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ITV to broadcast BT WWRC

It was confirmed at the start of July that ITV will be broadcasting the BT WWRC live on TV. Taking place from 12th-16th October 2015, the BT WWRC15 brings together the world's best "Murderball" teams. London 2012 Paralympic gold medallists Australia return to the former Olympic Park, alongside silver and bronze medallists Canada and USA. Hosts Great Britain look to capitalise on home support while New Zealand, South Africa, Japan and France also have their eyes on victory.

As part of the arrangement, ITV4 will show live evening matches of the hard-hitting sport. ITV4's comprehensive coverage will include five hours of live broadcasting each day.

In depth analysis will be brought by a team with a wealth of sporting and broadcasting talent and experience including Presenter Martin Bayfield, the former England and British Lions player, alongside Steve Brown, captain of the GB London 2012 Paralympic Wheelchair Rugby team, former England and British Lions player, Ugo Monye, reporter Rachael Latham with a commentary team comprising of Simon Ward and Mike Spence.

Tickets are now on sale for the BT World Wheelchair Rugby Challenge, which takes place from 12th to 16th October at the Copper Box Arena, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London – <http://www.wwrc15.com/>

Referee & Table Official Training

Are you interested in becoming a Table Official or Referee in wheelchair rugby? If so, register now for our training day!

Spaces are limited, so please register soon by contacting amanda.thomas@gbwr.org.uk or on 0795 0545 014.

The training day will take place on July 25th between 10am-6pm at Queen Alexandra College, Birmingham, Court Oak Road, Harborne, Birmingham, B17 9TG.

To download the flyer, visit gbwr.org.uk in the News & Events section.



Liverpool Lions Taster Session

New wheelchair rugby club Liverpool Lions are hosting an open session for potential new players. All equipment will be provided.

Whether you are new to the sport or have previous experience of wheelchair rugby come along to a relaxed and friendly club session.

The session will take place on July 19th between 10am-4pm at the Greenbank Sports Academy, Greenbank Lane, Liverpool, L17 1AG.

There will be another session in the same place at the same time on August 9th for anyone that can not make it in July. Please contact jo.arnold@gbwr.org.uk for more information.

Bhuta & Roberts become BT Ambassadors

BT today announced that GB Wheelchair Rugby players Ayaz Bhuta and Jim Roberts (both pictured above) have joined its roster of BT Ambassadors, further reinforcing its commitment to disability and Paralympic sport. Bhuta and Roberts join other world-class athletes including Jonnie Peacock, Hannah Cockcroft, Ben Rowlings and Julie Rogers.

David Pond, Chief Executive of Wheelchair Rugby, said, "This is such an exciting time for wheelchair rugby and our partnership with BT will help take our sport into a whole new and exciting period of development. BT's support of Paralympic and disability sport is unparalleled and I'm delighted that two of our players have joined the BT Ambassador team."

The full story can be found on gbwr.org.uk

Metro Cup 2015 Report!

GB enjoyed mixed fortunes at the Metro Cup in Poland this month with the Elite team winning the competition and the Talent Squad finishing in eighth position.

It was a successful weekend of rugby for Paul Shaw's Elite side, who managed to stay unbeaten for the whole weekend.

In the eight team tournament, the Elite team found themselves in Pool B alongside France, The Robots and Colombia. A thumping 62-18 victory over Colombia followed by a much closer 51-40 win over France marked a successful opening day of games. GB continued their winning run into day two and in turn secured their place in the final with a 56-34 win over The Robots and a 53-41 semi-final win over Germany.

This set up the final with The Robots but Shaw's side didn't hold back and secured the cup with a 53-43 win.



Picture- Lee Stutely

The tournament also saw GB field a Talent squad who featured in Pool A alongside Poland, Germany and Denmark.

Opening day defeats to Poland (46-35) and Denmark (58-27) was not quite what the young side had hoped for. A 56-30 defeat to Germany and a 62-41 loss to France followed on day two, meaning that the Talent squad went into the seventh place play-off with Colombia on the final day. The side unfortunately ended the weekend without a win having lost their final game 50-36 to Colombia.

Annual General Meeting 2015

The 2015 AGM will be held on 15th July at the Marriott Hotel, Smith Way, Grove Park, Enderby, Leicester LE19 1SW, and the meeting will start at 6pm.

The AGM is an opportunity for members to question the Chairman, Trustees, the CEO and his team on their management of GBWR over the past year and to influence the future direction of the sport.

For all relevant documents and links please visit:
<http://gbwr.org.uk/annual-general-meeting-2015/>



Wheelchair Rugby in Brighton

Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby and Brighton Albion in the Community are bringing this incredible sport to the South Coast.

The sessions will take place on July 19th & 26th between 10:30am-12:30pm at Stanley Deason Leisure Centre, Wilson Avenue, Brighton, East Sussex, BN2 5PB.

Sessions are open to any disabled person aged 16 or over – beginners or pro-players, male or female! Volunteers & non-wheelchair users are also very welcome! Rugby chairs and coaching will be provided.

Please register by contacting GBWR Regional Development Officer Paul Arnold at paul.arnold@gbwr.org.uk or on 07872 664 927.



Getting to know... James Price

Team:
Leicester Tigers WRC

Age:
36

Favourite Food:
Steak and mash potatoes

Sporting Idol:
Lawrence Dallaglio

Favourite sport away from Wheelchair Rugby:
Rugby Union

Hopes for the future:
To take Leicester as far as they can possibly go

Proudest moment in Wheelchair Rugby:
Representing GB at the World Championships in 2006

A fun fact about yourself:
I was part of the 2012 Olympic Torch Relay



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