



# News Release

## Vaughan City Lashers February 17<sup>th</sup> Tournament Results

VAUGHAN, February 17, 2013 – The Vaughan City Lashers Wheelchair Basketball Team hosted their second tournament of the season today at the Vellore Village Community Center, 1 Villa Royale Avenue Woodbridge, Ontario L4H 2Z7. This event featured three teams (Kitchener Twin City Spinners, Variety Village, and the Vaughan City Lashers) from the Great Lakes Conference (GLC). The GLC has six teams and is part of the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL).

Vaughan played Kitchener in the first match and came away with a 55-37 victory with Jerry Tonello (17), Jeff Adams (17), and Chantal Benoit (10) leading the home team. Kitchener was missing one of their super stars in Tyler Miller who is out with an injury.

Kitchener had a similar outcome in the second game of the day against Variety Village losing 58-35. Warren Ibbotson (11) and Darren Bentley (10) were in double figures for the Kitchener squad while their teammate from last year Kevin Wakelin scored (22) for his new team Variety Village. Jesse McNalley hit for (20) points and Anthony Loc chipped in (11).

The final game of the day was a barn burner with the host Lashers coming out on top of Variety Village 72-60. Tonello (28), Adams (18), Benoit (18), but they had strong support from Higor DaSilva and Flavio Pagliero creating opportunities and playing good position on defense limiting the Variety Village squad to one shot. DaSilva fouled out late in the game along with McNalley (21) and Wakelin (13) from Variety Village. Abdi Dini scored (18) in a losing cause, but was the glue that held his team in the game from start to finish.

The Lashers are in action again next weekend when they will play the Brampton Cruisers and the host Variety Village Rebels. Those games are set to go on February 24<sup>th</sup> at Variety Village at 10:30 AM with Variety Village playing the Lashers followed by Brampton and the Lashers and the last game of the day Brampton and Variety Village.

The Vaughan City Lashers, named in memory of former National Team Player David Lash, honour that stars memory every time they go on court. The Lashers logo bears the imagery of David Lash and will forever immortalize a friend and teammate who was a player coach with many of the current Lashers in 2005 when his team then, the Toronto Spitfires, went undefeated during the year and captured the gold medal at the CWBL Finals.

The CWBL, governed by Wheelchair Basketball Canada (WBC), changed the rules for the 2012-2013 season. Although teams must still register and play conference games, the season play does not have a bearing on entry to the CWBL Final tournament. That tournament will be open to all comers this year and most of the rules related to international play will be used in the CWBL this season.

### **About the Vaughan City Lashers**

The Vaughan City Lashers are member partners of the Ontario Wheelchair Sports Association (OWSA), ParaSport Ontario, and Wheelchair Basketball Canada. The 2011-12 campaign marked their inaugural season in the CWBL. Their start up plan included the opportunity for years of growth and development in the area with all their partners including the City of Vaughan through Active

Together (Active Play) who recognizes the value of sport and active living for all. Their partnership with the City of Vaughan Recreation and Culture Department supports the RecAssist program in the City of Vaughan.

## About Ontario Wheelchair Sports Association

OWSA is dedicated to the development and promotion of athlete-centred, amateur wheelchair sport programs. Since 1972, the Association has been coordinating workshops, clinics, competitions, public awareness demonstrations and special events to promote wheelchair sports throughout the Province. OWSA is also responsible for setting policy, qualifying standards, enforcing rules, sanctioning events, handling protests and other related matters to ensure fair and equitable competitions.

<http://ontwheelchairsports.org/en>

## 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 Canada delivers programs and services that strengthen the sport from the grassroots level to high performance athletes competing in the Paralympic Games. Representatives from the provinces elect the Board of Directors which establishes policy and lends guidance to the development of wheelchair basketball in Canada. [www.wheelchairbasketball.ca](http://www.wheelchairbasketball.ca).

## About ParaSport Ontario

ParaSport Ontario (PO) is a non-profit organization established in 1981 to govern and organize the Summer and Winter Multi-ParaSport Games, ParaSport Expos, and development programs that include "Ready Willing and Able", "Community Sport Development Program", ParaSport Clubs, and to work with Ontario Municipalities to develop Accessible Sport Councils. Member organizations of PO include Ontario Amputee and Les Autres Sports Association (OALASA), Ontario Blind Sports Association (OBSA), Ontario Cerebral Palsy Sports Association (OCPASA), and Ontario Wheelchair Sports Association (OWSA). PO partners include eight other Provincial Sport Organizations in organizing the Ontario ParaSport Summer and Winter Games including Ontario Sledge Hockey Association, Ontario Disabled Alpine Racing Team, Ontario Curling Council, Cross Country Ontario, Swim Ontario, Ontario Therapeutic Riding Association, Ontario Lawn Bowls Association, and Athletics Ontario [www.parasportontario.ca](http://www.parasportontario.ca).

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