



# THE DAILY NEWS

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## It's the USA vs. New Zealand in the championship game

The same two teams who met in the final of the 2006 Canada Cup wheelchair rugby tournament will do it again in 2008.

Defending champion USA, who also won the title in the inaugural event in 2004, reached the final with a hard-fought 36-31 win over Great Britain.

New Zealand reached the final by scoring the winner (29-28) with 5.3 seconds left on the clock. Canada and Great Britain will play for the bronze medal today at 11:00 while the final goes at 13:00. It should be quite a championship game if history repeats. In 2006, the final went to three overtimes before the USA emerged victorious by 1 goal.

"You're looking at the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked team in the world (GBR) so of course it's going to be hard, but if you keep plugging away, plugging away, plugging away, hopefully in the end you can prevail, and we did," said US 3.0 Mark Zupan. "Tomorrow we'll play our game - limit turnovers, have a team game and hopefully the outcome will come in our favour."

Canadian Coach, Benoit Labrecque, summing up his team's loss said "New Zealand is a really good team controlling the ball and it's always really hard to beat them. It's a little bit our black beast. We still always have trouble beating them. We beat them twice last weekend at NorAm, and this weekend they came on a little bit stronger. But we finished the game well, and the big games are in 75 days. Tomorrow we will focus on controlling the game and finishing well."



New Zealand's Dave Klinkhamer is chased by Canada's Jason Crone during their semi-final match

The organizing committee for the 2008 Canada Cup wheelchair rugby tournament wishes to thank everyone for a most successful tournament, teams, coaches, referees, classifiers, partners, sponsors and volunteers.