



## Canadian Cerebral Palsy Sports Association

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### Soccer Team wins Bronze Medal at the Parapanamerican Games

The Canadian Cerebral Palsy team returned from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on August 21<sup>st</sup>, proudly showing off their bronze medals at the airport. The Canadian Cerebral Palsy team beat the United States for the first time ever with a score of 1:0 to earn the podium finish on Saturday 18 August.

“Everything about the tournament was unbelievable,” says Canadian player Sefik Smajlovic. “The Canadian team did excellent and the Brazilian people were unbelievable hosts. Overall the tournament was a great experience for us.”

The Canadian Cerebral Palsy team lost their first match to Argentina 1:2 and then rebounded with a commanding 9:0 win over Colombia. The team then lost to hosts Brazil 0:7 which put them in the bronze-medal match against the United States.

Canadian goalkeeper Ross MacDonald’s favourite moment of the entire tournament was hearing the final whistle in the bronze-medal match. “We had never beaten the U.S. before and we had just won the bronze medal,” says Ross. “It was a great moment and the crowd was going wild for Canada.”



Next up for the Canadian Cerebral Palsy team is the Cerebral Palsy International Sports and Recreation World Championships in November. The CP-ISRA World Championships will bring the team back to Rio de Janeiro. This tournament is also the qualifier for the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing, China.



Photos:  
 Top Right: Jeff Buckland  
 Middle Left: Matt Brown  
 Bottom Left: Dustin Hodgson  
 Group Picture: Soccer Team Players at the Vancouver International Airport  
 Credit: CPC and CSA



### Cycling World Championships



Jean Quevillon, of St-Adele, QC and Brayden McDougall, of Calgary, AB participated in the Para Cycling World Championships, in Bordeaux, France at the end of August. The extremely hot conditions had a significant impact on the competition. Quevillon and McDougall finished 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in the Time Trial and 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in the Road Race. They also had good performances on the track. These performances are very positive a year away from the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing.

# Complete Success for Canada at the Parapanamerican Games

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (August 19, 2007) – Canada finished the Parapanamerican Games, which wrapped up Sunday, with a total of 112 medals: 49 gold, 37 silver and 26 bronze. The result placed Canada second in the country standings behind host Brazil, but ahead of the United States.

Team Canada Chef de Mission Rob Needham said that the Parapanamerican Games were a great trial run for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games.

“I’m extremely pleased with the strong performance of our 2007

Parapanamerican team,” said Needham. “We have not only earned valuable qualifying slots for next year’s Paralympic Summer Games, but have given our newer athletes a valuable multi-Games experience in preparation for Beijing.”

Country ranking is determined by the number of gold medals won. Brazil earned 83 gold and a total of 228 medals, while the United States had 37 gold and a total of 117 medals.



## Cerebral Palsy Medallists at the Parapanamerican Games

Sport	Competitor	Event	Medal	Sport	Competitor	Event	Medal
Athletics	James Shaw	Shot Put	Gold	Swimming	Jessica Hodgins	400m FS	Bronze
Athletics	Kris Vriend	Discus	Gold	Swimming	Jessica Hodgins	50m FS	Bronze
Athletics	Kris Vriend	Shot Put	Gold	Swimming	Laura Jensen	400m FS	Bronze
Athletics	Kyle Pettey	Shot Put	Gold	Swimming	Laura Jensen	50m FS	Bronze
Swimming	Andrea Cole	100m BS	Gold	7 a side Football	Matthew Brown		Bronze
Swimming	Andrea Cole	100m FS	Gold	7 a side Football	Jeff Buckland		Bronze
Swimming	Andrea Cole	200m IM	Gold	7 a side Football	Adam Burnell		Bronze
Swimming	Andrea Cole	400m FS	Gold	7 a side Football	Chris Duehrsen		Bronze
Athletics	James Shaw	Discus	Silver	7 a side Football	Dustin Hodgson		Bronze
Athletics	Robert Hughes	Shot Put	Silver	7 a side Football	Daniel Kaemingk		Bronze
Athletics	Barry Phelan	200m	Silver	7 a side Football	Ross MacDonald		Bronze
Swimming	Laura Jensen	100m FS	Silver	7 a side Football	John Phillips		Bronze
Athletics	Barry Phelan	100m	Bronze	7 a side Football	Todd Phillips		Bronze
Athletics	Megan Muscat	200m	Bronze	7 a side Football	Sefik Smajlovic		Bronze
Swimming	Jessica Hodgins	100m BA	Bronze	7 a side Football	S. Van-den Boogaard		Bronze
Swimming	Jessica Hodgins	100m FS	Bronze	7 a side Football	Derek Whitson		Bronze
Swimming	Jessica Hodgins	200m IM	Bronze				

## 2007 Boccia World Cup Legacy

CCPSA President, Sandy Hermiston, received a cheque for \$20 000 from the 2007 Boccia World Cup Society earlier this summer. The money is part of a legacy fund created following the completion of a very successful competition.

CCPSA’s share will be used to develop boccia across Canada. “We are thrilled that the competition was such a success. This money will really help as we try to grow boccia across the country” said Ms. Hermiston.

On this picture, Ms Hermiston receives the cheque from Eric Harvey and Gordon Zacher of the 2007 Boccia World Cup Society Board of Directors.

