



MEDIA ADVISORY

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2008 Canada Cup International Wheelchair Rugby Tournament MEDIA DAY

WHAT: Wheelchair rugby players from eight countries will compete at the Canada Cup June 27 - 29, 2008 in their last international competition before meeting at the Paralympic Games in Beijing in August.

The Media is invited to a Media Conference and to experience the game of Wheelchair Rugby by playing alongside some of the world's best wheelchair rugby athletes. Athletes, organizing committee members and International spokespeople will be available for interviews.

WHO: **Gail Hamamoto** (Chair, Organizing Committee, BC Wheelchair Sports Association)
Cathy Cadieux (Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association)
Brad Mikkelson (International Wheelchair Rugby Federation)
Duncan Campbell (from Vancouver, co-founder, Wheelchair Rugby)
Canadian and International Wheelchair Rugby Players

WHERE: Bonsor Recreation Centre, 6550 Bonsor Ave., Burnaby

WHEN: Wednesday, June 25, 2008
1:30pm – Media Conference; followed by Media Game

WHY: The 2008 Canada Cup International Wheelchair Rugby Tournament, hosted by BC Wheelchair Sports Association (BCWSA) and the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association (CWSA), promises to be an exciting preview of the Paralympics with the 2004 Paralympic Gold medal winning team from New Zealand attending and the team from the United States looking to defend its 2006 Canada Cup gold medal. Canada is looking to improve on its Bronze medal. They will be challenged by teams from Japan, Australia, Great Britain, Germany and China.

The Canada Cup is also a preview of the 2010 World Wheelchair Rugby being hosted by BCWSA at the Speed Skating Oval in Richmond in September, 2010.

More information: www.bcwheelchairsports.com

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