

LESSON 7

Wheelchair Rugby Sport Trading Cards

Timing:
2 (5 x 45) minute blocks



CROSS-CURRICULAR: Language Arts, Social Studies,
Core French

LEARNING OUTCOMES: Sample Grade 5, see p 76

OVERVIEW: This lesson focuses on developing the understanding and appreciation of the athletes who play national level wheelchair rugby.

CURRICULUM SKILLS / KNOWLEDGE / VALUES:

Students will:

- learn about the athletes who play wheelchair rugby
- create images that convey a knowledge of the sport and the values of the wheelchair rugby movement
- analyze individual visual elements and principles of art and design
- demonstrate respect for their own work and that of others
- communicate effectively

TEACHING MATERIALS:

- computer and internet access
- website for supporting web links and video:
 - www.canadacupwcrugby.com
- Athlete Profiles (make 1 set of photocopies per small group)
 - for the most current athlete profiles search www.canadacupwcrugby.com
- craft supplies — pencils, pencil crayons, felt pens, water colour pencils, pastels, scissors, glue etc.
- cardstock paper — manilla tag or construction paper
- Athlete Trading Card examples: hockey or baseball trading cards (ask students to bring in some cards for examples)
- Athlete Trading Card Sample Templates: Primary and Intermediate Grade Samples

Teaching Activities



1 View the videos or share some of the Athlete Profiles (one per lesson). Engage the students in a discussion about wheelchair rugby athletes from a variety of countries and include:

- a brainstorm about what athletes need to participate in the sport (e.g. special chair, clothing, attendant etc.)
- a discussion about where wheelchair rugby takes place, how long the athletes train, and explain how the sport is played

2 Individually, have the students create a set of five athlete trading cards from various countries. Share the examples of hockey or baseball trading cards brought in by the students. Inform the students that once they have completed all the cards they will be trading them with students in the class or the school. Encourage students to choose a variety of players from different countries to gain a better understanding of all the athletes. To create the trading cards:

- hand out blank paper for rough drafts then manilla tag for final copies (enough for 5 cards — 3-4 cards per sheet).
- hand out a set of the athlete profiles for each group
- discuss the appropriate use of line, colour, background, layout and design
- explain how to use the different types of media that can be used to create the cards
- have the students create an image on the front of the card that represents the athlete including her/his name, the country (or flag), the player's position on the team (e.g. offensive or defensive player) and anything else students want
- have the students provide details (that they have researched) about their athletes on the back of the trading card which may include: age or birthdate, how long the athletes have played, who they have played for, what position they have played, their home town, coach's name and a fun fact

3 If the students want, they can trade the cards. Explain they may want to keep one or more of their own cards and then begin trading the others for a set amount of time.

ATHLETE PROFILES



**IAN
CHAN**



BIRTHDATE: May 8, 1977
FROM: Richmond, BC
CLASS: 3.0
TEAMS: Canadian National Team, BC A Team, Portland.
FUN FACTS:
 • Shares the team captain position with David Willsie



**FABIEN
LAVOIE**



BIRTHDATE: July 2, 1981
FROM: Quebec, QC
CLASS: 3.0
TEAMS: Canadian National Team, Quebec Impact
FUN FACTS:
 • Also enjoys wheelchair racing.
 • Is considered one of the fastest on the team.



**PATRICE
SIMARD**



BIRTHDATE: Jan 19, 1979
FROM: Quebec City, QC
CLASS: 1.5
TEAMS: Canadian National Team, Quebec Impact
FUN FACTS:
 • His goal is to become a key member of the national team for years to come.



**ERICKA
SCHMUTZ**



BIRTHDATE: Feb 21, 1972
FROM: Whitby, ON
CLASS: 1.5
TEAMS: Canadian National Team, Toronto, Ontario Lightning
FUN FACTS:
 • The first woman to compete for Canada at the Paralympics.



**TRAVIS
MURAO**



BIRTHDATE: Jan 12, 1983
FROM: Richmond, BC
CLASS: 2.0
TEAMS: Canadian National Team, BC "A" team, University of Arizona Wildcats
FUN FACTS:
 • Enjoys reading, working out and poker.
 • Coached a Can-Am team at the past two editions of the International Defi Sportif Competition.

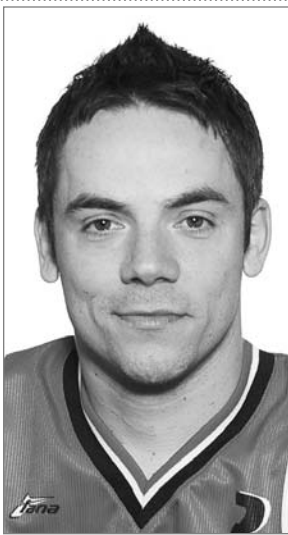


**MIKE
WHITEHEAD**



BIRTHDATE: Nov 25, 1975
FROM: Windsor, ON
CLASS: 3.0
TEAMS: Canadian National Team, Annihilators, Ontario Thunder, Hov. Gunners
FUN FACTS:
 • His nickname is "Shake & Quake."
 • Set a record for becoming the quickest athlete to make the national team after his injury.

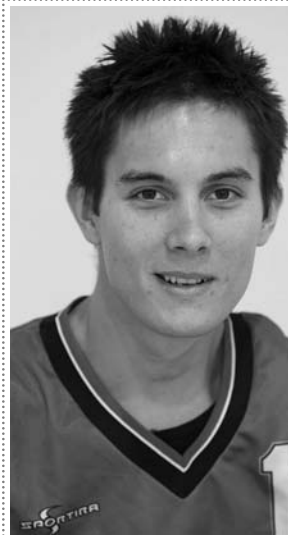
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**PATRICE
DAGENAIS**



BIRTHDATE: October 4, 1984
FROM: Embrun, ON
CLASS: 1.0
TEAMS: Ontario Thunder, Team Canada
FUN FACTS:
 • Nickname is Pico
 • Degree in Business Marketing



**TREVOR
HIRSCHFIELD**



BIRTHDATE: Dec 21, 1983
FROM: Richmond, BC
CLASS: 1.0
TEAMS: Canadian National Team, BC "A" team, BC Bandits
FUN FACTS:
 • His nicknames are "T-Bone" and "Franchise."
 • His motto is "Suffer in silence. Pain is temporary. Glory is forever!"



**GARETT
HICKLING**



BIRTHDATE: Sept 18, 1970
FROM: Vancouver, BC
CLASS: 3.5
TEAMS: Canadian National Team, BC "A" team.
FUN FACTS:
 • Won nine Canadian National Championships in a row from 1993-2001.
 • His nickname is "G."



**DAVID
WILLISIE**



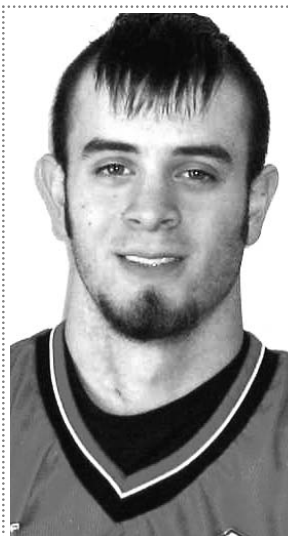
BIRTHDATE: March 23, 1968
FROM: London, ON
CLASS: 2.0
TEAMS: Canadian National Team, Annihilators, Ontario Thunder, North. Kings, California Quake
FUN FACTS:
 • Before he was injured, David played semi-professional baseball.
 • Is co-captain of the team with Ian Chan.



**JARED
FUNK**



BIRTHDATE: Jan 30, 1974
FROM: Niverville, MB
CLASS: 0.5
TEAMS: Canadian National Team, Manitoba
FUN FACTS:
 • Before becoming injured, Jared played hockey, football and volleyball. He was a provincial all-star volleyball player.



**JASON
CRONE**



BIRTHDATE: July 23, 1987
FROM: Owen Sound, ON
CLASS: 1.5
TEAMS: Canadian National Team, Annihilators, Ontario Thunder
FUN FACTS:
 • Lit the 2010 Olympic Torch when it passed through Owen Sound.
 • Before his injury, his 2003 minor midget AA hockey team won the provincial championships. He also played lacrosse.

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JASON REGIER



FROM: Denver, Colorado
CLASS: 0.5
TEAMS: U.S. National Team, Denver Harlequins
FUN FACTS:

- Everyone has trouble pronouncing his last name. It sounds like "Re-gear."
- Favourite memory in wheelchair rugby is winning the gold medal in Beijing in 2008 and winning a national championship in 2007.



SCOTT HOGSETT



BIRTHDATE: Oct 16, 1972
FROM: Phoenix, AZ
CLASS: 1.0
TEAMS: U.S. National Team, Phoenix Heat
FUN FACTS:

- Works as a motivational speaker.
- Was featured in the documentary "Murderball."

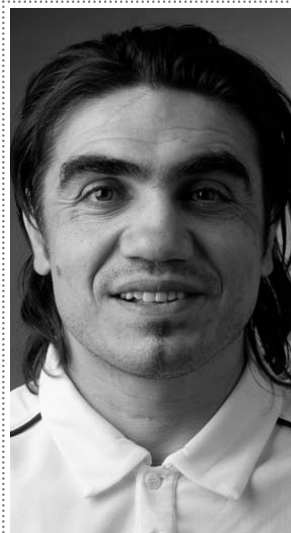


BRYCE ALMAN



BIRTHDATE: Jan 19, 1976
FROM: Glen Waverly, Victoria, AUS
CLASS: 2.0
TEAMS: Australian National Team
FUN FACTS:

- Starred in the "Save Your Neck This Summer" campaign in Australia.

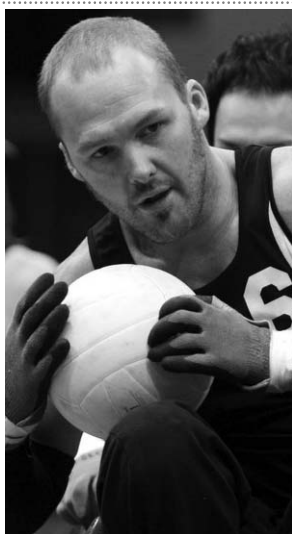


NAZIM ERDEM



FROM: Melbourne, Australia
CLASS: 0.5
TEAMS: Australian national team, Spoke Busters, Vikings, Redbacks, Victoria state team.
FUN FACTS:

- Enjoys AFL football, boxing and motor sports, which sometimes gets him into trouble.
- Favourite memory was winning silver at the 2000 Sydney Paralympic Games, since it was the first time wheelchair rugby was an official Paralympic sport.

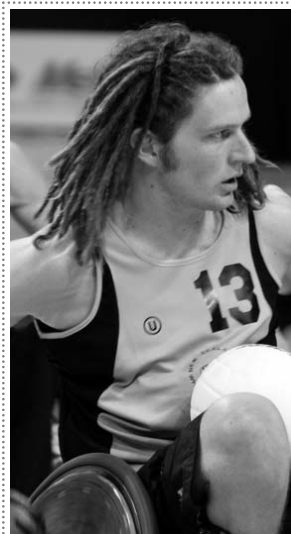


CURTIS PALMER



FROM: Kingsland, Auckland, NZ
CLASS: 2.5
TEAMS: New Zealand Wheelblacks, Atlanta Rolling Thunder, Houston Hurricanes, Super Sonic (Japan), East Midland Marauders (UK), New South Wales Cockroaches (Australia), Auckland Rhinos, and too many to mention.
FUN FACTS:

- Works as a television reporter and a researcher.
- Loves tattoos.



DAN BUCKINGHAM



FROM: Invercargill, NZ
CLASS: 3.0
TEAMS: New Zealand Wheelblacks, Canterbury, Auckland, Victoria, Denver, Lakeshore, Quebec.
FUN FACTS:

- His favourite movie is Pulp Fiction.
- His favourite wheelchair rugby memory is going out on tour with teammate Jai Waite.

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**ANNA
PASANEN**



BIRTHDATE: Feb 21, 1982
FROM: Helsinki, Finland
CLASS: 0.5
TEAMS: Finland national team, Espoo Mosquitos, Helsinki Roosters
FUN FACTS:

- I tend to be late everywhere. I was once 24 hours late for a rugby camp!
- I have a hyperactive assistance dog who tries to take me swimming every time she sees water.



**LEEVI
YLONEN**



BIRTHDATE: Nov 19, 1985
FROM: Helsinki, Finland
CLASS: 3.0
TEAMS: Finland national team, Espoo Mosquitos, Helsinki Roosters
FUN FACTS:

- He is one of the smallest players around, but it allows him to fit into small spaces and move fast.
- His most memorable moment was when Team Finland got a spot at the 2010 World Wheelchair Rugby Championships!

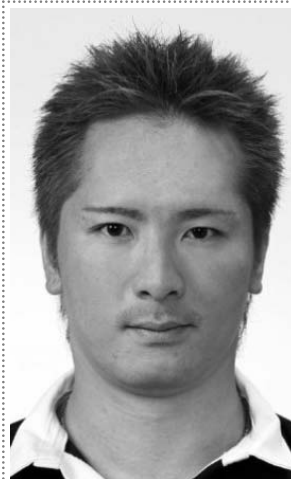


**SHIN
NAKAZATO**



BIRTHDATE: April 6, 1977
FROM: Okinawa, Japan
CLASS: 2.5
TEAMS: Japan national team, Okinawa Hurricanes
FUN FACTS:

- He also plays wheelchair basketball.
- His goal is to play in America.



**SHINICHI
SHIMAKAWA**



BIRTHDATE: Jan 29, 1975
FROM: Kumamoto, Japan
CLASS: 3.0
TEAMS: Japan national team, Blitz, Texas Stampede
FUN FACTS:

- Is sponsored by Melrose Kiwi Concept Chairs.
- Won the 2006 USQRA Athlete of the Year Award.

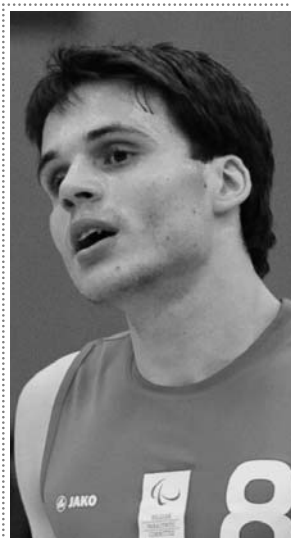


**ANDY
BARROW**



BIRTHDATE: Aug 20, 1979
FROM: London, England
CLASS: 2.0
TEAMS: Great Britain National Team, London Wheelchair Rugby Club
FUN FACTS:

- Is the captain of the Great Britain National team.
- Broke his neck while playing rugby.




**LARS
MERTENS**




FROM: Overpelt, Belgium
CLASS: 3.5
TEAMS: Belgium national team, Marouders, and the Flemish Lions
FUN FACTS:

- He always forgets something when he's going to practice and once forgot to take his wheelchair!
- He can walk.

Primary – Front

	picture of athlete
Name	
Position	
country flag	

Intermediate – Front

	picture of athlete
Name	
Position	
country flag	

Primary – Back

Athlete Profile

From:
Birthdate:
Class:
Position:
Teams Played:
Fun Facts:

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Intermediate – Back

Athlete Profile

From:
Birthdate:
Class:
Position:
Teams Played:
Time Playing Rugby:
Coach:
of Paralympic/World Championships Played:
of Years on the National Team:
Fun Facts:

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