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EDMONTON INFERNO WIN NATIONAL TITLE AT 2013 CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL LEAGUE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

(April 28, 2013 - MONTREAL, QUE.) – The Edmonton Inferno are national champions after defeating their provincial rival the Calgary Rollers 61-52 at the 2013 Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL) Women's Championship at the Collège Édouard-Montpetit in Longueuil, Que.

The victory marks the seventh national championship title for the Inferno and their first since 2009.

“Some of these girls have never won a championship before and to see their name on that trophy and to see that gold medal around their neck means that I've actually passed down something to my team and that legacy will keep going,” said veteran Inferno player Tara Feser.

A scorching Inferno offence led by Arinn Young proved too hot to handle for Calgary. Young, of Legal, Alb., led Edmonton with 26 points. Diane Sorensen (Calgary, Alb.) was the top point producer for the Rollers with 23 points, as Calgary seized its second consecutive silver medal at the event.

The hometown team from Quebec captured the bronze medal for the second consecutive year in a decisive 56-32 win against the BC Breakers.

Jade St-Pierre (Montreal, Que.) tallied a game-high 18 points for Quebec while teammate and national team veteran Cindy Ouellet (Quebec City, Que.) added 12 points. Makiko Harada (Vancouver, B.C.) and Wendy Jansen (Kelowna, B.C.) produced 11 points apiece for the Breakers.

Saskatchewan picked up its first win of the tournament to secure fifth place by conquering Ontario 64-59.

Ouellet was named the most valuable player of the tournament. Tamara Steeves (Ontario), Alarissa Haak (Edmonton Inferno), Amanda Yan (BC Breakers), Arinn Young (Edmonton Inferno) and Jessica Forgeron (Calgary Rollers) were named to the all-star team.

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The 2013 CWBL Women's Championship was held in conjunction with the Défi sportif AlterGo.

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 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.

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