



MAGEE SIXERS
SPOKESMEN

07-08 YEARBOOK



ABOUT MAGEE REHABILITATION

Magee Rehabilitation, a founding member of the Jefferson Health System, is nationally recognized for its outstanding programs in physical and cognitive rehabilitation, with comprehensive services for spinal cord injury, brain injury, stroke, orthopedic replacement, amputation, pain management and work injury.

Magee was rated as one of America's leading rehabilitation hospitals in U.S. News & World Reports 1998, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 annual "America's Best Hospitals" rankings. Accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), Magee was the first facility in the nation to be CARF-accredited in brain injury rehabilitation. Magee, along with MossRehab, forms a traumatic brain injury system of care.

Magee, in conjunction with Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, serves as the federally designated Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center of Delaware Valley. Only sixteen such centers exist in the country.

Magee has teamed with local sports franchise to form the Magee Eagles Wheelchair Rugby Team, the Magee Sixers Spokesmen Wheelchair Basketball team and the Magee Freedoms Wheelchair Tennis team.

Magee's doors were opened in 1958 through the goodwill of benefactor Anna Magee. Her generosity led to the establishment of Magee as the first freestanding rehabilitation hospital in Philadelphia. Today, Magee has over 500 employees committed to the hospital's mission: helping patients to build on strengths for independence.

Independence is achieved through a team approach at Magee. Each patient has access to a physiatrist (a doctor specializing in rehabilitation medicine), nurse, occupational therapist, physical therapist, speech/language pathologist, social worker/case manager and recreational therapist working with him or her.

Traditional therapies are enhanced by other Magee services which include day rehab, community re-entry, vocational counseling, peer support groups, nutritional counseling, prevention programs, job placement services, wheelchair sports and recreational activities. Community-based outpatient programs are offered as part of Magee's comprehensive lifetime follow-up system.

Inpatient services are delivered at Magee's main facility located at Sixteenth & Race Streets in Center City Philadelphia. Outpatient programs are delivered in a variety of community settings including the home, workplace, Magee-MossRehab at Voorhees and the Magee Riverfront outpatient center at 1500 South Columbus Boulevard. Work injury and pain management services are offered at the Work Fitness Center located within Magee Riverfront.

For more information, please call the Magee Rehab line at 1-800-96-Magee, or visit www.Mageerehab.org

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MAGEE SIXERS SPOKESMEN HISTORY

This 2007-2008 season is the eleventh year in a partnership between Magee and the Philadelphia 76ers. We are one of 19 squads in the country that are associated with NBA teams. The Spokesmen are part of the Sixers family and participate in many of their community events to help promote wheelchair basketball including the Sixers Hoops Tour camp and the Sixers Shoot Out.

The Magee Sixers Spokesmen were initially founded as the Philadelphia Spokesmen by Dan Sullivan and Alice Nagel in 1978. Over the past 28 years, they have been Mid-Atlantic

Conference Champions ten times. During this time, the team has introduced hundreds of wheelchair users to the sport of wheelchair basketball. The Spokesmen continue to emphasize their goal of introducing new athletes to the sport sponsoring both elite and developmental teams.

This season, the Spokesmen will wear official 76ers game jerseys by Adidas. They will be traveling throughout the country participating in tournaments in Warm Springs, Lexington, Baltimore, Virginia Beach and Las Vegas.

ABOUT CAROUSEL HOUSE

All Magee Sixers' Spokesmen home games are played at the Carousel House, admission is free and open to the public. For more information contact Anna Martin at (215) 587-3412 or amartin@mageerehab.org. For the most up-to-date information on both of the Magee Sixers Spokesmen teams, including schedules, game results and event information, log onto the Sixers website www.sixers.com.

The Carousel House, located at Belmont Avenue and North Concourse Drive in Philadelphia is the first of its kind in the United States to be sponsored by a municipality. The Carousel House is committed to providing social opportunities as well as recreational, educational services and assistance to persons with disabilities throughout the city of Philadelphia.

The Carousel House rests atop 6.4 acres composed of an indoor and outdoor complex, which includes basketball and tennis courts, a fitness trail and accessible playground. State-of-the-art indoor facility includes an air-conditioned auditorium, gymnasium, exercise room, weight equipment, arts and crafts room, game room, fully equipped kitchen and a swimming pool with adjustable floor. The Carousel House is under the direction of Stuart Greenberg and is the official home of the Magee Sixers Spokesmen.

DIRECTIONS:

From Southern New Jersey:

Take the Walt Whitman Bridge to 76 West.

Exit 76 West at Montgomery Avenue.

Make a left at the traffic light at the bottom of the ramp.

Follow until you reach the next light and make a left onto Belmont Avenue.

Proceed up one light on Belmont Avenue and make a left onto North Concourse Drive.

The Carousel House is immediately on the right.

From King of Prussia:

Take 76 east and exit at Montgomery Avenue.

Make a right at the bottom of the ramp and proceed to the first traffic light.

At the light make a left onto Belmont Avenue.

Proceed up one light on Belmont Avenue and make a left onto North Concourse Drive.

The Carousel House is immediately on the right.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CAROUSEL HOUSE

Belmont Ave. & N. Concourse Dr.
West Fairmont Park
Philadelphia, PA 19131
(215) 685-0160

HOURS OF OPERATIONS:

The Carousel House is open for activities Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The facility is closed on Sundays.

SPOKESMAN SCHEDULES

SPOKESMEN DIVISION II TEAM SCHEDULE

DIVISION II 2007-2008 SCHEDULE

DATE	TEAM/TOURNEY	LOCATION
October 27- 29	VA Beach Tournament	Virginia Beach, VA
November 9-11	Boro Shootout	Edinboro, PA
Nov. 30- Dec. 2	Herman Key Tournament	Charlottesville, VA
December 14-16	Sullivan Classic	Riverwinds, NJ
January 11-13	Lakeshore Classic	Warm Springs, AL
February 11	Sixers Halftime Exhibition	Wachovia Center
February 2-4	Bluegrass Tournament	Lexington, KY
February 16-18	Carousel Tournament	Carousel
March 3-4	Vegas Tournament	Las Vegas, NV
February	NWBA All-Star Event	
March 10-11	Craig Cook Classic	Baltimore, MD
March	Regional Playoffs	Riverwinds Community Center
March/April	National Championships	Lexington, KY
May 9	Night of Champions	Penn's Landing Caterers

SPOKESMEN DIVISION III TEAM SCHEDULE

DIVISION III 2007-2008 SCHEDULE

DATE	TEAM/TOURNEY	LOCATION
Sept. 29-30	Adventists Knights Tournament	Rockville, MD
October 27-28	Connecticut Tournament	New Britain, CT
November 3	Delaware Destroyers (Doubleheader)	Delaware
November 10	Mid-Atlantic Conference Tournament	Temple Main Campus
November 15-18	New Orleans (Rollin Rinos)	Harvey, LA
December 8-9	Richmond Invitational	Richmond, VA
	Sullivan Classic	Riverwinds, NJ
December 15-16	East Meets West	Newport News, VA
January 5-6	NY Cobras Wheelchair Basketball	New York City
January 19	Scranton Tournament	Scranton, PA
January 26	Jack Graft Tourney	Long Island, NY
February 2-3	Bluegrass Tournament	Lexington, KY
February 9	Baltimore Ravens	Baltimore City
February 16-17	Carousel Tournament	Carousel House
February 23	NY Cobras Wheelchair Basketball	Philly
March 1-2	Craig Cook	Baltimore, MD
March 7-9	D3 Nationals	TBD
March 22-23	Mid-Atlantic Conference All-Star Event	TBD

For more information, please contact: Anna Martin, Magee Rehabilitation Hospital, 215-587-3412, amartin@mageerehab.org

SPOKESMAN ROSTERS

MAGEE SIXERS SPOKESMEN – DIVISION II

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN
44	Shannon Burgess	2	Philadelphia, PA
4	Gene Tatom	3	Philadelphia, PA
24	Chris Kile	3	Quakertown, PA
22	Valdez Bradley	3	Plymouth Meeting, PA
41	Adam Bencsik	1	Norristown, PA
42	Timmy Montagno	2	Tom's River, NJ
40	Mike Looney	3	Wilmington, DE
20	Corey Seabrook	2	Philadelphia, PA
3	Andre Kelly	1	Philadelphia, PA
5	Ali Rajae Sabree	3	Philadelphia, PA
	Jeff Lewis	3	Forest Hill, MD

HEAD COACH: Timmy Montagno

MAGEE SIXERS SPOKESMEN – DIVISION III

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Class	Hometown
12	John DeAngelo	1	Oaklyn, NJ
43	Jim Falls	3	Woodbury, NJ
33	Binh Scott	3	Carneys Point, NJ
21	Aaron White	2	Willingboro, NJ
52	Jean Elong	2	Philadelphia, PA
32	Lewis Hall	2	Honey Brook, PA
15	Anthony Pone	3	Philadelphia, PA
23	Steven White	2	Philadelphia, PA
31	Michael Johnson	3	Philadelphia, PA
50	Joe Bradley	2	Philadelphia, PA
20	Chris Bogdash	2	Philadelphia, PA
40	Rodney Boyd	1	Philadelphia, PA

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Asst. Mgr: Jim Falls

Statistician: Kyoko Falls

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MEET THE COACHES

TIMMY MONTAGNO

HEAD COACH – DIVISION II

HOMETOWN: Burlington, NJ

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: 35 yrs. in the NWBA...MVP Mid-Atlantic Conference 1990-91 season...10-time All-Star Mid-Atlantic Conference... Member NWBA Final Four teams 1975-76 and 1976-77

PERSONAL: Graduate of Burlington City, NJ HS...Enjoys vacationing with family in coastal New England, Maryland, and Virginia...Also is an avid fisherman

ADVICE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS: “Be passionate about living so that your focus will be on the thousands of things you can do as opposed to the tens of things you can’t do.”

JOE BRADLEY

HEAD COACH – DIVISION III

HOMETOWN: Philadelphia, PA

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Bradley attended West Philadelphia High School...He initiated the Developmental Division III Magee Sixers Spokesmen...Bradley’s hobbies include coaching and watching sports, fishing, reading, playing cards and photography...His favorite children’s book was anything by Dr. Seuss...Favorite movie is *Independence Day*...Other than basketball Bradley enjoys football the most...His most memorable Spokesmen moment was making the Final Four...Bradley has traveled to Puerto Rico, Toronto and many places throughout the United States...He admires his mother the most because she raised him mostly by herself...Bradley

resides in Philadelphia with his wife and three sons, Zane, Brian and James, and two daughters Leigh and Aja...He has also been a foster parent to 8 other children for 20 years...He has always demonstrated an interest in bringing new people to the sport of wheelchair basketball.

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MEET THE PLAYERS

MAGEE SIXERS SPOKESMEN – DIVISION II



VALDEZ BRADLEY
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SHANNON BURGESS
#44



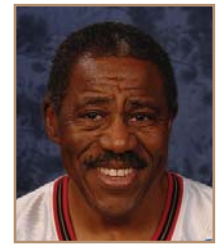
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CHRIS KILE
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ALI RAJAE SABREE
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#4



MIKE LOONEY
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TIMMY MONTAGNO
#42



ADAM BENCSIK
#41



COREY SEABROOK
#20



JEFF LEWIS

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JOHN DeANGELO
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JIM FALLS
#43



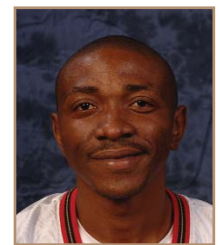
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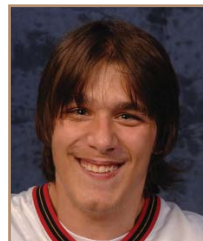
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JOE BRADLEY
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STEVEN WHITE
#23



LEWIS HALL
#32



ANTHONY PONE
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CHRIS BOGDASH
#20

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#22 VALDEZ BRADLEY

HOMETOWN: New Orleans, LA

PLAYING EXPERIENCES/HONORS: Four seasons with the Spokesmen...Played at the University of Texas at Arlington for four seasons...Michigan Thunderbirds for one season...Dallas II Mavericks for one season...Reached the National Championship...Was first Team All-American and second Team All-American...Was Most Valuable Player...Was the second leading scorer of the Carousel House summer league...Selected for the 2005 NWBA All-Star Wheelchair Classic.

PERSONAL: Bradley has one daughter...His nickname is Cookie...Attended St. Augustine High School and the University of Texas at Arlington where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Graphic

Design...Currently attending the Art Institute for Motion Graphics and Special Effects...Most Memorable basketball moment was winning the National Championship with his college team at University of Texas at Arlington...His hobbies include art socializing...His favorite children's book is the *Cat in the Hat*...His favorite movie is *Tombstone*...He enjoys baseball, tennis, and playing ping-pong...His favorite past 76er was Charles Barkley...Has traveled all over the USA and Puerto Rico...Admires Kanye West because he says and puts things in perspective, and definitely for his work ethic.

ADVICE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS: "Play Hard."

#44 SHANNON BURGESS

HOMETOWN: Philadelphia, PA

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: Has played ten seasons for the Spokesmen...played at Martin Luther King High School.

PERSONAL: Attended Martin Luther King High School...Enjoys basketball and fishing...*Green Eggs and Ham* was his favorite children's book...Burgess' favorite movie is *Friday*...Other than basketball, fishing is his favorite sport...Dr. J is his favorite Sixer because he is

the man that got Philadelphia a championship...Most memorable moment as a Sixer was the buzzer-beater that won the championship for the Al Youakim Tournament for the Spokesmen...Burgess has traveled to Miami, Atlanta and Puerto Rico...He admires his brother because he's never idle.

ADVICE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS: "Make every day positive and prosperous."

#3 ANDRE KELLY

HOMETOWN: Philadelphia, PA

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: Has played eight seasons with the Spokesmen...His most memorable Spokesmen moment was hitting the game winning three for our first championship.

PERSONAL: Nickname is SupaStarKelly...Attended West Philadelphia

High School and Temple University...Hobbies include playing pool, swimming, and football...Favorite children's book is *Lord of the Flies*...Favorite book now is *Slam*.

ADVICE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS: "Never give up on your dreams."

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#24 CHRIS KILE

HOMETOWN: Quakertown, PA

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: Is in his third season with Spokesmen...Played for Edinboro University Wheelchair Basketball Team and USA Basketball Fest 2002...Was Captain of the Edinboro Wheelchair Basketball Team...2006 All-Tournament Herman Key Memorial...2007 All-Tournament Craig Cook Memorial.

PERSONAL: Has a brother, a sister and a young niece and nephew...Nickname is Kile...Earned a Bachelor of Arts at Edinboro University

of Pennsylvania...Favorite childhood book was *Lord of the Flies* and is now *1984*...Most memorable Spokesmen moment was the day he joined the team...Lists *Pulp Fiction* as his favorite movie...Favorite NBA player is Chris Webber because his game is a lot like his...Has traveled to Jamaica, Canada, Mexico and St. Thomas...Admires his mom.

ADVICE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS: "Keep active, get involved."

#5 ALI RAJEE SABREE

HOMETOWN: Philadelphia, PA

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: 27 seasons of experience with Spokesmen...Most memorable Spokesmen moment was the NBA-NVBA All-Star game as a Sixer in Philly.

PERSONAL: Resides in Philadelphia with his wife, Doris...Earned a Bachelor of Science in Therapeutic Recreation from Temple

University...Hobbies include reading and chess...The Cat in the Hat is his favorite's children book...Cooly High is his favorite movie...Admires his mother because she was loving, patient, understanding and cared about other people needs first.

ADVICE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS: "Never Give Up."

#4 GENE TATOM

HOMETOWN: Philadelphia, PA

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: Four seasons of Spokesmen experience...Other Wheelchair Basketball Experience for 43 years.

PERSONAL: Resides in Philadelphia with his wife, Alberta, and five boys...Attended Edison High School and Philadelphia School of Business where he earned an Associate Degree...Enjoys sports of all kind and working with his class...*Dirty Dozen* is his favorite

book...Likes swimming...Favorite 76er was Mo Cheeks because he was a team player...Lists his most memorable Spokesmen moment when he came back to the team...Has traveled all over the United States...Admires his Mom because she never left us.

ADVICE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS: "Never say you can't."

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#40 MIKE LOONEY

HOMETOWN: Wilmington, DE

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: In his fourth season with the Spokesmen...2003 NBA/NWBA All-Star selection...MVP of 2002/2003 season Mid-Atlantic Conference All-Star game ...Playing for Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Fighting Scots Wheelchair Basketball team...During 05-06 season was second team All-American and first team Academic All-American...06-07 season was first team Academic All-American and three-time EUP Scholar Athlete Award winner.

PERSONAL: Nickname is Looney...Bachelors in HR Management from Shippensburg University and a Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania...Most mem-

orable Sixers Spokesmen moment was beating Edinboro University in 2004...Favorite NBA player is Dikembe Mutombo...*The Da Vinci Code, Angels and Demons, Friday Night Lights* and *Who's My Caddy* are his favorite books...His favorite movies are *The Program, Friday Night Lights, Good Will Hunting, and Major League*...Admires his parents and all of his siblings because they have been there for him through thick and thin...Places traveled include England, Amsterdam, Wales, Canada, Bahamas, and numerous U.S. states for basketball tournaments.

ADVICE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS: "Whatever doesn't kill you only makes you stronger. Also do not let a wheelchair get in the way of chasing your dreams. Make sure whatever dreams you are chasing they are downhill so you can get there quicker."

#42 TIMMY MONTAGNO

HOMETOWN: Burlington, NJ

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: 35 years in the NWBA...MVP Mid-Atlantic Conference 1990-91 season...10 time all-star Mid-Atlantic Conference...Member NWBA Final Four teams 1975-76 and 1976-77.

PERSONAL: Graduate of Burlington City, NJ HS...Enjoys vacationing with family in coastal New England, Maryland, and Virginia...Is an avid fisherman.

ADVICE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS: "Be passionate about living so that your focus will be on the thousands of things you can do as opposed to the tens of things you can't do."

#41 ADAM BENCSEK

HOMETOWN: Quakertown, PA

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: 10 Years overall, second year with the Sixers.

#20 COREY SEABROOK

HOMETOWN: Philadelphia, PA

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: First Year with the Sixers.

JEFF LEWIS

HOMETOWN: Forest Hill, MD

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: 10 Years overall, third year with the Sixers.

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#20 JOHN DeANGELO

HOMETOWN: Oaklyn, NJ

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: Has 22 seasons of Spokesmen experience...Four years first team All-American and two-time National MVP...Player at Temple University and represented the USA Collegiate team that toured Europe playing in international tournaments...Hobbies include traveling, science fiction, boating, fishing, music and concerts.

PERSONAL: Nickname is Johnny D...Attended Temple University and Central High School...Earned a Master Degree in Sports Administration Education and a Bachelors of Science in Sports Information and Promotions...Currently an Information Security Analyst for a Mutual Fund Company...Most memorable Spokesmen moment was in the 2004-2005 season when the team went undefeated through the second-half of the season...Favorite NBA player is Allen Iverson because he is one

tough, small player, who shows no fear and plays through pain to help his team win...Lists favorite books as *Sam I Am* and *Lord of the Rings*...Favorite movies are *Braveheart*, *Godfather*, *Good Fellas* and *Scent of a Women*...Enjoys football...Admires his parents because as a child with a disability they resisted the temptation of following what society said was appropriate for him and allowed him to go out and experiment and do things that could (and often would) get him hurt. This experience allowed him to get comfortable with who he is and understand that his disability was not a limitation...Has traveled to Bermuda, Belgium, France, Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Las Vegas, Montreal, Toronto and many US Cities...Was a first alternate for the USA Swim Team in 1992...A part-time actor appearing in three films, a TV show and two national commercials.

ADVICE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS: "Never let anyone tell you that you can't do something. You must always try for yourself."

#43 JIM FALLS

HOMETOWN: Woodbury, NJ

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: 20 seasons with the Spokesmen...Played for Temple University's wheelchair basketball team for five years...Started in two NCAA/NWBA National Championship games and received the All-Tournament Team Award...Most memorable Spokesmen moment is his being the MVP at the Carousel Tournament, which the Sixers won.

PERSONAL: Resides in Plymouth Meeting, PA with his wife, Kyoko and German Shepard, Timberwoof...Currently a Systems Analyst for the Department of Veterans Affairs...Earned a Bachelor of Sciences

in Computer Science and Associates of Arts degree in Business Administration at Temple University...Nickname is Word...Hobbies include Swimming and Reading...Favorite book is *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* and *Runaway Jury*...Favorite movie is *Rain Man*...Enjoys softball...Favorite 76ers was Charles Barkley because he was strong and focused...Has traveled to Milan, Italy and Japan...Admires Andy Reid because he can relate to all his players.

ADVICE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS: "Keep your hands on the wheels."

#33 BINH SCOTT

HOMETOWN: Carneys Point, NJ

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: 11 seasons with the Spokesmen...Played three seasons with the Bayada Penguins.

PERSONAL: Scott attended Radnor Senior High School and Pierce College where he received his degree in Computer Science...Lists fishing as his hobby...His favorite children's book is *Green Eggs and Ham*, favorite book now is *Heaven and Earth*...*Three Kings* is his favorite movie...He loves to watch college football and says

Dr. J is his favorite Sixer because he once got to meet him in person...Scott has traveled all over Southeast Asia...Hillary Clinton is who Scott admires most because he believes she may be the next President...Scott was born in Vietnam and lives with his wife Thuy and his two children, son Kim and daughter Linda...Scott is self-employed.

ADVICE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS: "Try a wheelchair sport not just for fun, but for health reasons."

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#21 AARON WHITE

HOMETOWN: Willingboro, NJ

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: White has played seven seasons with the Carousel House junior team and the Carousel House summer league.

PERSONAL: White was born and raised in Willingboro, NJ where he attended Willingboro High School...He is currently enrolled in Burlington County College...His hobbies include wheelchair

sports, childhood education and church activities...White admires his grandfather who taught him to believe in his abilities and not to focus on his disabilities...He loves Kobe Bryant because of his style of play...White is a lover of animals and has many pets.

ADVICE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS: "Don't be afraid to strive for your dreams."

#31 MICHAEL JOHNSON

HOMETOWN: Philadelphia, PA

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: Johnson has played ten seasons for the Spokesmen Sixers and has also played wheelchair softball.

PERSONAL: Nickname is Holla...Johnson lists fishing as his favorite hobby...His favorite book as a child was *Green Eggs and Ham* and his favorite book now is *True to the Game*...His favorite movie is *Blue Hill Avenue*...Other than basketball, Johnson's favorite sport is softball...Johnson's most memorable Spokesmen moment was his first season on the team because he felt immediately welcomed by

his teammates. He loved playing and put his whole heart into it...Johnson has traveled to Puerto Rico for his birthday, which was also the All-Star weekend there...He admires his sister more than anyone because she inspired him and was his constant support and family...Johnson plays basketball year round and considers it a positive in his life.

ADVICE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS: "Don't be afraid to strive for your dreams."

#52 JEAN ELONG

HOMETOWN: Philadelphia, PA

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: In his third season with the Spokesmen.

PERSONAL: Jean Felix is his nickname...Born in Cameroon...Received his degree in Management (Accounting and finances) from the University of Douala in Cameroon...Elong loves listening to music, especially jazz...Favorite children's book was *TinTin* and now he

loves any book that helps him learn English...Wheelchair tennis is his favorite sport other than basketball...his favorite Sixer is Mo Cheeks because he was a team player...Elong has traveled to Nigeria, Egypt, Italy, France, Germany and all over the United States...Admires Zinedine Zidane more than anyone...Elong is married with one child.

#40 RODNEY BOYD

HOMETOWN: Philadelphia, PA

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: Boyd played on the Rolling Thunder at the Carousel Juniors Tournament, winning championship trophies...and has played four seasons with the Spokesmen.

PERSONAL: Hot Rod is Boyd's nickname...Attended Widner Memorial High School...His hobbies include computers and

music...favorite movie is *Friday*...When not playing basketball Boyd enjoys swimming more than anything else...Admires his grandmother because of her dedication and loving care.

ADVICE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS: "Don't get discouraged and don't let your disabilities stop you from doing what you want to do."

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#50 JOE BRADLEY

HOMETOWN: Philadelphia, Pa

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: 26 years experience playing basketball...For 19 years he played for the Spokesmen – some of those years as coach.

PERSONAL: Resides in Philadelphia, Pa...with his wife, three sons (Zane, Brian, and James) and two daughters (Leigh and Aja)...Has been a foster parent for 19 years to eight other children...Enjoys coaching and watching sports, fishing, reading, playing cards and photography...A graduate of West Philadelphia High School

and Antonelli's Photography School...Attended the 1998 National Wheelchair Basketball Association and Paralyzed Veterans of American Basketball Camp at Ball State University...Has also worked at Temple University's Summer Sports Camp, teaching 600 inner-city youths to play basketball.

ADVICE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS: "Involve yourself in as many social and recreational activities as possible. With the new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) laws, you can do anything you want. The only one who can stop you is you."

#23 STEVEN WHITE

HOMETOWN: Philadelphia, PA

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: White has 23 seasons of basketball experience...including 16 seasons with the Spokesmen, as well as some track and field events and cycling.

PERSONAL: Attended West Philadelphia High School...Enjoys hunting, fishing, basketball and softball...Listens to modern jazz...Favorite children's book was *Tom Sawyer* and his favorite thing to read now is hunting magazines...*Braveheart* is his favorite

movie...When he is not on the court, White loves to go fishing...Dr. J is his favorite Sixer...His most memorable Spokesmen moment has been playing with guys from all over and helping other players develop their skills...White has traveled to Punta Cana and Nova Scotia...He admires his family...Married to Barbara and has a daughter Elaina.

ADVICE TO INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS: "Listen and learn."

#32 LEWIS HALL

HOMETOWN: Honey Brook, Pa

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: Second year with the Sixers.

#15 ANTHONY PONE

HOMETOWN: Philadelphia, Pa

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: Second Year with the Sixers.

#20 CHRIS BOGDASH

HOMETOWN: Philadelphia, Pa

PLAYING EXPERIENCE/HONORS: First Year with the Sixers.

NWBA MISSION STATEMENT

A WINNING STRATEGY

The National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) is the nation's oldest and largest disability sport organization. Based in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the NWBA is a non-profit organization that serves as the national governing body for men's, women's and youth wheelchair basketball in the United States.

GROWING STRONGER BY THE DAY

Founded in 1948, the NWBA's mission is to provide persons with permanent lower limb disabilities the opportunity to play, learn and compete in wheelchair basketball. Today over 2000 member athletes compete on more than 185 teams throughout the United States. The 185 teams compete in six divisions; men's (three divisions based on skill level), women's, intercollegiate and juniors (three sub divisions based on age and skill level). In addition to providing the organization where these teams compete, the NWBA sponsors post season competition leading to the crowning of a national champion in each division. Over the past five decades, the NWBA has helped more than 50,000 individuals "Get Back in the Game" both on the off the court.

OUR PERSPECTIVE IS LOCAL

The NWBA works diligently to provide program models for developing the athletic potential of individuals with lower limb impairments. This process begins at the grass roots level. The NWBA has long assisted communities with the formation of teams and with player education. The NWBA develops instructional books for players and coaches. For over 20 years, the NWBA Basketball Camp has brought and continues to bring players together with the top national and international coaches for in-depth instruction. Since its inception, more than 1200 athletes have participated in this week long camp. The NWBA Referee Camp is held as a part of the NWBA Camp. The newest development program, the United States Wheelchair Basketball Festival, brings our nation's emerging elite athletes together each year to receive instruction and evaluation in a setting that simulates international competition.

OUR PERSPECTIVE IS NATIONAL

In 1949 six teams gathered to compete for the right to refer to themselves as national champions. The Kansas City Pioneers emerged victorious. In the years that followed, the number of teams competing grew and the need arose to add additional levels to the postseason playoff structure. Teams had to advance through sectional and regional competitions on their way to the national championship. In 1975 a women's championship was added followed by the first intercollegiate championship in 1977. In 1983 the first national junior championship took place in Munster, IN. The

NWBA Junior Division has now grown to include three separate sub divisions each of which competes for a national title. The NWBA provides the administrative structure and rules for member teams to compete.

OUR PERSPECTIVE IS GLOBAL

The NWBA is recognized as the governing body for wheelchair basketball in the United States by the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF), and is responsible for the selection, training and fielding of USA teams that compete in international basketball competition. These competitions include: Paralympics Games, IWBF World Games, IWBF Under 22 World Championships, Pan American Games, Roosevelt Cup, Walker Cup (women) and North American Cup.

GETTING THE WORD OUT

Whether it is a pickup game at a local school or the Gold Medal Game at a World Championship, the NWBA will be there for our nation's wheelchair basketball players. The NWBA recently initiated its "Get Back in the Game" campaign designed to introduce the services it provides to an even greater audience. Over the next five years, the NWBA hopes to develop an additional 50 teams in the United States and Canada. The NWBA would like to invite you to become a member of the NWBA Family. To learn more about NWBA teams in your area or how to start one, please send an email to info@nwba.org. The NWBA hopes to see you on the court in the very near future.

NWBA GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES

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WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL IS PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NCAA RULES WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PLAYER

Any individual who, because of permanent severe leg disability or disabilities of lower portion of the body, will benefit through participation in wheelchair basketball and who would be denied the opportunity to play basketball were it not for the wheelchair adaptation is eligible.

WHEELCHAIR

The height of the seat must not exceed 21" from the floor. The weight of the foot platform or first point of contact must be no more than 5" from the floor. Seat cushions are permitted for medical and therapeutic reasons: a medium weight foam rubber is permitted (2" maximum thickness for Class III players and 4" for all other players). A heel strap must be attached to the floor platform bars. Each chair must be equipped with a roll bar or other protective device to insure against damage to the playing surface.

CONTACT

The chair is considered part of the player. General rules of contact in regular basketball (charging, blocking, etc.) apply to wheelchair basketball.

TIME LIMITS

An offensive player cannot remain more than four seconds in the free throw lane while the player's team is in possession of the ball in the frontcourt.

DRIBBLE

A player in a possession of the ball may not push more than twice in succession with one or both hands in either direction without tapping the ball to the floor again. Taking more than two consecutive pushes constitutes a traveling violation. A player may, however,

wheel the chair and bounce the ball simultaneously just as an able-bodied player runs and bounces the ball simultaneously.

LOSS OF BALL

If a player in possession of the ball makes any physical contact with the floor or tilts the chair so forward that the footrests touch the floor, or so backward that the anti-tip (safety) casters touch the floor, it is a violation and the ball is awarded to the other team.

PHYSICAL ADVANTAGE FOUL

Because of the varying causes and manifestations (degrees) of disability among participants, as basic rule of keeping firmly seated in the wheelchair at all times and not using a functional leg stump for physical advantage over an opponent, is strictly enforced. An infraction of this rule (rebound, jump ball, etc.) constitutes a physical advantage foul. It is so recorded in the official scorebook. Three such fouls disqualify a player for the game. Two free throws are awarded and the ball is given to the opposing team, out of bounds for a throw in.

FALLING

If a player falls out of the chair during play, the officials will immediately suspend play if there is any chance of danger to the fallen player. If not, the officials will withhold their whistles until the particular play in progress has been completed. If a player falls out of the chair to gain possession of the ball or by falling keeps opponents from gaining possession of the ball, the ball is awarded to the opposing team.