



Canadian Cerebral Palsy Sports Association



2008 Paralympic Games Special Edition

Gauthier Finalist for Paralympic Flag Bearer



(From CPC) – Boccia athlete Paul Gauthier, wheelchair racer Chantal Petitclerc and swimmer Donovan Tildesley have been chosen as the three finalists for Canada's flag bearer at the Opening Ceremony of the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games.

The flag bearer will lead the

Canadian team into the Beijing National Stadium, which has been nicknamed the Bird's Nest, during the Opening Ceremony of the Paralympic Games on September 6. Gauthier was excited being in the top three, calling it an honour and saying being "part of an amazing Canadian contingent is always a thrill."

Gauthier, the defending Paralympic and World champion in the BC3 boccia singles competition, will be competing in his fourth Paralympic Games. The athlete with cerebral palsy earned Canada's first gold medal in boccia at the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games.

Canada is sending a team of 143 athletes to the Beijing Paralympic

Games. "With the Opening Ceremony of the 2008 Paralympic Games just around the corner, excitement is building," said Canadian team Chef de Mission Debbie Low. "We invite all Canadians to join us in cheering on Canada's Paralympians as they take on the world in Beijing."

Donovan Tildesley was chosen as the flag bearer during a ceremony earlier today in Beijing

Quick Facts of the Games

- September 6th to 17th 2008
- Estimated number of countries: 150
- Estimated number of competitors: 4,000
- Estimated number of team officials: 2,200
- Estimated number of Games officials: 800
- Estimated number of officials: 500
- Number of sports and disciplines: 20

Canadian Team

Number of Athletes: 143
 Number of Sports: 17
 Number coaches & support: 120

Official Website

<http://en.paralympic.beijing2008.cn/index.shtml>



Canadian Boccia Team: Adam Dukovich, London, On, BC2; Paul Gauthier, Vancouver, BC, BC3; Alison Kabush, Surrey, BC, BC3; Monica Martino, Vancouver, BC, BC3; Hanif Mawji, Burnaby, BC, BC1; Tammy McLeod, London, On, BC2; Brock Richardson, Brampton, On, BC1; Mario Delisle, Montreal, Qc, Head Coach; Monique Camirand, Ottawa, On, Assistant Coach; Krista Chandler, Windsor, On, Sport Psychology Consultant; Sarah Douglas, Vancouver, BC, Sport Assistant; Tara Grieve, London, On, Sport Assistant; Hussein Mawji, Burnaby, BC, Sport Assistant; Dalia Mykolaitiene, Vancouver, BC, Sport Assistant; Kimberley Reid, London, On, Sport Assistant; Ed Richardson, Brampton, On, Sport Assistant; Shannon Sydorak, Vancouver, BC, Sport Assistant; Dana Way; Videographer.

CCPSA at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games

The Canadian Cerebral Palsy Sports Association would like to congratulate and wish good luck to athletes with cerebral palsy who will compete in Beijing. Other members of CCPSA that will take part in the games are: Donna Zorn, Leslie Halicki, Jennifer Larson, Amanda Fader, David Greig and Terrie Moore.

Athletics:

Megan Muscat
DOB: 04/07/1985
Birth Place: St-Thomas, ON
Residence: Windsor, ON
Classification: T37
Event: 100m, 200m

Kris Vriend

DOB: 23/06/1972
Birth Place: Edmonton, AB
Residence: Edmonton, AB
Classification: T36
Event: Shot Put

Rowing:

Caitlin Rensson
DOB: 09/02/1983
Birth Place: Saskatoon, SK
Residence: Ottawa, ON
Classification: TA2x
Event: TA2x

Kyle Pettey

DOB: 24/09/1983
Birth Place: Kingston, ON
Residence: Brampton, ON
Classification: T34
Event: Shot Put, Discus

Cycling:

Brayden McDougal
DOB: 21/10/1987
Birth Place: Calgary, AB
Residence: Calgary, AB
Classification: CP3
Event: Time Trial, Road Race

Swimming:

Andrea Cole
DOB: 29/01/1984
Birth Place: Thunder Bay, ON
Residence: London, ON
Classification: S8
Event: 50 m, 100 m, 400 m
Freestyle; 100 m Backstroke; 100 m Butterfly

Leah Robinson

DOB: 07/11/1993
Birth Place: Kitchener, ON
Residence: Mannheim, ON
Classification: T37
Event: 100m, 200m

Jean Quevillon

DOB: 08/08/1963
Birth Place: Ste-Adèle, QC
Residence: Ste-Adèle, QC
Classification: CP3
Event: Time Trial, Road Race

Live coverage of the Paralympic Games

Beijing, China - The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has been officially confirmed that a minimum of eight hours per day of live commentated coverage of the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games will be broadcasted on IPC's internet TV channel ParalympicSport.TV. Beijing Olympic Broadcasting Co., Ltd (BOB), host broadcaster of the Paralympic Games, will provide live signals of ten Paralympic sports including Athletics, Boccia, Cycling (Track), Judo, Table Tennis, Volleyball (Sitting), Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Fencing, Wheelchair Rugby, and Wheelchair Tennis.

The official programme of ParalympicSport.TV will have an interesting mixture of the aforementioned sports, with additional daily highlights provided as video on-demand. The daily highlights will also include those sports that are not covered in the live stream. SIXTY Seconds™, the daily news show presented by Paralympian Ambassador Chris Waddell, will wrap up the latest Paralympic Games News. It will be available on the main channel at www.ParalympicSport.TV, as well as on the YouTube Channel of ParalympicSport.TV at www.youtube.com/paralympicsporttv.

Brayden McDougall on I Will Dream Big

Former CCPSA Espoir Athlete is one of two Paralympic Athletes being profiled as part of the Petro-Canada, I Will Dream Big campaign. Ads featuring Brayden ran during the Olympic Games and will continue during the Paralympic Games. They can also be viewed online at www.iwilldreambig.ca.



Television coverage

CBC

Saturday, Sept. 6: 19:00 to 20:00
(Opening Ceremony)
Saturday, Sept. 13: 13:00 to 15:30
Saturday, Sept. 20: 12:00 to 13:00
Saturday, Sept. 27: 14:00 to 15:30

RADIO-CANADA (FRENCH TV)
Saturday, Sept. 27: 14:00 to 16:00
Saturday, Oct. 4: 14:00 to 16:00