



## Press Release

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# BC BREAKERS WIN 2010 WOMEN'S CWBL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

**Saskatoon, SK** – The British Columbia Breakers upset the Edmonton Inferno 50-43 in the finals of the 2010 Women's Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL) National Championships Finals to win their first ever tournament title.

The Breakers join the Calgary Rollers as the only other teams to win the prestigious title since 2003 following six consecutive gold medals by the Inferno.

Janet McLachlan (Vancouver, BC) was the game's high scorer with 15 points, 17 rebounds. She helped secure the win for BC coming up clutch from the free-throw line hitting 7-of-8 free throws in the final minutes of the game. She went 9/12 on the afternoon and was named tournament MVP.

Fellow Sr. Women's National Team Players Elisha Williams (Burnaby, BC) and Jessica Vliegenthart (Victoria, BC) also had strong games. Williams finished one rebound shy of a double-double with 13 points and 9 rebounds. Vliegenthart scored 6 points and was named to the tournament All Star Team.

Edmonton's Karla Tritten led her team 14 points and 5 rebounds.

Earlier in the day Quebec defeated the Calgary Rollers 68-56 to claim third place.

### **Final Results:**

**Gold:** BC Breakers

**Silver:** Edmonton Inferno

**Bronze:** Quebec

4<sup>th</sup> – Calgary Rollers

5<sup>th</sup> - Alberta

6<sup>th</sup> – Nova Scotia / Ontario

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**MVP:**

Janet McLachlan – BC Breakers

**All Stars:**

Tara Feser – Edmonton Inferno

Kendra Ohama – Calgary Rollers

Cindy Ouellet – Quebec

Jessica Vliegenthart – BC Breakers

Lori Radke – Calgary Rollers

**Ambassador Award:**

Danielle Peers – Edmonton Inferno

The tournament is being held in conjunction with the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball National Championships - where the top male athletes in the country are also competing to decide a National Champion.

Team BC are the 3-time defending champions and they will face Team Ontario for the gold medal at 3:00pm MTD.

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

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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.

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**About Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association**

Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association (SWSA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing and supporting opportunities for children,

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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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