Paralympic Games (Men)

1984 - 2008

Cumulative Data

Number of teams participating	409
Complete rosters retrieved	390 (95%)
Rosters sought	19
Imcomplete scores sought	8 for men, 5 for women

As indicated above, the team rosters listed below are not complete, particularly in the early years of the Paralympics and the Gold Cup. The authors hope that the publication of this list of teams and players will encourage federations of the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) to search their records in order to add the names of missing players and coaches in a subsequent publication. We apologize for the numerous omissions and for the errors in spelling to certain names. This is due to missing documentation or errors in spelling on documents we obtained. During our editing of this work, in March 2009 and following, we were fortunate to receive some names of players that we had previously had no success in obtaining. We extend our gratitude to Dr. Ian Brittain, Paralympic historian, for providing the names of starting-5s for each competing nation in the 1960 Paralympics, as well as some missing scores. It is hoped that readers will help complete the list of teams.

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1984 Paralympic Games - Men (Stoke Mandeville, England)

Organization

The ISMGF assumed responsibility for the 7th Paralympics at the last moment when the U.S. failed to raise the necessary funds to stage the Games. The Olympics had been organized successfully in Los Angeles, California. Instead, the Games for wheelchair athletes were organized in the community where they were founded, at Stoke Mandeville near Aylesbury, England. The British Paraplegic Sports Society (BPSS) undertook direction of the Games, essentially making these Games possible along with the administrators of the Guttmann Sports Center. All other athletes with disabilities competed in New York.

Stoke Mandeville's Ludwig Guttmann Sports Center was only minimally suitable for staging an international basketball event of this stature - its pressed wood parquet floor was darkened with age and pitted with cigarette burns. The backboards were excessively flimsy by any standard. Consequently, some U.S. players chose to boycott the competition. Nonetheless, the men's and women's competitions were conducted without incident. They were in fact a success thanks to the generous rescue by Great Britain's devotees to wheelchair sports who organized the event within four short months. Prince Charles presided over the opening ceremony before a crowd of 3,000 cheering fans.

For the first time, amputees and other non-spinal cord related athletes with disabilities were permitted to play in the Paralympic Games as a result of a change in the ISMGF Constitution in 1982. For the first time at the Paralympics, wheelchair basketball implemented Horst Strohkendl's Functional Player Classification System.

1. France:	
	Philippe Baye, Eric Benault, Andre Chauve, Maurice Claeys, Michel Gradelle, Marc Guillemain, Michel Izanic, Pascal Kaczmarcyk, Dominique Marchegiani, Celestin Parsemain, Jean-Yves Regnault, Jean-Jacques Reigni
Coach:	Robert Perri
Record:	6-1

2. Netherlands:	
	Bob van der Broeck, Jan Dijs, Ron van Gelderen, Ben Klerks, Henk Makkenze, Bert van der Sommen, Frits Streyl, Peter van Velzen, Harrie Venema, Frits Wiegmann
Coach:	Rob Verheuvel
Record:	4-2

3. Sweden:	
	Nils Ander, Lars Arkestedt, Lars Gunnar Andersson, Gunnar Berglund, Sven Engbuck, Gunnar Jangbring, Bengt G. Johansson, Rolf Johnsson, Lars Lofstrom, Jan Lindholm, Bengt Nystrom, Tommy Olsson
Coach:	Tommy Jacobsson
Record:	5-1

4. U.S.:	**:**
	Chris Cooper, Michael Elix, Rick Helms, Ed Owen, Maurice Phillips, Ariel Roman, Peter Sanchez, Anardo Valdez, Manny Villa, Darryl Waller
Coach:	Armand “Tip” Thiboutot, Paul K. Jackson (Asst.)
Record:	4-3

5. Canada:	
	Florence Aukema, John Boyko, Murray Brown, Peter Collistro, Pat Griffin, Les Lam, Reg McClellan, Dean Melway, Gary Reid, Roy Sherman, John Stubbert, Randy Wyness
Coach:	Bob Bryce
Record:	4-1

6. Israel:	
	Yossi Amoyall, Tzivi Gziel, Baruch Hagai, David Krauss, Moshe Levy, Shlomo Nachava, Sur Ofer, David Perach, Dan Shahar, Yoel Shafran, Shaaban Shakapi, Jacob Zion
Coach:	Shimon Shelach
Record:	3-1

7. Mexico:	
	Juan Cornejo, Eduardo DeGaray, Henry Elgadallio, Heriberto Escalona Nicolas Garcia, Marcelino Guerra, Uriel Martinez, Eduardo Monsalvo, Ruben Rojas, Ricardo Robinson, Roberto Vargas
Coach:	Sergio Durand
Record:	1-3

8. Great Britain:	
	Terry Clarke, Phil Craven, Ray Cross, Garry Davison, Maurice Hammerton, David Kelly, Martin McElhatton, Steve Roche, Nigel Smith, Abu Yilla
Coach:	D. Reig
Record:	3-2

Non-Classified Teams (Listed alphabetically)

Australia:	
	Michael Callahan, Kevin Coombs, David Gould, Erich Hubel, Ch. Ikstrum Michael McFaun, Nick Morozoff, Richard Oliver, P. Peterson, M. Pope
Coach:	Bruno Moretti
Record:	2-2

Denmark	
	Jurgen Bennetsen, Preben J. Jacobsen, R. Job, Christian Johansen, T. Lindersson, K.V. Nielsen, P. G. Nielsen, Sheen Overgard, V. Rassmussen, Hans Skovgaard, Staun Trolle, H. Wagner
Coach:	?_____
Record:	0-3

Egypt:	
	Sallama Abdel Aal, Ramadan Nel Assal, Yossri Aziz, Mohamed Malakouf, Essmat Mawgood, Mohamed Nada, Wagih Nagib, Ibrahim Abdel Samee, Mohamed Samir, Mohamed Shaat
Coach:	?_____
Record:	0-4

Finland:	
	V. Asikainen, Petri Karkainen, Jouko Korhonen, Keijo Niemi, A. Numminen, P. Partanen, A. Pehkonen, Onto Pikkarainen, Rainer Vikstrom
Coach:	?_____
Record:	0-4

Germany:	
	Otto Albrecht, Erich Henning, Edwin Hornung, Paul Kuehnreich, Wolfgang Hollhorst, Dieter Jakubowski, Detlef Knop, Frank Michael, Guenther Ritter, Bertl Schauberger, Norbert Weinrauter
Coach:	?_____
Record:	1-2

Italy:	
	Gianni Ben Dal, Giovanni Baruzza, Andrea Buonavoglia, Carlo DiGiusto, Michele Di Rocco, P. Marcello, Franco Oroni, Rudi Liva, Rino Paniccia, Claudio Tambolini
Coach:	?_____
Record:	2-2

Japan:	
	T. Hoshi, Toshiyuki Itoh, Heita Itoh, Isao Manzaki, M. Nakamura, Tervo Nozacki, Akio Okuhara, M. Sakamoto, H. Sanpei, Sukemasa Tokunaga, Takeshi Tsuchiya, Y. Yamomoto
Coach:	K. Yoshida
Record:	2-2

Spain:	
	L. Albeda, Pedro C. Alonso, T. Armengol, Jose Benitez, Manuel Caceres, Joaquim M. Fernandez, C. Gallardo, Aantonio Gomez, Antonio Henares, Manuel Jara, S. Perez, Cesaro Ruiz
Coach:	?_____
Record:	1-2

Switzerland:	
	Daniel Amiguet, Raniero Bassi, Jakob Bruderer, Vincenzo Cavicchia, Walter Fassbind, Rene Hegetschweiler, Abdel Matmati, Francisco Mira, Remo Semmler
Coach:	?_____
Record:	1-2

Yugoslavia:	
	Irfan Agie, Adam Dmitrovic, Igor Dubrovski, Anton Koscak, Yvan Kosek, Lazo Ljubotina, S. Sonje, Zdravko Strajnar, Marian Trdina, Joze Zgainar
Coach:	?_____
Record:	1-2

Preliminary Round Results

July 22: Japan 62, Great Britain 52
Israel 70, Mexico 52
Sweden 79, Yugoslavia 60

July 23: France 118, Egypt 30
Canada 84, Switzerland 43
U.S. 90, Finland 32
Spain 74, Germany 62
Netherlands 88, Yugoslavia 40

July 24: Italy 80, Switzerland 51
Australia 64, Japan 63
Netherlands 94, Denmark 41
Israel 76, Spain 58
Canada 61, U.S. 59

July 25: Germany 64, Mexico 62
Great Britain 108, Egypt 13
U.S. 97, Italy 65

July 26: Sweden 79, Denmark 54
Switzerland 66, Finland 51
Japan 125, Egypt 26
Great Britain 48, France 47

July 27: Israel 64, Germany 43
Italy 76, Finland 48
Yugoslavia 75, Denmark 65
France 76, Japan 62
Great Britain 62, Australia 42

July 28: U.S. 82, Switzerland 23
Mexico 90, Spain 79
Australia 120, Egypt 19
Canada 67, Italy 44

July 29: Canada 88, Finland 45
France 67, Australia 44
Sweden 77, Netherlands 71

Preliminary Round Standings

Pool A	**W.**	**L.**	**F.**	**A.**
Canada	4	0	75.0	47.8
U.S.	3	1	82.0	45.3
Italy	2	2	66.3	65.8
Switzerland	1	3	45.8	74.4
Finland	0	4	44.0	80.0

Pool B	W.	L.	F.	A.
Israel	3	0	71.0	51.0
Mexico	1	2	68.0	71.0
Germany	1	2	56.3	66.7
Finland	1	2	70.3	76.0

Pool C	W.	L.	F.	A.
France	3	1	77.0	46.0
Great Britain	3	1	67.5	43.0
Australia	2	2	67.5	52.8
Japan	2	2	78.0	54.5
Egypt	0	4	22.0	92.8

Pool D	W.	L.	F.	A.
Sweden	3	0	78.3	61.7
Netherlands	2	1	84.3	52.7
Yugoslavia	1	2	53.3	77.3
Denmark	0	3	53.3	82.7

Quarterfinals

July 30: France 57, Canada 51
Sweden 77, Mexico 59
U.S. 78, Great Britain 40
Netherlands 63, Israel 59

Semifinals

July 31: France 75, Sweden 74
Netherlands 76, U.S. 74

Finals

August 1: **Bronze Medal Match**
Sweden 82, U.S. 80

Gold Medal Match
France 68, Netherlands 61

Final Ranking

1. France
2. Netherlands
3. Sweden
4. U.S.
5. Canada
6. Israel
7. Mexico
8. Great Britain

Non-Classified Teams (Listed alphabetically)

Australia
Denmark
Egypt
Finland
Germany
Italy Japan
Spain
Switzerland
Yugoslavia

International Referees

Bob Beacock	GBR
Bruno Binggeli	SUI
Paul Bokern	NED
Paul Camitsch	U.S.
Finian Egan	AUS
Dick Ellis	GBR
Ben Harnish	CAN
Amir Heller	ISR
Kenji Mizuta	JPN
Ricardo Moreno	ESP
Kauru Nagami	JPN
Al Orr	U.S.
Rene Perez	FRA
Harry Stamp	GBR
Pauli Tele	FIN

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Luciano Vecchiotti ITA
Ray Witticombe GBR

Classifiers

Bernard Courbariaux FRA
Philip Craven GBR
Michael Riding CAN
Horst Strohkendl GER
Hans Vorstefelt NED

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1988 Paralympic Games - Men (Seoul, South Korea)

Organization

The 8th Paralympic Games were conducted under the auspices of the Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games. Both men's and women's basketball were directed by the same technical personnel involved in the Olympic Games. Games were played in Chamshill and Women's Gymnasiums, sites of the regular basketball competitions in the Olympic Games. Altogether, wheelchair basketball players were able to have a similar experience to their Olympic counterparts in a true Olympic setting.

During the Games, Phil Craven of Great Britain won the election for Chairman of the ISMGF Basketball Sub-Committee and immediately began the planning for developing world zones for the sport, as well as a closer relationship with FIBA and independence from the ISMGF for the soon-to-be organized International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF).

1. U.S.:	
	Curtis Bell, Albert Campos, David Efferson, David Kiley, Joe Manni, Ed Owen, Mike Schlappi, Rick St. John, Anardo Valdez, Darryl Waller, Rod Williams, Gary Woodring
Coach:	Frank Burns, Paul Jackson (Asst.)
Record:	6-0

2. Netherlands:	
	Jan Dijs, Servaas Kemerling, Ben Klerks, Henk Makkenze, Rene Martens, M.E. Mink, Frits Streyl, Frans Van Breugel, Bob Van der Broek, Gert Jan van der Linden, Harry Venema, Frits Wiegmann
Coach:	Rob Verheuvel
Record:	5-1

3. France:	
	Philippe Baye, Eric Benault, Lionel Chavanne, Michel Gradelle, Jean-Louis Granzotto, March Guilleman, Michel Mensch, Philippe Nuttin, Fabrice Pointin, Jean-Yves Regnault, Jean-Jacques Reignier, Alain Trolong
Coach:	Robert Perri
Record:	6-1

4. Germany	
	George Beschler, Stephan Donner, Holger Gliniki, Paul Kuhnreich, Frank Michael, Wolfgang Raabe, Gunter Ritter, Berthold Schauberger, Wolfgang Schafer, Rainer Schumacher, Norbert Weinrauter, Adi Wiesnet
Coach:	Ulf Mehrens
Record:	4-3

5. Canada:	
	Murray Brown, Eric Corsaut, Pat Griffin, Roy Henderson, Braden Hirsch, Denis LaPalme, Johnny May, Ron Minor, Jeff Penner, Bruce Russell, Chris Samis, Randy Wyness
Coach:	Brent Foster
Record:	3-1

6. Israel:	
	Henry Abudbul, Ya’akov Ben-Arie, Chaim Cohen, Ziv Gaziel, Baruch Hagai, David Koren, Moshe Levy, Luschov Hannan, Ariel Otolangi, David Perach, Eyal Shem-Tov, Makbal Shufania, Yoel Shafran, Ayal Shartov, Yozel Tamir, Jacob Zion, Ofer Sur
Coach:	Baruch Hagai
Record:	2-2

7. Sweden:	
	Jonny Afeldt, Lars-Gunnar Andersson, Gunnar Berglund, Jan Edbom, Anders Forslund, Bo Gotstav, Glenn Ikonen, Jonas Jacobsson, Gunnar Jangbring, Rolf Johansson, Jalle Jungnell
Coach:	Kjell Backlund
Record:	2-2

8. Japan:	
	Yoshiteru Hoshi, Heita Ito, Toshiyuko Ito, Toru Kinoshita, Isao Kishino, Osamu Kotaki, Isao Manzaki, Hirofumi Shintani, Keniche Tomita, Sukesama Tokunaga, Takeshi Tsuchiya, Yasuyuki Yoshida
Coach:	?_____
Record:	2-2

Non-Classified Teams (Listed alphabetically)

Argentina:	
	Victor Brandoli, Jose Ceballos, Luis Daz, Luis Derez, Ruben Duso, Luis Godoy, Eduardo Gomez, Juan Jeres, Hector Leurino, Candelario Mamani, Hector Miras, Alberto Parodi, Omar Pochetino, Carlos Sesma, Jose Valladares
Coach:	?_____
Record:	1-3

Australia:	
	Troy Andrews, Sandy Blythe, Stewart Ewin, David Gould, Michael Haughey, Gerry Hewson, Erich Hubel, Michael McFawn, Richard Oliver, Chris Sparks, Steve Trestrail, Michael Walker
Coach:	Don Perriman
Record:	2-2

Belgium:	
	Andre Allemeersch, Juan Bernal, Michel Cant, Mark De Vos, Bernard Engelbrecht, March Jonniaux, Patrick Mees, Antonio Serras, Luc van Landeghem, Jean-Marie Van Hulle
Coach:	Christine De Neuter, Roger De Clerq (Asst.)
Record:	1-2

Brazil:	
	Jose Da Silva, K. DeSouza, Edson Ferraz, Celso Lima, Carlos Loba, Ricardo Lus, Fernandes Marinho, Robrto Pimenta, Roberto Ramos, E. Silva, G. Silva, Iranilson Silva
Coach:	?_____
Record:	0-3

Great Britain:	
	Mark Cheaney, Phil Craven, Callum Gordon, Joe Jayaratne, Dan Johnson, Dave Kelly, Gary Pell, Colin Price, Chris Rolt, Nigel Smith, Tony Stokell, Mark Tong
Coach:	?_____
Record:	?_____

Korea:	
	Kwang Bok Cho, Joo Yeol Choi, Jin Hee Han, Choon Doo Kim, Jung Sub Kim, Seung Koo Kim, Min Woo Lee, Chan Kyu Lim, Dae Won Lim, Yong Seok Yun
Coach:	?_____
Record:	0-3

Mexico:	
	Eduardo De Garay, Heriberto Escalona, Marcelion Guerra, Gilberto Hernandez, Rigoberto Magana, Ramon Nieves, Humberto Ruiz, Mario Torres, Roberto Vargas, Maximilian Vasquez
Coach:	Francisco Ugartechea
Record:	0-3

Morocco:	
	Mohamed Alilou, Khalid Ennadi, Mohamed Fathi, Mesoudi Mourad, Mjid Najmi, Ali Serghouchni
Coach:	Abdelkader Attar
Record:	0-4

Spain:	
	Luis Albelda, Pedro Alonso, Pablo Beiro, Manudl Caceres, Joaquin Fernandez, Antonio Gomez, Juan Guzman, Antonio Henares, Inaki Ibarrets, Eustaquio Mira, Ricardo Nunez, Salvador Zurita
Coach:	Jose Barbaro
Record:	1-2

Preliminary Round Results

October 16: Sweden 72, Brazil 22
Germany 62, Argentina 35
Australia 88, Morocco 21
France 90, Morocco 22
Israel 72, Spain 55
Netherlands 71, Korea 18
Japan 45, Belgium 41
Canada 62, Mexico 32

October 17: U.S. 85, Brazil 28
Germany 58, Morocco 28
France 55, Argentina 37
Israel 71, Korea 37
Netherlands 79, Spain 57
Belgium 71, Mexico 44
Canada 68, Japan 37

October 18: U.S. 52, Great Britain 38
France 61, Australia 49

October 19: Great Britain 61, Brazil 21
U.S. 56, Sweden 29
Australia 54, Argentina 36
France 51, Germany 38
Spain 84, Korea 63
Netherlands 62, Israel 34
Japan 74, Mexico 43
Canada 45, Belgium 37
Sweden 42, Great Britain 39

Preliminary Round Standings

Pool A	**W.**	**L.**	**F.**	**A.**
U.S.	3	0	64.3	31.7
Sweden	2	1	47.7	39.0
Great Britain	1	2	46.0	38.3
Brazil	0	3	23.7	72.7

Pool B	**W.**	**L.**	**F.**	**A.**
France	4	0	64.3	37.0
Germany	3	1	50.3	37.0
Australia	2	2	54.5	40.3
Argentina	1	3	42.5	46.0
Morocco	0	4	22.3	74.8

Pool C	W.	L.	F.	A.
Netherlands	3	0	70.0	29.3
Israel	2	1	59.0	51.3
Spain	1	2	65.3	66.3
Korea	0	3	39.3	75.3

Pool D	W.	L.	F.	A.
Canada	3	0	58.3	35.3
Japan	2	1	52.0	50.4
Belgium	1	2	49.7	44.7
Mexico	0	3	39.7	69.0

Quarterfinals

October 21: U.S. 62, Israel 37
Germany 51, Canada 49
France 54, Japan 46
Netherlands 59, Sweden 35

Semifinals

October 22: U.S. 67, Germany 31
Netherlands 45, France 37

Finals

October 23: **Bronze Medal Match**
France 54, Germany 33

Gold Medal Match
U.S. 74, Netherlands 63

Final Ranking

1. U.S.
2. Netherlands
3. France
4. Germany
5. Canada

6. Israel
7. Sweden
8. Japan

Non-Classified Teams

Argentina
Australia
Belgium
Brazil
Great Britain
Korea
Mexico
Morocco
Spain

International Referees

Gilles Briere	CAN
Paul Camitsch	U.S.
John Fanning	CAN
Amir Heller	ISR
Jergen Klein	GER
Kenji Mizuta	JPN
Ricardo Moreno	ESP
Al Orr	U.S.
Itzhak Ramot	ISR
Bruno Silvestri	ITA
Tom Visser	NED

International Classifiers

John Bourke	AUS
Bernard Courbariaux	FRA
Jean-Claude Druvert	FRA
Duccio Piras	ITA
Walter Pfaller	AUT
Michael Riding	CAN
Sheila Bastos Salgado	BRA
Kate Stokell	GBR
Horst Strohkendl	GER
Luciani Vecchiotti	ITA
Hans Vorsteveld	NED

1992 Paralympic Games - Men (Barcelona, Spain)

Organization

Wheelchair basketball received a tremendous boost by a very progressive Olympic and Paralympic Organizing Committee when the basketball tournaments were programmed for Badelona, the basketball-crazed city of Spanish professional basketball. Thousands attended both the men's and women's games in the newly-constructed Palau D'Esports over the eight-day period. The seating capacity exceeded 12,000 and few seats went empty when Spain played. The experience in Spain soared to the top of Olympus. The organizers deserved gold medals in all areas, including the food, which proved excellent both in quality and variety.

The U.S. defeated the Netherlands, 36-33, in the gold medal match. But owing to a positive doping test recorded by U.S. team captain David Kiley after the championship game, the International Paralympic Committee, the supreme authority for the Games, immediately declared the Netherlands the gold medal winner and dropped the U.S. from the final standings. Germany was promoted to silver medal status and France to the bronze. The U.S.'s team record was discounted and all other nations were advanced accordingly. The Organizing Committee published a correction to the Final Standings from which the United States was deleted. The banned substance, dextro-propoxyphene, commonly known as Darvocet, is a non-performance-enhancing pain killer. It has since been dropped from the list of banned substances. Kiley indicated that he took the Darvocet the day prior to the final to alleviate root pain, a chronic condition that affects many persons with spinal cord injury.

The wheelchair basketball tournament was organized within the administrative fabric of the Badalona Olympic Organizing Committee (COOB), marking the first time that the Paralympic Games had been organized by the same organizing committee as the Olympic Games. Many saw this as a form of integration of wheelchair basketball into the Olympic movement.

1. Netherlands:	
	Wilhelmus Cappetijn, Moestafa Charif, Antonius De Rooy, Koen Jansen, Servaas Kamerling, Ben Klerks, Sander Markus, Rene Martens, Frans Van Breugel, Bob van den Broek, Gert-Jan van der Linden, Frits Wiegmann
Coach:	Rob Verheuvel
Record:	8-0

2. Germany:	
	Tamer Artan, Georg Bechler, Wolfgang Hollhorst, Jergen Juliun, Abdulgazi Karaman, Armin Kinzelmann, Paul Kuhnreich, Frank Michael, Manfred Mikschy, Horst Rodig, Thomas Schafer, Hans Schumacher
Coach:	Ulf Mehrens
Record:	4-3

3. France:	
	Jean Denis Aboukir, Philippe Baye, Eric Benault, Lionel Chavanne, Bruno Gaudefroy, Jean-Luc Genete, Michel Gradelle, Jean-L. Granzotto, Jean-Marie Lubeth, Philippe Nuttin, Jean-Yves Regnault, Jean-Jacques Reignier
Coach:	Maurice Schoenacker
Record:	5-2

4. Canada:	
	Murray Brown, Jim Enright, Mike Frogley, Reggie Goodman, Pat Griffin, Roy Henderson, Denis LaPalme, John Lundie, Reg McClellan, Ron Minor, Chris Samis, Grant Strohbach
Coach:	Brent Foster
Record:	5-3

5. Great Britain	
	David Bramley, Steve Caine, Mark Cheaney, Terry Clark, Greg Eden, Calum Gordon, Joe Jayaratne, Simon Munn, Gary Peel, Colin Price, Nigel Smith, Tony Woolard
Coach:	Mick McCreadie
Record:	5-3

6. Spain:	
	Luis Albeda, Manuel Caceres, Diego DePaz, Joaquin Fernandez, Eloy Guerrero, Antonio Henares, Inaki Ibarreta, Juan Lara, Eustaquio Mira, Jesus Torres, Fernando Vila, Salvador Zurita
Coach:	Angel Garcia
Record:	3-4

7. Australia:	
	Troy Andrews, Sandy Blythe, Michael Callahan, Stuart Ewin, David Gould, Gerard Hewson, Errol Hyde, Tim Maloney, Richard Oliver, Troy Sachs, Stephan Trestrail, Michael Walker
Coach:	Michael Tucker
Record:	1-7

8. Japan:	
	Hiroshi Iwano, Jasuhiro Jinbo, Keisuke Koremoto, Osamu Kotaki, Eiki Mizumoto, Akio Okuhara, Hirofumi Shintani, Sukemasa Tokunaga, Takeshi Tsuchiya, Yasuyuki Yoshida, Ken-Ichi Xomita
Coach:	Y. Kaneko
Record:	3-4

9. Sweden:	
	Enoch Ablorh, Thomas Akerberg, Nils Ander, Lars-Gunnar Andersson, Gunnar Berglund, Stephan Berglund, Jan Edbom, Anders Forslund, Glenn Ikonen, Per Jameson, Jalle Jungnell, Johnny Petersson
Coach:	Bjorn Tallen
Record:	2-5

10. Israel:	
	Henri Avital, Lior Dror, Tzvi Gziel, Roni Gutterman, Elizier Hauben, Moshe Levy, Hanan Loshkov, Boaz Mizrachi, Ariel Ottolengui, Eyal Sar-Tov, Makbal Shufania, Avraham Vainberg
Coach:	Baruch Hagai
Record:	2-5

11. Argentina:	
	Fabian Castilla, Jose Ceballos, Hector Coronel, Roque DeGrazia, Ruben Dusso, Luis Godoy, Eduardo Gomez, Juan Jerez, Hecator Leurino, Candelario Mamani, Luis Paz, Omar Pochettino
Coach:	D. Patrone
Record:	0-7

Results

September 4: Germany 59, Australia a36
Netherlands 71, Israel 36
France 63, Sweden 49

September 5: France 53, Germany 44
Netherlands 47, Sweden 46
Australia 72, Israel 45
Japan 71, Argentina 44
Great Britain 57, Canada 51
U.S. 71, Spain 62

September 6: Sweden 45, Australia 43
Germany 55, France 41
U.S. 72, Argentina 41
Great Britain 79, Japan 39
Canada 53, Spain 45

September 7: Netherlands 57, Germany 46
France 61, Australia 54
Great Britain 57, Argentina 35
U.S. 53, Canada 39
Spain 68, Japan 46

September 8: Israel 58, Sweden 54
Canada 65, Argentina 33
U.S. 69, Japan 43
Great Britain 64, Spain 62

September 9: Germany 59, Sweden 58
France 52, Israel 48
Netherlands 79, Australia 61
Canada 62, Japan 54
U.S. 64, Great Britain 45
Spain 58, Argentina 52

Preliminary Round Standings

Pool A	**W.**	**L.**	**F.**	**A.**
Netherlands	5	0	61.8	46.0
France	4	1	54.0	50.0
Germany	3	2	52.6	47.6
Australia	1	4	53.2	57.8
Sweden	1	4	50.4	54.0
Israel	1	4	44.2	60.8

Pool B	**W.**	**L.**	**F.**	**A.**
U.S.	5	0	65.9	46.0
Great Britain	4	1	60.4	50.2
Canada	3	2	54.0	48.4
Spain	2	3	59.6	57.2
Japan	1	4	50.6	64.4
Argentina	0	5	41.0	64.6

Quarterfinals

September 10:	Netherlands 59, Spain 53	
	Germany 43, Great Britain 40	
	France 49, Canada 48	
	U.S. 61, Australia 53	
Classification	Sweden 47, Argentina 39	
	Japan 61, Israel 56	

Semifinals

September 11:	U.S. 71, France 47	
	Netherlands 61, Germany 32	
Classification	Canada 62, Australia 48	
	Great Britain 55, Spain 54	

Finals

September 12:	Israel 47, Argentina 42	11th-12th
	Japan 51, Sweden 50	9th-10th
	Spain 63, Australia 59	7th-8th
	Canada 60, Great Britain 45	5th-6th
September 13:	**Bronze Medal Match**	
	Germany 42, France 38	
	Gold Medal Match	
	U.S. 39, Netherlands 36	

Due to doping violation by U.S. player Dave Kiley and U.S. Coach Harry Vines, the U.S. team was disqualified and the Netherlands was awarded gold, Germany silver, and France bronze.

Final Ranking

1. Netherlands
2. Germany
3. France
4. Canada
5. Great Britain
6. Spain
7. Australia
8. Japan

9. Sweden
10. Israel
Argentin
11. a

International Referees

J. Bestilleiro ARG
Gilles Briere CAN
Paul Camitsch U.S.
Sergio Campos ESP
Fabio Comoletti ITA
Mike Constantino SWE
Ross Dewell AUS
Robert English GBR
Vlad Eshenko CAN
Jean Evrard FRA
Lars Kjerrgren SWE
Detlef Krings GER
Norbert Kucera GER
Peter Kusters NED
Mark Nelsen U.S.
Luc Raes BEL
Itzhak Ramot ISR
Ramon Ranera ESP
K. Sugiyama JPN
Juan Urunuela ESP
H. Van Haasteren NED
Francisco Verde ESP

International Classifiers

Bernard Courbariaux FRA
Kathy Curtis U.S.
Pedro Lanau ESP
Pepe Mendoza ESP
Sheila Bastos Salgado BRA
Armand Thiboutot U.S.
Dinh Tan Trien FRA
Hans Vorsteveld NED

1996 Paralympic Games - Men (Atlanta, Georgia)

Organization

The Atlanta Paralympic Organizing Committee (APOC) was unaffiliated with the Atlanta Olympic Organizing Committee (ACOG), so arrangements for conducting the men's and women's basketball tournaments were undertaken separately, particularly in the use of facilities. Preliminary round games were held at Morehouse College and the Omni. The Quarterfinals through the finals were also played in the Omni, home of the Atlanta Hawks of the NBA. A crowd of 6000 watched the Australians defeat Great Britain in the men's final. Canada rolled past the U.S. in the women's final.

1. Australia:	
	Roy Andrews, Robert Blythe, Orfeo Cecconato, Benjamin Cox, Stewart Ewin, David Gould, Gerard Hewson, Tim Maloney, Nicholas Morris, Richard Oliver, Troy Sachs, David Selby
Coach:	Mark Walker
Record:	7-1

2. Great Britain:	
	David Bramley, Steve Caine, Mark Cheaney, Calum Gordon, Joe Jayaratne, Daniel Johnson, Simon Munn, Garry Peel, Colin Price, Nigel Smith, M. Tarkenter, A. Woolard
Coach:	John Stainton
Record:	5-3

3. U.S.:	
	Reggie Colton, Chuck Gill, Trooper Johnson, Mel Juette, Tim Kazee, Rob Knight, Jim Miller, Mike Schlappi, Mark Shepherd, Craig Shewmake, Randy Snow, Darryl Waller
Coach:	Brad Hedrick
Record:	7-1

4. Spain	
	Manuel Berzal, Jose Cobos, Diego DePaz, Antonio Henares, Juan Lara, Eduardo Lopez, Pablo Martin, Manuel Perez, Estaquio Mira, M.Rodriguez, Jose Sole, Jesus Torres
Coach:	Angel Garcia
Record:	5-3

5. Canada:	
	James Borisoff, Dan Brinton, Erick Coursault, David Durepos, Jim Enright, Pat Griffin, Roy Henderson, Kenneth Hall, Joey Johnson, Stewart McKeown, Richard Peter, James Treuer
Coach:	Joe Higgins
Record:	5-3

6. France:	
	Jean Denis Aboukir, Oahid Boustilla, Lionel Chevan ne, Mario Fahrasmane, Bruno Gaudefroy, Jean-Luc Genete, Jean-Louis Levesque, Bertrand Libman, Philippe Nuttin, Jean-Yves Regnault, Ryad Sallem, Jose Therezo
Coach:	Maurice Schoenacker
Record:	5-3

7. Netherlands:	
	Cherif Jebari, Wibert Cappetijn, Frank DeGoede, Anton Derooy, Ruud Dettmer, Koen Jansens, Servaas Kamerling, Sander Markus, Rene Martens, K. Van der Werf, Gert-Jan van der Linden, Jeffery Van Loon
Coach:	Rob De Koning
Record:	4-4

8. Japan	
	Hiroshi Iwano, Yasuhiro Jimbo, Keisuke Kuretomo, Hiroshi Kuramochi, Shingo Kurogi, Katsumi Miyake, Eiki Mizumoto, Akio Okuhara, Tomohiko Oshimo, Kiyotaka Shiota, Hiroshi Sugiyama
Coach:	Osamu Kotaki
Record:	2-6

9. Sweden:	
	Enoch Ablorh, Jonny Afeldt, Tomas Akberg, Gunnar Berglund, Joachim Gustavsson, Hussein Haidari, Jarl-Olof Jungnell, Lars Lofstrom, Kenneth Sorensen, Per Uhlen, Christian Wapner, Stefan Wegeborn
Coach:	Bjorn Tallen
Record:	3-4

10. Mexico:	
	Ricardo Castaneda, Salvador Diaz, Mauro Duran, Gilberto Hernandez, Martin Isaias, Pablo Larraga, Rigoberto Magana, Eduardo Monsalvo, Ramon Nieves, Raul Ortega, Roberto Vargas, Salvador Zavala
Coach:	Herib Escalona
Record:	1-5

11. Argentina:	
	Fabian Castilla, Jose Ceballos, Oscar Diaz, Ramon Garcete, Eduardo Gomez, Juan Jerez, Candelario Mamani, Hector Miras, Alberto Parodi, Omar Pochettino, Marcos Sotelo, Luis Valenzuela
Coach:	A. Castineria
Record:	1-6

12: Iraq:	
	No record of roster due to failure to attend. All games defaulted.

Results

August 16: Great Britain 93, Argentina 36
Canada 52, Mexico 44
Spain 69, Australia 56
Netherlands 72, Japan 42
France 57, Sweden 51

August 17: Great Britain 52, Mexico 46
Netherlands 58, Sweden 44
Canada 62, Spain 53
U.S. 80, Japan 32
Australia 70, Argentina 37

August 18: Japan 52, Sweden 47
Spain 76, Mexico 60
U.S. 72, France 43
Australia 63, Great Britain 55
Canada 72, Argentina 24

August 19: France 46, Netherlands 41
Spain 54, Great Britain 47
U.S. 92, Sweden 49
Mexico 47, Argentina 42
Australia 52, Canada 42

August 20: France 61, Japan 47
Spain 63, Argentina 44
Great Britain 56, Canada 51
U.S. 53, Netherlands 42
Australia 65, Mexico 47

Standings

Pool A	**W.**	**L.**	**F.**	**A.**
Spain	4	1	63.0	53.8
Australia	4	1	61.2	50.0
Great Britain	3	2	60.6	50.0
Canada	3	2	55.8	45.8
Mexico	1	4	48.8	57.4
Argentina	0	5	36.6	69.0

Pool B	**W.**	**L.**	**F.**	**A.**
U.S.	5	0	59.4	33.2
France	4	1	41.5	42.2
Netherlands	3	2	42.6	37.0
Japan	2	3	34.6	52.0
Sweden	1	4	38.2	51.0
Iraq	0	5	-	-

Quarterfinals

August 21: Spain 61, Japan 48
Australia 46, Netherlands 44
Great Britain 53, France 50
U.S. 61, Canada 49

August 22: Sweden 52, Argentine 45
France 61, Japan 50
Canada 52, Netherlands 44

Semifinals

Great Britain 50, Spain 44
Australia 63, U.S. 57

Classification

August 23:	Argentina 2, Iraq 0	11th-12th
	Sweden 64, Mexico 49	9th-10th
	Netherlands 73, Japan 49	7th-8th
	Canada 69, France 68	5th-6th

Finals

August 23: **Bronze Medal Match**
U.S. 66, Spain 60

Gold Medal Match
Australia 78, Great Britain 63

Final Ranking

1. Australia
2. Great Britain
3. U.S.
4. Spain
5. Canada
6. France
7. Netherlands
8. Japan
9. Sweden
10. Mexico
11. Argentina
12. Iraq

International Referees

Jorge Bestilleiro	ARG
Gilles Briere	CAN
Paul Camitsch	U.S.
Sergio Campos	ESP
Mike Constantino	SWE
R. DeSouza	BRA
Ross Dewell	AUS
Bob English	GBR
Vlad Eshenko	CAN
Jean Evrard	FRA

Juan Ferrer MEX
Tony Gonzales U.S.
Keith Kershaw GBR
Norbert Kucera GER
Greg Love AUS
Ricardo Moreno ESP (Senior Referee)
Mark Nelsen U.S.
Stefan Otto AUT
Ulrich Otto GER
Itzhack Ramot ISR
Mitsuya Sato JPN
Don Steponchev CAN (Senior Referee)
Kaneyoshi Sugiyama JPN
H. Van Haasteren NED
Edwin Wallaart NED

International Classifiers

Bernard Courbariaux FRA
Kathy Curtis U.S.
Kamel Meziani ALG
Frederico Posse ARG
Horst Strohkendl GER
Dinh Tan Trien FRA

2000 Paralympic Games - Men (Sydney, Australia)

Organization

Played in two arenas, the Superdome and one of three Pavilions, the Sydney basketball experience was a sight to behold. Sydney's Superdome deserves particular mention, a beautiful and totally accessible Olympic facility that, like the great venues of the past, propelled these Paralympics, into the best-ever category, challenging Barcelona for that distinction. Many seasoned wheelchair basketball fans described the Superdome as the most beautiful and accessible they had ever seen.

More than 300,000 spectators, young and old, some politely enthusiastic, made their way into the two basketball venues to witness the exciting competition; but most proved downright fanatical, particularly in support of the Aussie teams. The Aussie women rewarded their supporters by winning a silver medal.

It first became clear that Australia was taking the staging of the Paralympics very seriously when, long before the arrival of the athletes, there appeared above the top of Sydney's highest point, the AMP tower, a powerful symbol of integration in sport and of course, in society itself. That symbol was a huge 4-ton statue sculpted in stainless steel of a woman, modeled after a wheelchair basketball player. There she was, Australian star Liesl Tesch, sitting in her wheelchair, alongside a similar sculpture of a female Olympic gymnast and one of an Olympic sprinter.

Australia could have stopped there and assumed they had done enough to advance the visibility of the Paralympics and wheelchair sports. But the Australian media took the Paralympics a giant step forward, providing unequaled sports-oriented coverage of the games.

For example, it warmed the hearts of wheelchair "basketballers" to see an entire section of the Sydney Morning Herald titled Paralympics. One could have turned the page of that newspaper and found a full-page color photo of another Australian basketball star, Troy Sachs. Sachs' arms were spread wide while his hands formed the victory salute. More symbolism, but it was symbolism infused with reality, for the Sydney Paralympics will never be forgotten by those who love wheelchair basketball. The entire event also lent even greater substance to our belief that Australia should henceforth be known as - The Great Down Under

1. Canada:	
	Patrick Anderson, Jaimie Borisoff, Jeff Dennis, Dave Durepos, Travis Gaertner, Ken Hall, Roy Henderson, Joey Johnson, Ross Norton, Richard Peter, Chris Stoutenburg, James Treue
Coach:	Mike Frogley, Paul Bowes (Asst.)
Record:	8-0

2. Netherlands:	
	Frank de Goede, Anton de Rooiy, Ruud Dettmer, Koen Jansens, Mustafa Jebari, Rene Martens, Mario Oosterbosch, Wm t Lam, Kees van der Bunte, Gert-Jan van der Linden, Arie van Gent, Kornelis van der Werf
Coach:	Rob Verheuvel, Luc Vergoossen (Asst.)
Record:	7-1

3. U.S.:	
	Eric Barber, Curtis Bell, Chuck Gill, Jeff Glasbrenner, William Hernandez, Trooper Johnson, Melvin Juette, David Kiley, Mike Schlappi, Paul Schulte, Steve Tew, Will Waller
Coach:	Dan Byrnes, Frank Burns (Asst.)
Record:	5-2

4. Great Britain:	
	Ade Adepitan, Andrew Blake, David Bramley, Terry Bywater, Steve Caine, Kevin Hayes, Fred Howley, Dan Johnson, Simon Munn, Jonathan Pollock, Colin Price, Sinclair Thomas
Coach:	David Titmuss, Nigel Smith (Asst.)
Record:	5-3

5. Australia:	
	Troy Andrews, Sandy Blythe, David Gould, Shaun Groenewegen, Gerry Hewson, Adrian King, Michael McFawn, Nick Morris, Brad Ness, Shane Porter, Brook Quinn, Troy Sachs
Coach:	Bob Turner, Richard Oliver (Asst.)
Record:	5-3

6. France:	
	Jean-Denis Aboukir, Philippe Baye, Ouahid Boustila, Jerome Courneil, Lionel Dixneuf, Mario Fahrasmane, Frederic Guyot, David Hamelin, Jean Pascal Laffont, Bertrans Libman, Riadh Sallem, Jose Therezo
Coach:	Jean-Paul Soriano, Maurice Schoenacker (Asst.)
Record:	5-3

7. Sweden:	
	Enoch Ablorh, Thomas Akerberg, Lars-Gunnar Andersson, Gunnar Berglund, Daniel Flensburg, Joachim Gustavsson, Hussein Haidari, Per Jameson, Peter Kohlstroem, Per Uhlen, Chairstian Wapner, Stefan Wegeborn
Coach:	Kjell Karlsson, Joakim Stavegren (Asst.)
Record:	3-5

8. Germany	
	Lars Christink, Ahmet Coskun, Thomas Fischer, Markus. Haberkorn, Lars Huebner, Dirk Koehler, Jeorg Leonhardt, Martin Otto, Ralf Schwarz. Markus Sniegocki, Dirk Thalheim, Giodo Wimmers
Coach:	Gerd Roemer
Record:	2-6

9. Japan:	
	Masaharu Ishihara, Hiroshi, Yasuhiro Jimbo, Keisuki Koretomo, Kazuyuki Kyoya, Katsumi Miyake, Sinji Negi, Shinpei Oikawa, Tomohiko Oshimo, Katsuya Sasaki, Hirofumi Shintani, Takao Sugasawa
Coach:	Osamu Kotaki, Tomoki Ogawa (Asst.)
Record:	3-4

10. Mexico:	
	Luis Blancas, Mauro Duran, Gilberto Hernandez, Armando Isaias, Pablo Larraga, Rigoberto Magana, Julio Cesar Olivas, Raul Ortega, Jose Pulico, Sergio Quevedo, Pedro Salvador, Salvador Zavala
Coach:	Alejandro Lopez Nino, Aaron Davila (Asst.)
Record:	2-5

11. Korea:	
	Jim-Hee Han, Sa-Hyun Han, Chan-Kuw Im, Hee-Joon Kang, Ho-Yong Kim, Ji-Nam Kim, Jung-Seob Kim, Young-Duk Kim, Kwang-Yub Ko, Sea-Kyun Park, Hun-Mo Yang
Coach:	Shin In-Chul
Record:	1-6

12. South Africa:	
	Leon Fleiser, Shaun Hartnick, James Houston, Buntu Manyana, Richard Nortje, Kobus. Oeschger, Aye Htun Ohn, Marius Papenfus, Joppie Victor Duggie Wessels, Grant Waites, Ralph Williams
Coach:	Shawn Moorgas, Craig Moorgas (Asst.)
Record:	0-7

Preliminary Round Results

October 19: Canada 61, Mexico 33
Netherlands 83, Korea 48
Australia 64, Japan 36
Great Britain 61, Germany 43
France 51, Sweden 50
U.S. 97, South Africa 25

October 20: Netherlands 62, Japan 52
Sweden 57, Korea 55 (OT)
Canada 55, Great Britain 50
U.S. 60, Mexico 44
France 63, Australia 54
Germany 113, South Africa 27\

October 21: France 67, Japan 44
Canada 85, South Africa 25
U.S. 58, Germany 46
Great Britain 70, Mexico 58
Netherlands 62, Sweden 45

October 22: Mexico 83, South Africa 34
Netherlands 76, France 51
U.S. 74, Great Britain 65 (OT)
Australia 69, Sweden 54
Japan 64, Korea 43
Canada 68, Germany 43

October 23: France 65, Korea 48
Germany 69, Mexico 56
Sweden 60, Japan 43
Great Britain 83, South Africa 32
Canada 58, U.S. 45
Netherlands 48, Australia 47

Preliminary Round Standings

Pool A	**W.**	**L.**	**F.**	**A.**
Canada	5	0	65.4	39.2
U.S.	4	1	66.8	47.6
Great Britain	3	2	65.8	52.4
Germany	2	3	62.8	54.0

Mexico	1	4	54.8	58.8
South Africa	0	5	28.6	92.2

Pool B	W.	L.	F.	A.
Netherlands	5	0	66.2	48.6
France	4	1	59.4	54.4
Australia	3	2	62.2	46.8
Sweden	2	3	53.2	56.0
Japan	1	4	47.8	59.2
Korea	0	5	45.4	69.2

Quarterfinals

October 25:
U.S. 62, Australia 54
Netherlands 72, Germany 66
Great Britain 67, France 56
Canada 73, Sweden 39

Classification

October 26:
Mexico 70, Korea 56
Japan 81, South Africa 29
Netherlands 63, U.S. 62
Canada 66, Great Britian 51

Semifinals

October 27:
Australia 61, Germany 53
France 75, Sweden 74

Placement

October 28:

Korea 75, South Africa 42	11th-12th
Japan 56, Mexico 55	9th-10th
Sweden 56, Germany 40	7th-8th
Australia 50, France 47	5th-6th

Finals

Bronze Medal Match
U.S. 57, Great Britain 54

Gold Medal Match
Canada 57, Netherlands 43

Final Ranking

1. Canada
2. Netherlands
3. U.S.
4. Great Britain
5. Australia
6. France
7. Sweden
8. Germany
9. Japan
10. Mexico
11. Korea
12. South Africa

International Referees

Sharon Arnold AUS
Christofer Behre SWE
Balwant Bhania GBR
Gilles Briere CAN
Jon Burford U.S.
Gabriele Caligiuri AUS
Sergio Campos ESP
Hak Mo Chung KOR
Ross Dewell AUS
Bahaas El-Dein El Khateb JOR
Robert English GBR
Vlad Eshenko CAN
Sebastien Gauthier CAN
Tony Gonzales U.S.
Hans-Dieter Jungmann GER
Ulrich Otto GER
Itzhak Ramot ISR
David Schoenacker FRA
Kaneyoshi Sugiyama JPN
Spiridon Tsountsouras GRE
Theo Vlug NED
Edwin Wallaart NED

International Classifiers

Toufic Allouche	LEB
Kathy Curtis	U.S.
Ken McKay	GBR
Luis Paz	ARG
Don Perriman	AUS
Dinh Tan Trien	FRA

2004 Paralympic Games - Men (Athens, Greece)

Organization

Wheelchair basketball was played in the beautiful O.A.K.A. Indoor Sports Stadium, the same venue where Olympian basketball players demonstrated their basketball skills. Athens, home of the ancient culture that gave the world the Olympics not to mention the principles of democracy which have played such an important role in the development of sports for individuals with disabilities, graciously hosted the 2004 Olympics and its Paralympic counterpart.

O.A.K.A.stadium proved to be an ideal facility for basketball, but less so for wheelchair basketball players and their fans who used wheelchairs. It quickly became evident that accessibility was not built in to the original design as was the case in Sydney. Ramps did not meet the standards that had been set by Sydney and other organizers. Wheelchair access to elevators and to the basketball court often required the use of over-the-staircase lifts.

The difficulties encountered by individuals in wheelchairs were significantly offset by the hospitality and goodwill manifested by the organizers and the ubiquitous volunteers. Traditional and contemporary Greek music was played during pauses in the competition. And, needless to say, spectators dance the Zorba in and out of the aisles, imparting a festive atmosphere to the competition.

It would be the first Paralympic basketball tournament played since Phil Craven resigned as president of the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation in 2002. Craven, a great wheelchair basketball player in his own right, was subsequently elected president of the International Paralympic Committee. His appearance at numerous matches, as well as his spontaneous reaction to outstanding play, demonstrated that he had not lost his enthusiasm for the game in which he excelled.

1. Canada:	
	Patrick Anderson, Jamie Borisoff, Bradley Bowden, Dave Durepos, David Eng, Travis Gaertner, Roy Henderson, Joey Johnson, Adam Lancia, Ross Norton, Richard Peter, Chris Stoutenburg
Coach:	Mike Frogley, Paul Bowes (Asst.), Jerry Tonello (Asst.)
Record:	8-0

2. Australia:	
	Brendan Dowler, Justin Eveson, Andrew Flavell, Adrian King, Tristan Knowles, Campbell Message, Grant Mizens, Brad Ness, Shaun Norris, Troy Sachs, David Selby, Daryl Taylor
Coach:	Murray Treseder, Alan Cox (Asst.)
Record:	6-2

3. Great Britain:	
	Ade Adepitan, Andy Blake, Matt Byrne, Terry Bywater, Peter Finbow, Kevin Hayes, Fred Howley, Stuart Jellows, Simon Munn, Jon Pollock, Colin Price, Saint Thomas
Coach:	David Titmuss, Nigel Smith (Asst.)
Record:	4-4

4. Netherlands:	
	Peter Brandsen, Mustafa Charif Jebari, Anton de Roody, Ruud Dettmer, Frank de Goede, Koen Jansens, Wim T Lam, Mario Oosterbosch, Frans van Bruegel, Gert Jan van der Linden, Kornelis van der Werf
Coach:	Wim van Ek, Constant van Loenen (Asst.)
Record:	5-3

5. Germany:	
	Lars Christink, Ben Doering, Thomas Fischer, Markus Haberkorn, Joerg Hilger, Abdulgazi Karaman, Lars Lehmann, Martin Otto, Ralf Schwarz, Joachim Peter Schermuly, Dirk Thalheim, Sebastian Hagen Wolk
Coach:	Frits Wiegmann
Record:	5-2

6. Italy:	
	Damiano Airoldi, Fabio Bernardis, Matteo Cavegnini, Salvatore Cherchi, Sandra Cherubini, Sergio Cherubini, Alberto Pellegrini, Mauro Pennino, Alberto Pellegrini, Fabio Raimondi, Stefano Rosetti, Emiliano Rocca
Coach:	Carlo de Giusto, Clifford Fischer, Jr. (Asst.)
Record:	5-2

7. U.S.	
	Juan Angulo, Gavin Cloy, Jeffery Shawn Dills, Jeff Glassbrenner, Jeff Griffin, Trooper Johnson, Jeremy Lade, Jason Nelms, Michael Paye, Jermell Pennie, Matt Scott, Joshua Turek
Coach:	Maurice Phillips
Record:	5-2

8. Japan:	
	Shingo Fujii, Reo Fujimoto, Yasuyuki Hasegawa, Yasuhiro Jimbo, Keisuke Koretomo, Kazuyuki Kyoya, Katsumi Miyake, Noriyuki Mori, Tomohiko Oshima, Takao Sugasawa, Hisanobu Sugiura, Naoki Yasu
Coach:	Tomoki Ogawa, Akio Okuhara (Asst.)
Record:	2-5

9. Iran:	
	Alireza Ahmadi, Ahmad Daghaghele Pour, Alireza Danesh, Morteza Gharibloo, Zakariya Hesamy Zadeh, Mohammadreza Karimi, Majid Mokhtari, Seyed Abolfazl Mousvi, Gholamreza Nami, Bahman Seifi, Ebrahim Taghiloo, Adel Torfi Manshadi
Coach:	Abdolghafour Kamrava, Kamak Eshgh (Asst.)
Record:	2-4

10. Brazil:	
	Alex Alves, Carlos da Silva Junior, Paulo Dos Santos, Wandemberg Nascimento, Irio Nunes, Thiago Oliveira, Nilton Pessoa, Heriberto Roca, Erick Silva, Glebe Silva, Marcos Silva, Sandocal Silva
Coach:	Gilson Santos, Itamar Silva (Asst.)
Record:	1-5

11. France:	
	Philippe Baye, Ouahid Boustila, Audrey Cayol, Jerome Courneil, Roger Deda, Mario Fahrasmane, Fredric Guyot, Abou Konate, Bertrand Libman, Ryadh Sallem, Jose Therezo, Manual Vaisioa
Coach:	Stephane Pourcelot, Maurice Schoenacker (Asst.)
Record:	2-4

12. Greece:	
	Michalis Chatzidimitrou, Panagiotis Chrisovergis, Angelos Dimitouzis, Georgios Echlert, Vaios Gioras, Georgios Kounias, Nikolaos Loulas, Athananios Maltas, Georgios Petrakis, Michalis Stergiopoulos, Periklis Tsapanidis, Angelos Tsiakiris
Coach:	Emmanouil Zacharakis, Emmanouil Efstathiou (Asst.)
Record:	0-6

Priliminary Round Results

September 18: Canada 78, Brazil 55
Italy 51, Great Britain 48
Australia 74, France 53
U.S. 54, Japan 46
Iran 81, Greece 33
Germany 63, Netherlands 52

September 19: Australia 80, Great Britain 59
Brazil 74, France 54
Canada 83, Italy 54

September 20: Germany 79, Japan 58
U.S. 73, Iran 50
Netherlands 95, Greece 34

September 21: Italy 67, Brazil 50
Great Britain 75, France 43
Canada 66, Australia 38
Japan 79, Iran 57
Germany 101, Greece 39
Netherlands 82, U.S. 66

September 22: Canada 63, France 43
Australia 57, Italy 52
Great Britain 66, Brazil 57

September 23: Netherlands 83, Iran 51
Japan 73, Greece 32
U.S. 71, Germany 49

September 24: France 62, Italy 52
Canada 63, Great Britain 45
Australia 66, Brazil 51
Netherlands 76, Japan 47
U.S. 85, Greece 27
Germany 67, Iran 53

Preliminary Round Standings

Pool A	W.	L.	F.	A.
Canada	5	0	70.6	47.0
Australia	4	1	63.0	56.2
Italy	2	3	55.1	61.4
Great Britain	2	3	58.6	58.8
Brazil	1	4	57.4	66.2
France	1	4	52.4	67.6

Pool A	W.	L.	F.	A.
U.S.	4	1	69.8	50.8
Netherlands	4	1	77.6	52.2
Germany	4	1	71.8	54.6
Japan	2	3	60.6	59.8
Iran	1	4	58.4	67.0
Greece	0	5	33.0	87.0

Quarterfinals

September 25: Australia 79, Germany 60
Great Britain 62, U.S. 59
Netherlands 70, Italy 64
Canada 79, Japan 48

Semifinals

September 26: Australia 64, Great Britain 52
Canada 91, Netherlands 70

Classification

September 26:	France 78, Greece 55	11th-12th
	Iran 67, Brazil 63	9th-10th
September 27:	U.S. 79, Japan 56	7th-8th
	Germany 76, Italy 62	5th-6th

Finals

September 28: **Bronze Medal Match**
Great Britain 82, Netherlands 66

Gold Medal Match
Canada 70, Australia 53

Final Ranking

1. Canada
2. Australia
3. Great Britain
4. Netherlands
5. Germany
6. Italy
7. U.S.
8. Japan
9. Iran
10. Brazil
11. France
12. Greece

International Referees

Sharon Arnold	AUS
Bob Bahnia	GBR
Andre Bosveld	NED
Jon Burford	U.S.
Abderrahmane Djedidi	ALG
Antonella Frabetti	ITA
Sebastian Gauthier	CAN
Sergio Giordano	CAN
Tony Gonzales	U.S.
Eisuke Kanno	JPN
Max Kindervater	GER
Steven Lee	GBR
Rui Marques	BRA
Ulli Otto	GER
Andrianos Pavlopoulos	GRE
Denis Quin	FRA
Mauro Retiz	MEX
Platonas Serras	GRE
Barry Spicer	AUS
Kaneyoshi Sugiyama	JPN
Zarko Tomsic	SLO
Spiros Tsountsouras	GRE

Juan Urunuela	ESP
Edwin Wallaart	NED

International Classifiers

Toufic Allouche	LEB
Regina Costa	POR
Don Perriman	AUS
Walter Pfaller	AUT
Cristina Rosello	URU
Dinh Tan Trien	FRA

2008 Paralympic Games - Men (Beijing, China)

Organization

Former IWBF President Philip Craven, currently president of the International Paralympic Committee, frequently described these games as the "the greatest Paralympics ever."

Wheelchair basketball saw 22 teams (12 men, 10 women) compete for gold in two facilities, the smaller but excellent University of Science and Technology Beijing Gymnasium (U.S.TBG) and the grand National Indoor Stadium, a superb facility which , like the U.S.TBG, provided very good accessibility for individuals using wheelchairs. Capacity crowds often filled the National Indoor Stadium, cheering enthusiastically for all nations. The number of basketball fans in attendance surpassed all previous Paralympics. On the figurative fandom scale measuring enthusiasm, Beijing at least equaled the excitement that had emanated from the crowds that gathered to watch basketball in Barcelona 1992.

Presidents graced the basketball arena, not the least of which were China's leader Hu Jiantao, accompanied by Philip Craven, who joined his wheelchair basketball mates in the accessible seating section. FIBA president Bob Elphinston attended several matches.

The accessibility of the National Indoor Stadium rivaled its beautiful and well – designed counterpart at Sydney 2000.

On the negative side, Iran was disqualified for failure to comply with the official schedule when it refused to play the U.S.

1. Australia	
	Dylan Alcott, Brendan Dowler, Justin Eveson, Michael Hartnett, Adrian King,Tristan Knowles, Grant Mizens, Brad Ness (Capt.), Shaun Norris, Troy Sachs, Tige Simmons, Brett Stibners
Coach:	Benjamin Ettridge, Craig Anthony (Asst.)
Record:	7-1

2. Canada	
	Patrick Anderson, Jamie Borisoff, Abditach Dini, Dave Durepos, David Eng, Robert Hedges, Joey Johnson, Adam Lancia, Ross Norton, Richard Peter, Yvon Rouillard, Chris Stoutenberg
Coach:	Mike Frogley, Assts: Jerry Tonello, Paul Bowes
Record:	7-1

3. Great Britain:	
	Joseph Bestwick, Andy Blake, Simon Brown, Matt Byrne, Terry Bywater, Peter Finbow, Jonathan Hall, Kevin Hayes, Abdillah Jama, Simon Munn, Ade Orogbemi, Jon Pollock
Coach:	Murray Treseder, Assts: Haj Bhania, Sinclair Thomas
Record:	6-2

4. U.S:	
	Eric Barber, Joe Chambers, Jacob Counts, Jeff Glassbrenner, Jeremy Lade, Matt Lesperance, Jaime Mazzi, Jay Nelms, Michael Paye (Capt.), Paul Schulte, Matt Scott, Steve Serio
Coach:	Steve Wilson, Assts, Tracy Chynoweth, Paul Jackson
Record:	4-3

5. Germany:	
	Andre Bienek, Lars Christink (Capt.), Ahmet Coskun, Florian Fischer, Dirk Kohler-LenzAndreas Kress, Lars Lehmann, Bjoern Lohmann, Dirk Passiwan, Mimoun Quali, Jen Schuermann, Dirk Thalheim, Sebastian Wolk
Coach:	Frits Wiegmann, Siggi Moertl (Asst.)
Record:	5-3

6. Israel:	
	Don Igal Allon Dor, David Drai, Liol Dror, Ron Furman, Shay-Refael Haim, Liran Hendel, Avraham Lehrman, Dotan Meishar, Ariel Ottolenghi, Rotem Philipps (Capt.), Roel Rozenberg, Eyal Sartov
Coach:	Ari Pinto, Assts., Benjamin Klein, Michael Zaide
Record:	2-4

7. Japan:	
	Shingo Fujii (Capt.), Reo Fujimoto, Keisuke Koretomo, Hiroaki Kozai, Kazuyuki Kyoya, Kenzo Maeda, Noriyuki Mori, Fumiharu Miura, Tetsuya Miyajima, Tomohiko Oshima, Satoshi Sato, Akimasa Suzuki
Coach:	Akio Okuhara, Haruo Sakano (Asst.)
Record:	2-5

8. Brazil:	
	Sergio Alexandre, Everaldo Lima, Leandro Mirando, Irio Nunes, Nilton Pessoa, Heriberto Roca, Douglas Silva, Erick Silva, Gelson Junior Silva, Jose Marcos Silva, Jose Ricardo Silva (Capt.), Sandoval Silva
Coach:	Luiz I. Silva, Sileno S. Silva (Asst.)
Record:	3-4

9. S. Africa:	
	David N. Curle, Justin Govender, Siphamandia Gumbi, Shaun Hartnick, Richard Nortje, Jeremy Nel, Marius Papenfus (Capt.), Marcos Retlef, Nicholas Taylor, Ralph Williams, Grant Waites, Thandile Zonke
Coach:	Vivian Sierra, Kelebone Mosuoe (Asst.)
Record:	2-5

10. Sweden:	
	Enoch Ablorh (Capt.), Thomas Akerberg, Per Byqvist, Joachim Gustavsson, Hussein Haidari, Peter Kohlstrom, Niclas Larsson, Thomas Larsson, Joakim Linden, Robin Meng, Patrick Nylander, Dan Wallin
Coach:	Ines Lopes, Nils Ander (Asst.)
Record:	2-5

11. China:	
	Guojun Chen, Haijiang Chen, Qui Chen (Capt.), Hai Ding, Yandong Guo, Xunan Huang, Huanjian Qu, Pengcheng Li, Yinhai Lin, Hang Xu, Lei Yang, Lei Zhang
Coach:	Yuansheng Xu, Yongjun Zhai
Record:	0-7

12. Iran:	
	(Disqualified) Alireza Ahmadi, Ebrahim Ahmadi, Saman Bolaghinalou, A. Daghaghelepour, Morteza Gharibloo, Vahid Azad Gholam, Zacharia Zadeh Hesamy, Esmaeel Pour Hossein, Hakim Mansouri, Gholamreza Nami (Capt.), Bahman Siefi, Adel Meneshidi Torfi
Coach:	Abdolghafour Kamrava, Kamal Eshgh (Asst.)
Record:	2 – 3 prior to disqualification

Preliminary Round Results

September 7: Iran 73, South Africa 62
Sweden 61, Japan 49
U.S. 76, Israel 53
Australia 73, Brazil 72
Great Britain 81, China 34
Canada 62, Germany 59

September 8: U.S. 87, Brazil 41
Israel 80, China 41
Iran 92, Sweden 66
Canada 88, South Africa 55
Japan 58, Germany 56
Australia 67, Great Britain 48

September 9: Israel 73, Brazil 60
Iran 69 , Japan 50
Australia 79 , China 44
Germany 96 , South Africa 43
Canada 62 , Sweden 52
Great Britain 54, U.S. 50

September 10: Canada 75 , Japan 48
South Africa 64, Sweden 58
Germany 73 , Iran 63
Australia 66 , Israel 59
U.S. 97 , China 38
Great Britain 69 , Brazil 53

September 11: Japan 60, South Africa 58
Germany 78, Sweden 72
Canada 93, Iran 62
Great Britain 82. Israel 67
Brazil 65, China 46
U.S., 68, Australia 61

Preliminary Round Standings

Pool A	**W.**	**L.**	**F.**	**A.**
Canada	4	0	279	214
Germany	3	2	362	298
Iran	3	1	297	251
Japan	2	3	265	319
Sweden	1	4	309	345
South Africa	1	4	282	367

Pool B	W.	L.	F.	A.
Gr. Britain	4	1	334	271
Australia	4	0	285	223
U.S.	3	1	310	186
Israel	2	3	332	325
Brazil	0	4	226	302
China	0	4	157	337

Classification

September 12:	Brazil 75, Sweden 56	
	South Africa 67, China 60	
	Brazil 68, South Africa 46	9th-10th
September 14:	Sweden 63, China 45	11th-12th

Quarterfinals

September 13:	Canada 55, Israel 47
	U.S. 20, Iran 0
	Great Britain 71, Germany 64
	Australia 72, Japan 52

Semifinals

September 14	Canada 69, U.S. 62
	Australia 67, Great Britain 54

Finals

September 16: **Bronze Medal Match**
Great Britain 85, U.S. 77

Gold Medal Match
Australia 72, Canada 60

Final Ranking

1. Australia
2. Canada
3. Great Britain
4. U.S.
5. Germany
6. Israel

7. Japan
8. Brazil
9. South Africa
10. Sweden
11. China
    Iran (Disqualified)

International Referees

Andre Bosveld	NED
Jon Burford	U.S.
Gabe Caligiuri	AUS
Valerie Farrugia	FRA
Sebastian Gauthier	CAN
Chris Gregory	GBR
Sergio Giordano	CAN
Antonia Gomez	ESP
Mei Shuet Ho	SIN
Zhuo Jinn	CHN
Eisuke Kanno	JPN
Max Kindervater	GER
Bill Kuerzi	U.S.
Rui Marques	BRA
Ulli Otto*	GER
Andrianos Pavlopoulos	GRE
Ian Pursglove	GBR
Matias Quintana	ARG
Cristian Roja	ITA
Ziv Radomsky	ISR
Mauro Retiz	MEX
Cristian Salguero	ARG
Charles Saunders	RSA
Platonas Serras	GRE
Barry Spicer	AUS
Kaneyoshi Sugiyama	JPN
Zarko Tomsic	SLO
Spiros Tsountsouras	GRE
Juan Urunuela	ESP
Seppo Viljanen	CZE

Matt Wells	AUS
Edwin Wallaart	NED

*Ulli Otto, one of wheelchair basketball's greatest all-time referees, retired from major international competition following this tournament. He is the son of Werner Otto, the man who, along with Horst Strohkendl,was responsible for creating effective theoretical tools to educate referees.

International Classifiers

Anne Lachance	CAN
Ken Mackay	GBR
Don Perriman	AUS
Sonia Ribeiro	BRA
Dinh Tan Trien	FRA
Hiroshi Tsunemi	JPN