



## Press Release

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# WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN – MAY 21-23, 2010 Day 1 Recap

*Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association (SWSA) and Wheelchair Basketball Canada host National Championships in Saskatoon, SK*

**Saskatoon, SK** – The first day of competition is under wraps at the 2010 National Wheelchair Basketball Championships being held at the PAC gymnasium at the University of Saskatchewan May 21-23, 2010, and thus far the tournament's top four seeded teams remain undefeated.

The three-time defending champions, #1 seeded British Columbia remain the tournament favourite capturing a victory in their opening match, along with #2 seeded Quebec, #3 Ontario, and #4 Manitoba. The top four seeded teams all finish day 1 of competition with a 1-0 record.

The #5 and #6 seeds, Alberta and Saskatchewan both fall to 0-2 heading into day 2.

The tournament features elite players from across Canada including members of the Canadian Men's and Women's Senior National Teams that are both preparing to defend their Gold Medals at the 2010 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships (July 5-17) in Birmingham, GB.

### **National Championship Results:**

Quebec def. Saskatchewan - 79-33  
British Columbia def. Alberta - 63-47  
Ontario def. Saskatchewan - 66-39  
Manitoba def. Alberta - 64-44

***More information including: Individual game recaps, boxscores, and photos are available online at [www.wheelchairbasketball.ca](http://www.wheelchairbasketball.ca)***

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The National Championships is being held in conjunction with the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL) Women's National Championships - where the best female club teams in the country will also compete to decide a National champion.

The #1 seeded Edmonton Inferno are pursuing their seventh straight tournament title. They improve their record to 1-0, along with #2 seeded BC Breakers, #3 Calgary Rollers, and #4 Quebec who are also undefeated thus far.

Both Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia/Ontario fall to 0-2.

#### **Women's CWBL Results:**

Edmonton Inferno def. Saskatchewan Women 63-38  
BC Breakers def. Nova Scotia/Ontario 82-38  
Calgary Rollers def. Nova Scotia/Ontario 70-34  
Quebec Women def. Saskatchewan Women 55-23

#### **Upcoming Game Schedule:** *(free admission)*

Saturday May 22, 2010:

- 9:00am, 11:00am, 2:00pm, 4:00pm, and 6:00pm

Sunday May 23, 2010 *(medal games):*

- 8:30am (women's bronze)
- 10:30am (men's bronze)
- 12:30pm (women's gold) \* *women's medal presentations to follow*
- 3:00pm (men's gold) \* *men's medal presentations to follow*

For more information visit [www.wheelchairbasketball.ca](http://www.wheelchairbasketball.ca)

This will be the final competition for Sr. Canadian National Team athletes representing their respective provinces prior to departing for Manchester, GB for the Paralympic World Cup May 25-30, 2010.

Both the Canadian Men's & Women's Nationals Teams are the defending World Championships. They will defend their titles in the 2010 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships in Birmingham, England July 5-17, 2010.





### **About Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association**

Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association (SWSA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing and supporting opportunities for children, teens and adults with disabilities to participate in the Association's sport, recreation and leisure time activities to the best of their abilities.

### **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).

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