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Gold for BC wheelchair curlers

Richmond, BC (March 22, 2010) – As with all of Canada’s curling teams, they would have been disappointed with anything less than gold. The 2010 Canadian Paralympic curling team comprised of BC’s Jim Armstrong, Darryl Neighbour, Ina Forrest, Sonja Gaudet and coach Joe Rea, made Canada proud on Saturday by capturing 1 of 10 Canadian Paralympic gold medals.

Canada led 8-1 at the midway point of the game after scoring three in the first end, stealing one in the second and drawing for four in the fourth end. Korea then made a comeback scoring two in the fifth end and stealing two in the sixth and one in the seventh. With the Korean tie sitting in the house in the eighth and final end, Armstrong was able to remove the opponent’s stone to capture the victory by a score of 8-7.

While Canada’s Paralympic curling team was winning gold, BC’s other top wheelchair curlers continued to dominate on the ice in Kelowna at the 2010 Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championship.

As the host province, BC received two berths into the national championship. As a result, it was an all BC final with the Gary Cormack rink (Team BC - Host) taking on the Gerry Austgarden rink (Team BC.)

The game was tied 3-3 after six ends with only singles being scored by each team. Cormack then opened it up with a key steal of three points in the 7th end. Cormack and company were successful in holding their opposition to a single point in the final end to seal the win with a 6-4 score.

Congratulations to Gary Cormack (skip), Rich Green (third), Vince Miele (second), Corinne Jensen (lead), Samantha Sui (alternate) and Len Stewart (coach) on their gold medal. Congratulations to Gerry Austgarden (skip), Frank Labounty (third), Whitney Warren (second), Alison Duddy (lead) and Al Moore (coach) on their silver medal.

About Curl BC

Curl BC is the provincial sport governing body responsible for the development, promotion and organization of curling in British Columbia. Curl BC is also responsible for the championship system that declares provincial representation at National events. In cooperation with its Members, Curl BC provides service to both competitive and recreational curlers, including a variety of special interest groups.