de Quebec 72-52 in the gold medal game to claim the third national championship title in team history. They last won the tournament in 1999.

David Eng (Montreal, Que.), a member of the Canadian Men’s National Team and London 2012 gold medalist, was dominant scoring 23 points, 11 rebounds, and 10 assists for the triple-triple.

“None of us were on the team that won in 1999, and we have been very close a lot of times, so for the new generation of players to be able to win it here today in front of family and friends is incredible,” said Eng.

Carl Pelletier (Vaudreuil-Dorion, Que.) and Marc-Antoine Ducharme (Chambly, Que.) added 23 points and 17 points for Laval, while Maxime Poulin (Quebec, Que.) countered for the Bulldogs with a game-high 28 points and 13 rebounds.

In the bronze medal game the Nova Scotia Flying Wheels were victorious 68-46 over the Tornade de CIVA led by Canadian Men’s Team member Adam Lancia (Halifax, N.S.) who scored a game-high 35 points and 17 rebounds. CIVA brothers Benjamin and Nicolas Palmer (Laval, Qc) also scored double-doubles with 14 points, 12 rebounds and 13 points, 10 rebounds respectively.

The medal games concluded three days of intense wheelchair basketball competition in which the top seven club teams in the country showcased their speed, skill and athleticism.

Poulin was named the tournament’s Most Valuable Player, while Ben Marston (Tantallon, N.S.) of the Nova Scotia Flying Wheels, Evan Fenrich (Regina, S.K.) of Saskatchewan Club ‘99, Ross MacDonald (Burnaby, B.C.) of the BC Royals, along with Lancia and Eng were named to the tournament all-star team.

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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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