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WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL CANADA CONGRATULATES WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL GREATS TIM FRICK & JENNIFER KREMPIEN ON INDUCTION INTO CANADIAN PARALYMPIC HALL OF FAME

(April 16, 2013 - OTTAWA, ONT.) Wheelchair Basketball Canada congratulates coach Tim Frick and athlete Jennifer Krempien who will become the first wheelchair basketball greats to be inducted into the Canadian Paralympic Hall of Fame.

“We are extremely proud of Tim and Jennifer and extend our sincerest congratulations. They are glowing examples of the world-class skill, leadership, and dedication that exists at the forefront of the Paralympic movement here in Canada. Their unprecedented accomplishments and the sheer longevity of success they enjoyed as part of the Canadian women’s teams of the 1990’s and 2000’s continues to inspire and guide the next generation of elite coaches and athletes,” said Wendy Gittens, Executive Director of Wheelchair Basketball Canada.

The Canadian Paralympic Committee announced on Monday that Frick (of Pender Island, B.C.), and Krempien (of Richmond, B.C., originally from St. Albert, Alta.), will be inducted alongside athletes Robert Easton (athletics), and Tim McIsaac (swimming), and builders Janet Dunn, and John Howe, at an induction ceremony May 10th in Toronto.

“I could have never imagined back in 1977 when a very persuasive Rick Hansen badgered me into playing wheelchair basketball, and coaching wheelchair volleyball and athletics, that one day an honour such as this would occur. Most importantly, the induction of Jennifer and I is recognition of Canada’s long-term commitment to the Paralympic movement and to the pursuit of excellence,” said Frick.

“I am humbled and honoured to be recognized for the achievements of our team. Throughout my career, I played with so many fantastic teammates, was influenced by so many dedicated coaches and had unbelievable support from Wheelchair Basketball Canada, the Canadian Paralympic Committee, and Sports Canada. It is truly an honour to be recognized by the Hall of Fame,” said Krempien.

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Frick once coached Rick Hansen and Terry Fox and was the head coach of Canada's national women's wheelchair basketball team from 1990 to 2009. He led Canada to an 11-year winning streak, an unprecedented three consecutive Paralympic gold medals (1992, 1996 and 2000) and four consecutive World Championship titles (1994, 1998, 2002 and 2006).

Krempien was a member of Canada's powerhouse women's team from 1991 to 2008 and competed at all five Paralympic Games between 1992 and 2008, helping Team Canada win three Paralympic gold medals and one bronze. She was also on four world championship-winning teams from 1994 to 2006 and was a tournament all-star at the 1998 and 2002 worlds.

About the Canadian Paralympic Hall of Fame

Initiated in 2000, the Canadian Paralympic Hall of Fame recognizes and celebrates those who have made a significant contribution to the growth and development of the Paralympic Movement in Canada. These individuals will be acknowledged within the Canadian Paralympic Hall of Fame Honoured Members section located in the Olympic and Paralympic Gallery at Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in Calgary. The Canadian Paralympic Committee holds an induction process every two years, during a non-Paralympic Games year.

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 and one silver medal in the last six Paralympic Games.

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