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ABOUT THE 2011 WOMEN'S U25WWBC

Wheelchair Basketball Canada and Brock University are thrilled to host the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation's inaugural Women's U25 World Wheelchair Basketball Championship July 15-21, 2011, in St. Catharines, Ontario.

The tournament is the first-ever World Championship for women in the under-25 age category and represents a milestone in the ongoing growth of wheelchair basketball worldwide. This landmark event will forge a legacy of opportunity for young women in sport both in Canada and around the globe.

The seven-day competition will showcase the elite talent of the top young female wheelchair basketball athletes from eight international teams. The participating countries are: Australia, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Japan, Mexico, South Africa and the United States.

- All Games will be webcast live via the event website
- High-res images will be available daily
- Interviews (live in-person, phone, or via skype) can be arranged
- Game-by-game video highlights + flash quotes will be available for download
- Daily recaps with boxscores will be available

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ABOUT THE SPORT

Wheelchair basketball is a fast-paced sport played by two teams of five players where the object is to toss the ball into the opposing teams basket. Every team is comprised of five players and seven substitutes. The match consists of four periods of ten minutes. After the first and third periods there is an interval of one minute. There is a 15-minute interval between the second and third periods. If the score is tied at the end of playing time for the fourth period, the match will be continued with an extra period of five minutes or with as many such periods of five minutes as are necessary to break the tie.

BASIC RULES

The basic rules of wheelchair basketball are very similar to stand up basketball. (For example, the height of the basket, distance to the foul line, three point line, etc., are the same measurements as in the game of stand up basketball). However, over time the rules have evolved as well. In 1964, basic international rules were adopted which included minor adjustments to meet the needs of the game in a wheelchair.

Originally, the participants were primarily individuals who had a spinal cord injury or had developed polio. It was not until the late 1970's that the wheelchair basketball community decided to allow and encourage individuals with other disabilities to participate.

Wheelchair basketball in Canada is played in accordance with the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) rules, which have been modified from the International Basketball Federation (FIBA). There are some adaptations for play in the various divisions of the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL) to encourage development.

SCORING:

A goal is credited to the team attacking the basket into which the ball has entered as follows: a goal from a free throw counts one (1) point; a goal from the two-point field goal area counts two (2) points; and a goal from the three-point field goal area counts three (3) points.

Every team has 24 seconds to complete its attempt to score a basket. If the team with the ball exceeds this time limit, then the ball and the right of play is granted to the opposing team.



DRIBBLING:

A player may wheel the chair and bounce the ball simultaneously, however, if the ball is picked up and/or placed on the player's lap, he/she is only allowed to push twice before they are obligated to shoot, pass, or dribble the ball again. There is no double dribble rule in wheelchair basketball. A traveling violation occurs if the player takes more than two pushes while in possession of the ball without dribbling.

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ABOUT THE SPORT (continued)

FOULS:

The wheelchair is considered part of the player's body in relation to establishing responsibility for contact on the court in the case of charging, blocking, going out of bounds, and other violations.

An offensive player may not remain in the key area for more than three seconds.

In addition to the technical fouls that may be assessed from time to time as in stand up basketball, a player lifting his/her legs to gain an advantage or lifting out of his/her chair is given a technical foul. The player must remain firmly seated in his/her chair and must not use his/her lower limbs to steer the chair or gain an unfair advantage. In the event that a player falls out of his/her chair, a referee may stop the play if in his/her opinion the player is at risk of being injured, otherwise play will continue.

On an inbound play, the offensive player is not allowed to go into the key until the ball is handed to the inbound player by the referee.

EQUIPMENT:

One of the attractions to wheelchair basketball is that it is relatively inexpensive because of the lack of required equipment. All players need for this fun team game is a sporty wheelchair and a basketball.

THE CHAIR:

The majority of chairs used in the sport today are constructed from Titanium or aircraft aluminum and include an additional 5th wheel for added stability and mobility. The front bumper is designed so that it will not lock with or be held by the opponent. The angle of the wheel base or "camber" is optimal for each athlete to allow for stability and quick turns. The wheels on the chair often now use cables rather than the traditional steel spokes as the cables are 3 times stronger and 50% lighter than steel.

CHAIR REGULATIONS

The wheelchair, the primary equipment of the game, has evolved as the sport grew. In the early days, players used the typical everyday stainless steel wheelchair with foot and armrests, weighing about 30 pounds. Today the wheelchairs are lightweight and streamlined to allow for speed and agility with many cutting-edge, sport-enhancing design features.



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CLASSIFICATION

OVERVIEW:

In wheelchair basketball, a system of classification is in place to allow athletes of widely differing functional capacities to compete fairly against each other. It is the process by which a team's total functional potential on the court is leveled off with respect to its opponent.

CLASSES:

Players are assigned points as per their classification. 1, 2, 3, and 4 are the recognized classes, with 0.5 classes between for the exceptional cases which do not fit exactly into one class, and the 4.5 category for the player with least or minimal disability.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS:

Each class has characteristics unique to that class, which are used by the classifier. These characteristics are evident in each of the basketball skills observed as part of the classification process.

VOLUME OF ACTION:

Classes are defined according to players' "volume of action". Each class has a clearly defined maximal volume of action, which the player may exhibit. The volume of action refers to the extremes to which a player's trunk stability will allow them to reach without holding on to the wheelchair, before overbalancing.

TEAM BALANCE:

The total number of points allowed on court at any time is 14.0. That is, the total points of all five players actually playing. If a coach allows the team to have over 14.0 points, they will incur a technical foul on the bench.

CLASSIFICATION PHILOSOPHY:

Wheelchair basketball classification is based on the players' functional capacity to complete the skills necessary to play - pushing, pivoting, shooting, rebounding, dribbling, passing and catching. It is not an assessment of a player's level of skill, merely his/her functional capacity to complete the task. In particular, the trunk movement and stability observed during these actual basketball situations form the basis for the assignment of a player to a particular class.

HOW TO CLASSIFY:

Players are observed in their competition wheelchairs, complete with all the strapping they use, in a training situation before the tournament commences. From this initial observation, a player is assigned a class with which they will begin the tournament. The player is then observed in an actual competition game, at which time their classification will be confirmed or modified if the classification panel feels it is necessary. Only a new player who has not been previously internationally classified need undergo this process. Players holding an international card do not require re-classification at each tournament they attend.

For more information about classification, visit the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation website at www.iwbf.org.



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HISTORY OF THE SPORT

Wheelchair basketball's roots date back to World War II in the 1940's, when veterans invented the sport as an alternative to stand up basketball. Today, wheelchair basketball is one of the premier draws at the Paralympic Games and boasts more than 100,000 participants around the world. It is a sport known for its fast pace, intensity, and athleticism. These attributes make the sport a popular choice among athletes with a disability, but it is also widely enjoyed by able-bodied athletes – particularly here in Canada where we encourage a policy of inclusion.

1946	Organized wheelchair basketball first played by World War II veterans
1948	Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Games (pre-cursor to Paralympic Games) established by Sir Ludwig Guttman
1949	First National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament held in the United States; creation of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association
1953	Montreal Wheelchair Wonders represented Canada in the Stoke Games, marking our nation's start in world competition
1960	Wheelchair basketball played at the first Paralympic Games in Rome
1968	First Canadian National Championship held in Edmonton, AB
1973	International Stoke Mandeville Games Federation (ISMGF) established sub-section for wheelchair basketball; first world championship for men held in Belgium
1986	Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL) established
1989	ISMGF wheelchair basketball sub-section renamed International Wheelchair Basketball Federation
1990	First world championship for women held in France
1993	International Wheelchair Basketball Federation established as the independent world body for wheelchair basketball
1994	Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Association (now Wheelchair Basketball Canada) established as the first independent disability sport organization in Canada
1997	First world championship for junior men (U23) held in Canada
2011	Canada to host first world championship for junior women (U25)
2014	Canada to host independent world championship for women

ABOUT WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL CANADA

Wheelchair Basketball Canada is the national sport 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. Canada's 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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COMPETITION SCHEDULE

GROUP A

MEXICO (MEX)
AUSTRALIA (AUS)
UNITED STATES (USA)
GREAT BRITAIN (GBR)

GROUP B

SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)
JAPAN (JPN)
CANADA (CAN)
GERMANY (GER)

PRELIMINARY ROUND

FRIDAY, JULY 15

SATURDAY, JULY 16

SUNDAY, JULY 17

PLAYOFF ROUND

TUESDAY, JULY 19

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

THURSDAY, JULY 21

GAME TIME HOME VS AWAY

1	11:00	GER	vs	JPN
2	13:15	GBR	vs	AUS
3	16:45	USA	vs	MEX
4	19:00	CAN	vs	RSA
5	10:00	MEX	vs	GBR
6	12:15	RSA	vs	GER
7	14:45	AUS	vs	USA
8	17:00	JPN	vs	CAN
9	11:00	MEX	vs	AUS
10	13:15	GER	vs	CAN
11	16:45	RSA	vs	JPN
12	19:00	USA	vs	GBR
13	11:00	QUARTER-FINAL #1		
14	13:15	QUARTER-FINAL #2		
15	16:45	QUARTER-FINAL #3		
16	19:00	QUARTER-FINAL #4		
17	11:00	CONSOLATION SEMI-FINAL #1		
18	13:15	CONSOLATION SEMI-FINAL #2		
19	16:45	SEMI-FINAL #1		
20	19:00	SEMI-FINAL #2		
21	11:00	7/8 PLACE		
22	13:15	5/6 PLACE		
23	16:45	BRONZE MEDAL		
24	19:00	GOLD MEDAL		

SESSION 1

SESSION 2



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TEAM CANADA

In January 2011, Wheelchair Basketball Canada announced the names of the 12 athletes chosen to represent Canada on home soil at the inaugural Women's U25 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships as members of the first-ever Women's U25 National Team.

The team recently captured the gold medal at the 2011 Artland Open in Germany.

The team features Paralympian Cindy Ouellet, whose wheelchair basketball résumé includes competition at the 2008 Paralympic Games and the 2009 Men's U23 World Championships, as well as a bronze medal finish at the 2010 World Championships.

Ouellet, Maude Jacques and Jamey Jewells are also members of the Canadian Sr. Women's National Wheelchair Basketball Team, which will compete at the 2011 Parapan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico from November 12-20, 2011. The Parapan American Games double as Canada's opportunity to qualify for the 2012 Paralympic Games in London.



PRELIMINARY GAME SCHEDULE		
DATE	TIME	MATCH
July 15	19:00	CAN vs. RSA
July 16	17:00	JPN vs. CAN
July 17	13:15	GER vs. CAN

TEAM CANADA ROSTER

#	NAME	CLASS	DATE OF BIRTH	HOMETOWN
4	BAERG, Ashley	3.0	Oct. 23, 1989	Dalmeny, SK
5	PARK, Stephanie	1.0	Nov. 28, 1993	Maple Ridge, BC
6	CYR, Helaina	2.5	Sep. 5, 1996	Edmonton, AB
7	OUELLET, Cindy	3.5	Dec. 8, 1988	Quebec City, QC
8	JACQUES, Maude	2.5	Apr. 21, 1992	Sainte-Catherine, QC
9	STUBBERT, Abby	4.5	June 4, 1988	Halifax, NS
10	HARROWER, Cory	3.0	July 20, 1989	Regina, SK
11	METZGER, Corin	2.5	Feb. 28, 1992	Elmira, ON
12	ROBERTS-WINTER, Gabby	2.0	June 24, 1990	Regina, SK
13	JEWELLS, Jamey	1.0	Aug. 23, 1989	Donkin, NS
14	STEEVES, Tamara	1.5	Sep. 23, 1989	Mississauga, ON
15	HAAK, Alarissa	2.0	June 24, 1992	Edmonton, AB

COACHING STAFF: Head Coach - Michael Broughton (Toronto, ON)
 Assistant Coach - Marni Abbott-Peter (Vancouver, BC)
 Assistant Coach - Karla Tritten (Edmonton, AB)
 Team Manager - Kathy Ludwig (Toronto, ON)

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#4 - ASHLEY BAERG



Personal Info:

Resides: Dalmeny, Saskatchewan
Birthplace: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Birth Date: October 23, 1989
Height: 4'10"
Occupation: Educational Assistant

Athlete Info:

Club: Club 99/SK Juniors
Coaches: Rob Sajtos, Stewart McKeown & Michael Broughton
On the National Team Since: 2011
Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2004
Classification: 3.0

Interesting Facts:

- She played stand up basketball in her wheelchair on her junior high school team
- She follows the motto "don't let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game"

Baerg transitioned from stand up basketball to wheelchair basketball in 2004 with encouragement from her junior high school basketball coach. An avid basketball player, she made the switch and discovered she felt even more at home on the court.

The Saskatoon native loves the camaraderie and competitiveness of wheelchair basketball. She also enjoys the inclusion of the sport, which allows able-bodied and disabled athletes to compete on an even playing field.

Baerg's medal collection includes back-to-back bronze medals with Team Saskatchewan at the Canada Games in 2007 and 2011. After earning a spot on the Women's U25 National Team in 2011, she will look to expand that collection at the international level.

Baerg considers representing her country to be a momentous honour and she hopes to contribute to the ongoing success of the Canadian women's program.

Off the basketball court, Baerg works with students as an educational assistant and hopes to transition into teaching later in her career. She also enjoys water sports, especially tubing.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
1st	2011	Artland Open	Quakenbruck, Germany
1st	2009	Artland Open	Quakenbruck, Germany

DOMESTIC COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Team
5th	2011	Women's CWBL National Championships	U25 Club
3rd	2011	Canada Games	Saskatchewan
5th	2010	Junior National Championships	Saskatchewan
5th	2010	Women's CWBL National Championships	Saskatchewan
3rd	2007	Canada Games	Saskatchewan

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#5 - STEPHANIE PARK



Personal Info:

Resides: Maple Ridge, British Columbia
 Birthplace: Vancouver, British Columbia
 Birth Date: November 28, 1993
 Height: 5'1"
 Occupation: Student

Athlete Info:

Club: BC Breakers/BC Juniors
 Coaches: Cheryl Corrigan & Michael Broughton
 On the National Team Since: 2011
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2004
 Classification: 1.0

Interesting Facts:

- Park wants to be an elementary school teacher and help educate youth regarding perceptions about disabilities

Park got her first taste of wheelchair basketball at age 11 while participating in a wheelchair sports camp in her home province of British Columbia. She immediately took a liking to the sport, but it wasn't until she met one of the game's all-time greats that Park truly found her calling.

Park met Paralympian and former Sr. Women's National Team player Marni Abbott-Peter, who inspired the young athlete to continue playing wheelchair basketball. Under the guidance of Abbott-Peter, Park developed her skills and crafted her own dreams of competing for Canada at the Paralympic Games.

Park enjoys the competitiveness and the inclusive team atmosphere of wheelchair basketball. She takes pride in being a part of the rich history of the sport and strives to continue Canada's winning tradition on the international stage.

After competing for British Columbia at several domestic tournaments, including the 2011 Canada Games, Park made her Women's U25 National Team debut in 2011.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
1st	2011	Artland Open	Quakenbruck, Germany

DOMESTIC COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Team
4th	2011	Women's CWBL National Championships	BC Breakers
7th	2011	Canada Games	British Columbia
4th	2010	Junior National Championships	British Columbia
1st	2010	Women's CWBL National Championships	BC Breakers

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#6 - HELAINA CYR



Personal Info:

Resides: Sherwood Park, Alberta
 Birthplace: Edmonton, Alberta
 Birth Date: September 5, 1996
 Height: 5'2"
 Occupation: Student

Athlete Info:

Club: Edmonton Inferno/Alberta Juniors
 Coaches: Karla Tritten, Jamie Peers, Ed Danskin & Michael Broughton
 On the National Team Since: 2011
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2004
 Classification: 2.5

Interesting Facts:

- She is the youngest player on the Women's U25 National Team

Cyr began playing wheelchair basketball at 8 years old on a mini-basketball team in her hometown of Edmonton. She soon met Paralympian and former Sr. Women's National Team player Danielle Peers, who invited Cyr to practice with the Edmonton Inferno club. Cyr has been playing the hard-hitting sport ever since.

Under the guidance of Peers and fellow wheelchair basketball Paralympian Karla Tritten, Cyr developed the fundamentals of the game and began to forge her own path toward the Canadian National Team.

Cyr values the inclusive nature of wheelchair basketball. She thrives in the rigorous competition of the sport and enjoys the opportunities to compete against other elite athletes. Her excitement and energetic play on the court is an effective weapon on any team.

She has represented Alberta at several national competitions, including the 2011 Canada Games. She also earned back-to-back silver medals at the 2010 and 2011 Women's CWBL National Championships with her Edmonton Inferno teammates.

Cyr made her national team debut in 2011 with Canada's first-ever Women's U25 squad. While she continues to push the limits within her young athletic career, she hopes to be a part of the rich history of wheelchair basketball in Canada for many years to come.

Outside of basketball, Cyr enjoys being a regular teenager. She keeps busy with school, where her favourite subject is language arts, and likes watching movies and spending time with friends.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
1st	2011	Artland Open	Quakenbruck, Germany

DOMESTIC COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Team
2nd	2011	Women's CWBL National Championships	Edmonton Inferno
8th	2011	Canada Games	Alberta
8th	2010	Junior National Championships	Alberta
2nd	2010	Women's CWBL National Championships	Edmonton Inferno

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#7 - CINDY OUELLET



Personal Info:
 Resides: Quebec, Quebec
 Birthplace: Rivière-Du-Loup, Quebec
 Birth Date: December 8, 1988
 Height: 5'2
 Occupation: Student

Athlete Info:
 Club: University of Alabama
 Coaches: Brent Hardin, Marc-Antoine Ducharme, Bill Johnson & Michael Broughton
 On the National Team Since: 2007
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2005
 Classification: 3.5

Interesting Facts:

- She is quite passionate about music and is an accomplished piano player. She also enjoys long boarding
- At the 2011 Women's U25 competition, she will accomplish the rare feat of playing in three World Championships in consecutive years (2009-2011)

Ouellet was introduced to wheelchair basketball by a physiotherapist in 2005. A natural athlete, she quickly felt at home on the court and wasted little time making a name for herself. By 2007, the native of Rivière-du-Loup, Quebec was winning a gold medal for her home province at the Canada Games, as well as making her debut with the Sr. Women's National Team.

She represented Canada at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing and recently captured bronze at the 2010 World Championships in Birmingham, England.

She enjoys facing the physical, mental, and strategic challenges of wheelchair basketball, as well as the complexities of the sport.

In 2011, Ouellet earned a roster spot on Canada's first-ever Women's U25 National Team.

Ouellet is currently on a scholarship to the University of Alabama studying Kinesiology. She hopes to continue her studies and obtain a PHD in Biomedical Engineering, and eventually teach at the university level. She also plays for the University of Alabama's women's wheelchair basketball team and helped the squad to a third consecutive national championship title in 2011.

STATISTICS (2008 Beijing Paralympic Games)

GP	Min	M/G	Field Goals		2 Points		3 Points		Free Throws		Rebounds			AS	TO	ST	BS	PF	FO	PTS	P/G
			M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	OR	DR	TOT								
7	91	13:03	16/35	46	16/32	50	0/3	0	1/7	14	7	5	12	10	6	3	0	5	8	33	4.7

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

of Paralympic Games Competed in: 1

Gold Medals	Silver Medals	Bronze Medals	Other
0	0	0	5th ('08)

of World Championships Competed in: 2

Gold Medals	Silver Medals	Bronze Medals	Other
0	0	1 ('10)	8th (Jr '09)



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#7 - CINDY OUELLET

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

(continued)

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
1st	2011	Artland Open	Quakenbruck, Germany
3rd	2010	World Championships	Birmingham, United Kingdom
1st	2010	BT Paralympic World Cup	Manchester, United Kingdom
1st	2009	Artland Open	Quakenbruck, Germany
8th	2009	Junior Men's World Championships	Paris, France
5th	2008	Paralympic Games	Beijing, China
3rd	2008	North American Cup	Birmingham, USA
1st	2008	Good Luck Beijing Invitational	Beijing, China
2nd	2007	Parapan American Games	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
3rd	2007	4 Nations Tournament	Sydney, Australia

DOMESTIC COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Team
1st	2011	Women's CWBL National Championships * MVP	Quebec
3rd	2010	Women's CWBL National Championships * All Star	Quebec
2nd	2008	National Championships * All Star	Quebec
4th	2007	National Championships * All Star	Quebec
1st	2007	Canada Games	Quebec
1st	2006	Quebec AAA Championships	Quebec
2nd	2006	Junior National Championships	Quebec



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#8 - MAUDE JACQUES



Personal Info:

Resides: Sainte-Catherine, Quebec
 Birthplace: Sherbrooke, Quebec
 Birth Date: April 21, 1992
 Height: 4'9"
 Occupation: Student

Athlete Info:

Club: C.I.V.A de Montreal
 Coaches: Chantal Beauregard, Bill Johnson & Michael Broughton
 On the National Team Since: 2011
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2001
 Classification: 2.5

Interesting Facts:

- She is also a member of the Canadian Sr. Women's National Team

Jacques discovered wheelchair basketball in 2001 thanks to the encouragement of her physiotherapist. A strong competitor and teammate, she felt at ease on the court and embraced both the team dynamic of the sport as well as the opportunity to constantly push her limits.

Jacques worked hard to steadily make a name for herself within the wheelchair basketball community. She first started playing with a mini team in her home province of Quebec, before moving on to local club teams. She later made the jump to the provincial team and represented Quebec at several national competitions, including the 2011 Canada Games at which the squad from "La belle province" earned a third consecutive gold medal.

The countless hours of hard work paid off in 2011, when Jacques made her National Team debut. She first earned a roster spot on Canada's first-ever Women's U25 National Team and followed up that feat by cracking the Sr. Women's National Team roster in the same year.

The Sherbrooke native will compete for Team Canada at both the 2011 Women's U25 World Championships in St. Catharines, Ontario this July, followed by the 2011 Parapan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico in the fall.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
1st	2011	Artland Open	Quakenbruck, Germany
3rd	2011	Osaka Cup	Osaka, Japan
1st	2009	Artland Open	Quakenbruck, Germany

DOMESTIC COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Team
1st	2011	Women's CWBL National Championships	Quebec
1st	2011	Canada Games	Quebec
1st	2010	Junior National Championships * All Star	Quebec
3rd	2010	Women's CWBL National Championships	Quebec
1st	2007	Canada Games	Quebec

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#9 - ABBY STUBBERT



Personal Info:

Resides: Halifax, Nova Scotia
Birthplace: Halifax, Nova Scotia
Birth Date: June 4, 1988
Height: 5'4"
Occupation: Athlete

Athlete Info:

Club: Antigonish Highland Hawks/NS Juniors
Coaches: Clary Stubbert, Steve Sampson & Michael Broughton
On the National Team Since: 2011
Began Wheelchair Basketball: 1998
Classification: 4.5

Interesting Facts:

- She wears the number 9 in tribute to her Paralympian father John "Clary" Stubbert
- She loves the water – she is a former competitive swimmer and enjoys scuba diving and going to the beach

Stubbert grew up in the gym. She has been playing wheelchair basketball ever since she can remember, thanks in large part to her father, Clary, who is a former Sr. Men's National Team player. It wouldn't be long before she embraced the sport herself.

Stubbert loves the aggressive nature and competitiveness of wheelchair basketball. She describes the game as "the most contact you will see in a non-contact sport". As a player she leaves it all on the court, pushing herself and her teammates to the limit.

She began playing the sport competitively as a teenager with hopes of one day following in her father's footsteps and competing for Team Canada. With a strong commitment to training and skill development, Stubbert pushed her game to the next level and paved her own way to the National Team.

She competed at several national championships, including the Canada Games in 2007 and 2011. At the most recent Games in Halifax, she helped lead home team Nova Scotia to the province's best-ever finish at the competition.

Off the basketball court, Stubbert aspires to work in the medical field as a clinical pharmacist at a hospital and help people in their recovery. She graduated from St. Francis Xavier University with a Bachelor of Science in 2010.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
1st	2011	Artland Open	Quakenbruck, Germany
3rd	2011	Osaka Cup	Osaka, Japan
1st	2009	Artland Open	Quakenbruck, Germany

DOMESTIC COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Team
5th	2011	Women's CWBL National Championships	U25 Club
5th	2011	Canada Games	Nova Scotia
6th	2010	Junior National Championships	Nova Scotia
6th	2010	Women's CWBL National Championships	Nova Scotia / Ontario
8th	2007	Canada Games	Prince Edward Island

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#10 - CORY HARROWER



Personal Info:

Resides: Regina, Saskatchewan
 Birthplace: Regina, Saskatchewan
 Birth Date: July 20, 1989
 Height: 5'4"
 Occupation: Athlete

Athlete Info:

Club: Regina Paratroopers
 Coaches: Mark Winter & Michael Broughton
 On the National Team Since: 2011
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2000
 Classification: 3.0

Interesting Facts:

- She has competed internationally for Canada in track and wheelchair rugby
- She received the Saskatchewan Youth Award in 2007
- She appeared as an extra in television episodes of *Corner Gas* and *renegadepress.com*

Harrower made her wheelchair basketball debut in 2000 following an introduction to the sport by her physiotherapist. As a natural competitor, Harrower immediately embraced the game and its aggressive style of play.

Harrower began playing recreationally before switching gears to the competitive wheelchair basketball circuit. She later joined the provincial team and won a bronze medal for Saskatchewan at both the 2006 Junior National Championships and the 2007 Canada Games.

The Regina native is a tremendously versatile athlete. Her athletic repertoire includes not only wheelchair basketball, but track and wheelchair rugby as well. In 2006, she won four bronze medals at the World Junior Athletics Championships and she is a current member of the Canadian national wheelchair rugby team with numerous individual accolades to her name.

Having already donned the Team Canada jersey in track and rugby, Harrower savours the rush of representing her country. It is an opportunity that means everything to her and one she strives to make the most of each and every time. She will get her first shot at playing for Canada in wheelchair basketball at a major tournament at the inaugural Women's U25 World Championships.

Outside of basketball and rugby, Harrower enjoys playing video games, camping and boating. She is also an avid music fan.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
1st	2011	Artland Open	Quakenbruck, Germany

DOMESTIC COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Team
5th	2010	Women's CWBL National Championships	Saskatchewan
3rd	2007	Canada Games	Saskatchewan
6th	2006	Junior National Championships	Saskatchewan

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#11 - CORIN METZGER



Personal Info:

Resides: Elmira, Ontario
Birthplace: London, Ontario
Birth Date: February 28, 1992
Height: 5'0"
Occupation: Student

Athlete Info:

Club: Twin City Spinners
Coaches: Bill Johnstone & Michael Broughton
On the National Team Since: 2011
Began Wheelchair Basketball: 1996
Classification: 2.5

Interesting Facts:

- She lives by the motto "Do your best and whatever happens, happens."
- She plays sledge hockey on the Ontario provincial team

Metzger began playing wheelchair basketball at the early age of four through a local wheelchair sports program. The spirited young athlete embraced everything about the sport and worked hard to refine her skills on the court.

The native of London, Ontario, enjoys the team dynamic of wheelchair basketball and relishes every moment she spends playing the game. A fiery competitor, she strives to make every shot count and contribute to the overall success of her team.

Metzger earned a roster spot on the Women's U25 National Team in 2011. She considers the accomplishment to be a tremendous honour and another step toward achieving her ultimate goal of representing Canada at the Paralympic Games.

Off the basketball court, Metzger is studying general arts and science at college. Her academic interests also include history, anthropology and psychology. She is also a versatile athlete and plays sledge hockey for the Ontario provincial team.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
1st	2011	Artland Open	Quakenbruck, Germany

DOMESTIC COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Team
6th	2011	Women's CWBL National Championships	Ontario

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#12 - GABBY ROBERTS-WINTER



Personal Info:

Resides: Regina, Saskatchewan
 Birthplace: Regina, Saskatchewan
 Birth Date: June 24, 1990
 Height: 5'6"
 Occupation: Student

Athlete Info:

Club: Regina Paratroopers
 Coaches: Mark Winter & Michael Broughton
 On the National Team Since: 2011
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2007
 Classification: 2.0

Interesting Facts:

- High school Athlete of the Year in 2007-08
- She is one of five siblings and has a twin sister
- She is an avid drawer and enjoys sketching landscapes in her home province of Saskatchewan

Roberts-Winter discovered wheelchair basketball in 2007 and immediately developed a passion for the sport. Her career got off to a quick start, as she played her first official game with Team Saskatchewan at the 2007 Canada Games and has never looked back.

The Regina native thrives in the team atmosphere of wheelchair basketball and describes the game as one of the fastest sports she has ever played. As a fierce competitor, she longs to be in pressure situations and contribute to the success of her team.

At the national level, Roberts-Winter helped lead Saskatchewan to back-to-back bronze medals at the Canada Games in 2007 and 2011. Internationally, she enjoyed a brief stint playing for Canada in 2009, winning gold at the Artland Open. In 2011, she earned a roster spot on Canada's first-ever Women's U25 National Team.

She considers playing for her country to be a tremendous privilege and cherishes that honour every time she wears the Team Canada jersey.

Outside of wheelchair basketball, Roberts-Winter is studying French education at university. She hopes to make the jump to kinesiology studies and one-day become a wheelchair basketball coach.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
1st	2011	Artland Open	Quakenbruck, Germany
3rd	2011	Osaka Cup	Osaka, Japan
1st	2009	Artland Open	Quakenbruck, Germany

DOMESTIC COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Team
5th	2011	Women's CWBL National Championships	U25 Club
3rd	2011	Canada Games	Saskatchewan
5th	2010	Junior National Championships	Saskatchewan
5th	2010	Women's CWBL National Championships	Saskatchewan
3rd	2007	Canada Games	Saskatchewan

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#13 - JAMEY JEWELLS



Personal Info:

Resides: Donkin, Nova Scotia
Birthplace: Sydney, Nova Scotia
Birth Date: August 23, 1989
Height: 5'0"
Occupation: Athlete

Athlete Info:

Club: Nova Scotia Flying Wheels
Coaches: Ben Marston, Bill Johnson & Michael Broughton
On the National Team Since: 2011
Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2007
Classification: 1.0

Interesting Facts:

- Jewells plans to become a social worker, which would allow her to give back to her community. Her inspiration for this goal stems from personal experience, after a social worker helped her recover from a car accident in 2003
- She is also a member of the Canadian Sr. Women's National Team

Jewells was first introduced to wheelchair basketball by an occupational therapist in 2007. A competitive and determined athlete, she took to the sport and her passion for the game continues to flourish to this day.

Jewells loves the fast-paced, aggressive, and hard-hitting style of play of wheelchair basketball. A strong team player, she works hard both on and off the court to develop her skills and her reputation as a threat on both sides of the ball.

She splits playing time between both the Nova Scotia Flying Wheels and the provincial junior team. She recently helped lead Nova Scotia to a fifth place finish at the 2011 Canada Games, marking the province's best-ever performance at the competition.

As a new addition to both the Women's U25 and Sr. Women's National Teams, Jewells believes representing Canada at any level is a very satisfying experience. While the opportunity is a personal honour, she knows her family and friends are also proud of her accomplishments.

Jewells made her National Team debut at the 2011 Osaka Cup and captured a bronze medal. She will also represent Canada at the first-ever Women's U25 World Championships this July in St. Catharines, Ontario, as well as the 2011 Parapan American Games this November in Guadalajara, Mexico.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
1st	2011	Artland Open	Quakenbruck, Germany
3rd	2011	Osaka Cup	Osaka, Japan

DOMESTIC COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Team
5th	2011	Women's CWBL National Championships	U25 Club
5th	2011	Canada Games	Nova Scotia
6th	2010	Junior National Championships	Nova Scotia
6th	2010	Women's CWBL National Championships	Nova Scotia / Ontario

Other Accomplishments: Jewells won the 2011 Ricoh Sport Award for Female Team Athlete of the Year

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#14 - TAMARA STEEVES



Personal Info:

Resides: Mississauga, Ontario
Birthplace: Etobicoke, Ontario
Birth Date: September 23, 1989
Height: 5'2"
Occupation: Athlete

Athlete Info:

Club: Burlington Cruisers
Coaches: Kathy Ludwig & Michael Broughton
On the National Team Since: 2011
Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2008
Classification: 1.5

Interesting Facts:

- Her role models are her mother, her grandmother, and Canadian icon Terry Fox

Steeves discovered wheelchair basketball in 2008 and immediately fell in love with the sport. She soon joined a local club team and dedicated countless hours to honing her skills on the court.

The native of Etobicoke, Ontario thrives in the competitiveness of the game. With that competitive spirit, Steeves worked her way up the wheelchair basketball ranks.

In 2011, she earned a roster spot on Canada's first-ever Women's U25 National Team. She followed up that feat with a silver medal performance at the 2011 Canada Games as a member of Team Ontario. She made her international debut with Team Canada at the 2011 Osaka Cup, where the squad captured a bronze medal.

For Steeves, the opportunity to represent Canada is a tremendous honour. She will get another chance to don the red and white jersey close to home at the 2011 Women's U25 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships this July in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Off the basketball court, Steeves enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading books and catching the latest movies.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
1st	2011	Artland Open	Quakenbruck, Germany
3rd	2011	Osaka Cup	Osaka, Japan

DOMESTIC COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Team
6th	2011	Women's CWBL National Championships	Ontario
2nd	2011	Canada Games	Ontario
6th	2010	Women's CWBL National Championships	Nova Scotia / Ontario

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#15 - ALARISSA HAAK



Personal Info:

Resides: Sherwood Park, Alberta
 Birthplace: Edmonton, Alberta
 Birth Date: June 24, 1992
 Height: 5'11"
 Occupation: Student

Athlete Info:

Club: Alberta Northern Lights/AB Juniors
 Coaches: Karla Tritten, Jamie Peers & Michael Broughton
 On the National Team Since: 2011
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2008
 Classification: 2.0

Interesting Facts:

- Father was a member of the national basketball team
- She lives by the motto "Do what feels right"

Haak began playing wheelchair basketball in 2008 and has shown tremendous development in a very short period of time. With her physiotherapist initiating her development in the sport, Haak joined her local club team and now finds herself as a member of the national team for the first time in her career.

Her passion for the sport stems from her love of stand up basketball. As a former stand up player, Haak's familiarity with basketball made the transition simple. Always open to advice from veterans of the sport, Haak believes wheelchair basketball brings new opportunities and challenges that she is eager to take on.

A native of Edmonton, Alberta, Haak has represented her home province at several national competitions, including the 2011 Canada Games and the 2010 Junior National Championships. She recently helped her club team - the Edmonton Inferno - to a silver medal finish at the 2011 Women's Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League National Championships.

At the international level, Haak captured a bronze medal in her Team Canada debut at the 2011 Osaka Cup and later earned a gold medal with her U25 national squad teammates at the 2011 Artland Open.

When she's not on the court, Haak spends her time coaching a stand up basketball team. She also works at a law firm, and is studying towards a Bachelor of Arts at university.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
1st	2011	Artland Open	Quakenbruck, Germany
3rd	2011	Osaka Cup	Osaka, Japan

DOMESTIC COMPETITION

Place	Year	Tournament	Team
2nd	2011	Women's CWBL National Championships	Edmonton Inferno
8th	2011	Canada Games	Alberta
8th	2010	Junior National Championships	Alberta

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TEAM AUSTRALIA



In June 2011, Australia named its Women's U25 National Wheelchair Basketball Team. The team is in its first year of competition and will make its major international debut at the 2011 Women's U25WWBC.

The team features Cobi Crispin and Bridie Kean, both of whom won a bronze medal at the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing with the Australian Sr. Women's National Team. Crispin, Kean and Amber Merritt also competed at the 2010 World Championships, helping Australia to a fourth place finish.

PRELIMINARY GAME SCHEDULE		
DATE	TIME	MATCH
July 15	13:15	GBR vs. AUS
July 16	14:45	AUS vs. USA
July 17	11:00	MEX vs. AUS

TEAM ROSTER

#	NAME	CLASS	DATE OF BIRTH	HOMETOWN
4	DE WIT, Caitlin	3.0	Jun. 19, 1987	Cape Town, RSA
5	CRISPIN, Cobi	4.0	Dec. 22, 1988	Mackay, AUS
6	KEAN, Bridie	4.0	Jan. 27, 1987	Melbourne, AUS
7	MERRITT, Amber	4.5	Feb. 17, 1993	Portsmouth, UK
8	HODGES, Natalie	2.0	Oct. 30, 1987	Townsville, AUS
9	VINCI, Sarah	1.0	Apr. 12, 1991	Perth, AUS
10	REED, Katherine	1.0	Jan. 20, 1989	Launceston, AUS
11	PELLOW, Jessica	1.5	May 6, 1993	Wagga Wagga, AUS
12	ALEXANDER, Natalie	2.5	Apr. 6, 1991	Perth, AUS
13	SABLJAK, Ella	2.0	Oct. 17, 1991	Moonee Ponds, AUS
14	COADY, Rachel	1.0	Nov. 8, 1988	Sydney, AUS
15	INGLIS, Georgia	2.5	Mar. 28, 1994	Perth, AUS

COACHING STAFF: Head Coach - Gerry Hewson Team Manager - Jane Kyle
 Assistant Coach - Matthew Dunstan Physiotherapist - Paula Peralta
 Assistant Coach - Alison Mosely

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TEAM GERMANY



Scouting for the German Women's U25 National Wheelchair Basketball Team began in 2009. The team has since competed in tournaments in preparation for the 2011 Women's U25WWBC, including as the host team at the 2011 Artland Open.

Mareike Adermann, Maya Lindholm and Annabel Breuer competed for the senior German team that won gold at the European Championships in 2009 and silver at the 2010 World Championship in Birmingham, UK.

PRELIMINARY GAME SCHEDULE		
DATE	TIME	MATCH
July 15	11:00	GER vs. JPN
July 16	12:15	RSA vs. GER
July 17	13:15	GER vs. CAN

TEAM ROSTER

#	NAME	CLASS	DATE OF BIRTH	HOMETOWN
4	ADERMANN, Mareike	4.5	Aug. 3, 1990	Friedberg, GER
5	FÜRST, Laura	2.0	Apr. 23, 1991	Gräfelfing, GER
6	HARNISCH, Helene	1.0	Jan. 10, 1995	Zwenkau, GER
7	DAHLE, Linda	4.5	Nov. 8, 1991	Düsseldorf, GER
8	LUDEWIGT, Lena	2.5	Dec. 28, 1988	Hannover, GER
9	FELDBAUER, Eva	1.5	Aug. 10, 1988	Fulda, GER
10	SEYRL, Andrea	1.5	Jan. 25, 1994	Hamburg, GER
11	LINDHOLM, Maya	2.0	Dec. 20, 1990	Hamburg, GER
12	BREUER, Annabel	1.5	Oct. 23, 1992	Tübingen, GER
13	GERWINAT, Anna	1.5	Jul. 8, 1989	Frankfurt, GER
14	FISCHER, Luca	2.0	Aug. 14, 1997	Erlangen, GER

COACHING STAFF: Head Coach - Heidi Kirste
 Assistant Coach - Holger Glinicki
 Team Doctor - Juergen Voelpel

Team Manager - Lisa Kösling
 Physiotherapist - Tim Töllner

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TEAM GREAT BRITAIN



Six of the players on Great Britain's Women's U25 National Team also play for the Sr. Women's National Team. Helen Freeman competed at the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing.

PRELIMINARY GAME SCHEDULE		
DATE	TIME	MATCH
July 15	13:15	GBR vs. AUS
July 16	10:00	MEX vs. GBR
July 17	19:00	USA vs. GBR

TEAM ROSTER

#	NAME	CLASS	DATE OF BIRTH	HOMETOWN
4	DAVIES, Natasha	1.0	Dec. 6, 1990	Epsom, UK
5	STEEL, Debee	2.5	Dec. 30, 1988	London, UK
6	BEAUMONT, Ella	1.0	Apr. 24, 1995	Aylesbury, UK
7	FREEMAN, Helen	4.0	Nov. 23, 1989	Watford, UK
8	WILLIAMS, Laurie	2.5	Feb. 4, 1992	Manchester, UK
9	HAMER, Judith	4.0	Dec. 3, 1990	Plymouth, UK
10	CONROY, Amy	4.0	Oct. 22, 1992	Norwich, UK
11	THOMPSON, Madeleine	4.5	Mar. 29, 1995	Chesterfield, UK
12	MACSORLEY, Eimear	1.5	Jan. 13, 1994	Belfast, UK
13	BARTLETT, Jordanna	3.0	Dec. 15, 1994	Manchester, UK

COACHING STAFF: Head Coach - Jennifer Browning
 Assistant Coach - James Fisher
 Team Manager - Garry Peel
 Physiotherapist - Lisa Wiles

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TEAM JAPAN



The Japanese Women's U25 National Team is in its first year of competition. Leading the way for Japan will be Mari Amimoto and Mayo Hagino. Amimoto is a member of the senior women's team and she competed at the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing, as well as the 2010 World Championships in Birmingham, UK. Hagino also competed alongside Amimoto at the 2010 World Championships.

PRELIMINARY GAME SCHEDULE		
DATE	TIME	MATCH
July 15	11:00	GER vs. JPN
July 16	17:00	JPN vs. CAN
July 17	16:45	RSA vs. JPN

TEAM ROSTER

#	NAME	CLASS	DATE OF BIRTH	HOMETOWN
4	TSUCHITANA, Haruka	2.5	Sep. 25, 1989	Hukushima, JPN
5	KITADA, Chihiro	4.5	Jan. 12, 1989	Wakayama, JPN
6	KITAMA, Yui	1.0	Oct. 6, 1994	Hyougo, JPN
7	UCHIMI, Moe	4.5	Apr. 8, 1987	Miyagi, JPN
8	IKENO, Midori	4.5	Jan. 12, 1995	Osaka, JPN
9	BAMBA, Hiroko	3.0	Aug. 2, 1994	Tokyo, JPN
10	HAGINO, Mayo	1.0	Mar. 9, 1993	Miyagi, JPN
15	AMIMOTO, Mari	4.5	Nov. 15, 1988	Osaka, JPN

COACHING STAFF: Head Coach - Kaori Tachibana
 Assistant Coach - Makiko Harada
 Assistant Coach - Mina Hiroki

Team Manager - Miho Sugiyama
 Physiotherapist - Toshihiro Wakui
 General Manager - Yoshikazu Noguchi

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TEAM MEXICO



The Mexican Women's U25 National Team is in its first year of competition. The team will look for leadership amongst its veteran players, four of whom - María Magos, Anaisa Pérez, Floralia Estrada and Claudia De La Torre - competed for the Sr. Women's National Team at the 2010 World Championships.

PRELIMINARY GAME SCHEDULE		
DATE	TIME	MATCH
July 15	16:45	USA vs. MEX
July 16	10:00	MEX vs. GBR
July 17	11:00	MEX vs. AUS

TEAM ROSTER

#	NAME	CLASS	DATE OF BIRTH	HOMETOWN
5	LÓPEZ, Isabel	4.5	Jul. 6, 1992	Guadalajara, MEX
6	MAGOS, María	1.0	Mar. 21, 1995	Guadalajara, MEX
7	ESTRADA, Floralia	4.0	Aug. 8, 1990	Puerto Vallarta, MEX
8	PÉREZ, Anaisa	2.5	Jan. 16, 1992	Oaxaca de Juárez, MEX
10	GARCÍA, Fara	2.0	N/A	Guadalajara, MEX
14	DE LA TORRE, Claudia	1.0	Jun. 21, 1987	Querétaro, MEX
15	HERNÁNDEZ, Orquídea	4.0	Jun. 27, 1988	San Juan Yagila, MEX

COACHING STAFF: Head Coach - Heriberto Escalona
 Assistant Coach - Jose Ulises Menéndez
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TEAM SOUTH AFRICA



The South African Women's U25 National Wheelchair Basketball Team is in its first year of competition.

PRELIMINARY GAME SCHEDULE		
DATE	TIME	MATCH
July 15	19:00	CAN vs. RSA
July 16	12:15	RSA vs. GER
July 17	16:45	RSA vs. JPN

TEAM ROSTER

#	NAME	CLASS	DATE OF BIRTH	HOMETOWN
4	MUKUME, Sinayo	1.0	Apr. 29, 1994	King Williams Town, RSA
5	MKHUNGO, Mandisa	1.0	Jun. 23, 1989	Port Shepstone, RSA
6	MOSIME, Dineo	1.5	Apr. 8, 1992	North West, RSA
7	KAMALDIEN, Misqah	2.0	Dec. 16, 1991	Cape Town, RSA
8	SWANEPOEL, Katherine	2.0	Aug. 5, 1987	George, RSA
9	MALOISANE, Mathapelo	3.0	Jun. 23, 1994	Bloemfontein, RSA
10	SOMO, Sylvia	3.0	Aug. 2, 1987	Germiston, RSA
11	MADYIBI, Alitha	3.5	Apr. 29, 1990	Mthatha, RSA
14	MOENG, Kelebogile	4.5	Feb. 18, 1989	N/A
15	HUISAMEN, Carmen	4.5	Jan. 18, 1987	Cape Town, RSA

COACHING STAFF: Head Coach - Willie Mulder
 Assistant Coach - Victor Andriessen
 Team Manager - Yoliswa Lumka
 Physiotherapist - Yamisha Nathalal

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TEAM UNITED STATES



The American Women's U25 National Wheelchair Basketball Team is in its first year of competition. Caitlin McDermott, Desiree Miller and Rebecca Murray were members of the American Sr. Women's National Team that won the gold medal at the 2010 World Championships. Murray was also named to the 2010 World All Star Team.

PRELIMINARY GAME SCHEDULE		
DATE	TIME	MATCH
July 15	16:45	USA vs. MEX
July 16	14:45	AUS vs. USA
July 17	19:00	USA vs. GBR

TEAM ROSTER

#	NAME	CLASS	DATE OF BIRTH	HOMETOWN
4	MURRAY, Rebecca	2.5	Mar. 15, 1990	Germantown, USA
5	MILLER, Desiree	3.5	Aug. 12, 1987	Monroe, USA
6	HOLLERMAN, Rose	TBD	Dec. 25, 1995	Elysian, USA
7	SOLDAN, Mackenzie	TBD	May 14, 1992	Louisville, USA
8	CHAMPION, Kimberly	TBD	Mar. 3, 1989	Vidalia, USA
9	VOSS, Rachel	TBD	Oct. 8, 1990	Collinsville, USA
10	POIST, Jennifer	TBD	Mar. 14, 1989	McSherrystown, USA
11	SELENFREUND, Emily	TBD	Sep. 12, 1990	West Orange, USA
12	MCDERMOTT, Caitlin	1.0	Feb. 15, 1993	Charlotte, USA
13	FREE, Deanna	TBD	Aug. 7, 1989	Baltimore, USA
14	BINSFELD, Sarah	TBD	Jun. 17, 1987	Vadnais Heights, USA
15	GAENG, Gail	TBD	Dec. 27, 1992	Frederick, USA

COACHING STAFF: Head Coach - Stephanie Wheeler
 Assistant Coach - Dan Price
 Assistant Coach - Matthew Buchi

Team Leader - Jessica Servais
 ATC - Karla Wessels

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STORY IDEAS

Wheelchair Basketball Canada is committed to helping journalists find interesting stories and angles to report on, and is fully dedicated to helping facilitate all interview requests and media inquiries that do not interfere with athlete training and competition schedules or transportation limitations.

Here are a few story ideas relating to the U25WWBC:

1) Cindy Ouellet is a leader on Canada's U25 Women's Team and also a member of the Sr. Women's Team. She competed in the 2008 Beijing Paralympics and is a London 2012 hopeful. She is one of only 2 players in the world to be playing in her third World Championship in three consecutive years following the 2009 World Junior Championships in Paris, France as a member of the Jr. Men's National Team and the 2010 World Championships in Birmingham, United Kingdom, where she won a Bronze Medal as a member of the Senior Women's Team. Earlier this year she was named tournament MVP at the CWBL Women's National Championships.

2) Canada's Abby Stubbert is following in the footsteps of her Paralympian father John "Clary" Stubbert who played with the Men's National Team from 1977-1986. He competed in the 1980 Arnhem, Holland Paralympics and the 1984 Paralympic Games in Stoke Mandeville. He also competed in the 1982 Pan Am Games in his hometown of Halifax, Nova Scotia and World Championships in 1979 (losing in the Bronze medal game to France), 1983, and finishing his National Team career in 1986. Over his lengthy career Clary won numerous all star and MVP awards at domestic events such as NWBA Sectionals, the Spitfire Challenge, and Canadian National Championships. Since retiring he has continued to play a key role in the development of the game at the grassroots level including ongoing involvement with the Nova Scotia Flying Wheels club team. Clary was inducted into the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Hall of Fame in 2004. In 2007 he coached the first ever Prince Edward Island wheelchair basketball team to participate in the Canada Games.

3) Canada's Cory Harrower is a tremendously versatile athlete. In addition to wheelchair basketball, she is an accomplished track and wheelchair rugby athlete. In 2006, she brought home four bronze medals at the World Junior Athletics Championship in Dublin, Ireland. The Regina native is also a current member of the Canadian National Wheelchair Rugby Team with numerous medals and individual All-Star awards to her name. While she has represented Canada in both track and rugby, the U25WWBC marks her first prominent opportunity to don the Canadian jersey in wheelchair basketball.

4) Canada's Maude Jacques, Jamey Jewells and Cindy Ouellet all work overtime on the basketball court. In addition to their duties with Canada's first-ever Women's U25 National Team, the athletes are also members of the Canadian Sr. Women's National Team. After experiencing the thrill of competing in the inaugural World Championship for U25 women, all three will represent Canada at the 2011 Parapan American Games November 12-20 in Guadalajara, Mexico. Furthermore, they are each hopefuls for the squad that will compete for Canada at the upcoming 2012 Paralympic Games in London, England, where the Canucks hope to extend their winning tradition.

5) Dino Sabic - Wheels in Motion. Last week marked the one year anniversary of the tragic accident of Dino Sabic, who dove into a pool on July 3, 2010 during a St. Catharines high school graduation party and fractured his C7 vertebrae. Declared paralyzed from the waist down, he has pushed himself each day throughout occupational therapy and is determined to walk again. He has developed an interest for wheelchair sport and has taken his first step toward getting involved. An avid athlete and sports fanatic prior to his accident, Dino's love for competition hasn't been lost. As the Ambassador for Team Canada, Dino will have the opportunity to share his story and his experiences with the athletes at the U25WWBC.

6) In order to ensure that the U25WWBC serves as a legacy for future generations of local female wheelchair basketball players, tournament organizers will also host the 2011 Wheelchair Basketball Canada Girl's & Women's Futures Program. The program is aimed at supporting the growth and development of female participation in wheelchair basketball in Canada with a focus on local athletes in Ontario. The program will target females with a disability who are under 25 and have expressed interest in participating in wheelchair basketball.

The program has been designed to encourage young female wheelchair basketball players to continue to learn and grow within the sport. The program will provide wheelchair basketball specific educational workshops, a mentorship program, and an environment that is conducive to learning from one another. The program will be delivered in a fun and informative format and provide a positive environment for sharing and learning practical life skills.

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7) The first-ever Women's Under 25 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships is a milestone event in the ongoing growth of wheelchair basketball around the globe and forges a legacy of unprecedented opportunity for young women in sport. This is the first international tournament of this caliber for young women. Countries from all four the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation Zones are represented and many have named their teams for the first time ever (including Canada which named it's first-ever Women's U25 Team in January 2011). Hosting events such as these help inspire generations of new athletes to take up the sport, pursue their dreams, and strive for athletic excellence. In August 2010 Canada held it's largest ever National Team Camp for Junior aged athletes with 41 attendees at Brock University (19 young women and 22 young men).

The increases in female participation within Canada in particular speak to the ongoing legacies of pioneers such as Tim Frick (Senior Women's Team Head Coach from 1990-2008). Frick led Team Canada to an unprecedented three straight Paralympic gold medals in 1992, 1996, and 2000 as part of a run of nine consecutive podium finishes at the Paralympic Games and World Championships between 1990-2006. In 2010, the Canadian Paralympic Committee named their coaching excellence award the "Tim Frick Paralympic Coach Excellence Award." He continues to play an active role with Wheelchair Basketball Canada and has been instrumental in the ongoing development of Canada's revised National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP).

Canada also hosted the inaugural Junior Men's World Championships in 1997 winning Gold. Canada is seen as a world leader in the development of the sport now considered to be a top draw at the Summer Paralympic Games in which Canada is an international powerhouse. Both the Senior Men's and Women's National Teams are perennial podium contenders following four straight podium finishes for the Women (Gold in 1992, 1996, 2000 and Bronze in 2004) and three straight podium finishes for the Men (Gold in 2000, 2004, and Silver in 2008).

8) Team Canada assistant coaches Marni Abbott-Peter and Karla Tritten are both respected and accomplished members of the wheelchair basketball community. Abbott-Peter is a three-time Paralympic gold medalist, a three-time World Champion and a member of the Wheelchair Basketball Canada Hall of Fame. She also served as honorary mayor of the athlete's village at the 2010 Paralympic Games in Vancouver, in addition to broadcasting the Games' closing ceremonies with CTV anchor Brian Williams. Tritten is a Paralympic bronze medalist and a World Champion. Both former members of the Sr. Women's National Team, Abbott-Peter and Tritten have found a new calling in coaching and mentoring the next generation of wheelchair basketball athletes.

TIPS FOR REPORTING ON ATHLETES WITH A DISABILITY

THINGS TO AVOID:

- Avoid focusing the whole story on the disability by constantly referring to it. Remember the disability is only one aspect of the athlete's life so try to keep it in proper perspective without magnifying its importance.
- Avoid portraying an athlete who succeeds as extraordinary or superhuman.
- Avoid using terms like courage or courageous that suggest the athletes are performing a brave feat or facing a fear. These words are often misused to describe an athlete that is inspirational, determined, motivated, etc
- Avoid using "disabled" as a noun or adjective (most people with a disability do not see themselves as disabled, as they are able to accomplish their goals).
- Avoid using terms such as: suffering from, is a victim of, or afflicted with (most people with a disability do not see themselves as afflicted and many do not actually suffer at all, this is an over-used term and often inappropriate).

AIM TO:

- Always identify the athlete and sport first, then the disability. Often it is not necessary or relevant to the report to mention the disability.
- Emphasize the ability rather than the limitation. Try to avoid using emotional words that dramatize their lifestyle.
- Portray the athletes as they are in real life. Along with being an athlete, they may also be a parent, a civil engineer, a doctor, etc.
- Act naturally at all times. The athlete will tell you if they require assistance. If in doubt, ask.

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PREFERRED WORDS & PHRASING

AVOID:

- **Disabled** (as a noun or adjective; most people with a disability do not see themselves as disabled, as they are able to accomplish their goals)
- **Courage/Couragous**
- **Handicapped,crippled**
- **Suffering from, is a victim of, or afflicted with** (most people with a disability do not see themselves as afflicted and not all actually suffer, this is an over-used term and often inappropriate)
- **Confined to a wheelchair** (a wheelchair provides mobility and is not confining)
- **Stumps** (connotes the person's limbs we cute like a tree)
- **Disease** (many disabilities, such as Cerebral Palsy and spinal cord injuries are not caused by illness or disease)
- **Spastic**
- **Physically challenged**
- **Normal athlete**
- **A paraplegic, a quadrplegic**

SUGGESTED:

- **An athlete with a disability**
- **Determine, motivated, dedicated, inspirational**
- **Person has (name of the disability)**
- **Person/athlete who uses a wheelchair**
- **An amputee**
- **Condition**
- **Person with Cerebral Palsy**
- **Person with a disability**
- **Able-bodied athlete**
- **A person with paraplegia; a person with quadriplegia**



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