

USTA ANNOUNCES PLAYERS AND COACHES FOR 2013 BNP PARIBAS WORLD TEAM CUP

U.S. Teams to Compete in Wheelchair Tennis' Premier International Team Competition, May 20-26, in Antalya, Turkey

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., April 24, 2013 – The United States Tennis Association (USTA) today announced the players and coaches who will represent the United States at the 2013 BNP Paribas World Team Cup. The nation's top wheelchair tennis players will compete against participants from around the globe, May 20-26, and will be hosted by the Turkish Sports Federation for the Disabled (TSFD) on the clay courts of Club Ali Bey Manavgat on the Turkish Riviera, in Antalya, Turkey.

The World Team Cup is the ITF's flagship wheelchair tennis event, often referred to as the Davis Cup and Fed Cup of wheelchair tennis. The inaugural event took place in California in 1985 involving six men's teams. The women's competition began the following year, with quad and junior events introduced in 1998 and 2000, respectively. The event has experienced continued growth since.

Teams from more than 50 countries will take part in the 2013 competition. In Antalya, teams will compete in the men's World Group (12 nations), men's World Group 2 (12 nations), women's World Group (12 nations), quad event (8 teams) and junior event (8 teams).

Representing the United States at the 2013 BNP Paribas World Team Cup will be:

Men's Team		Quad Team	
Jason Harnett (Coach)	San Juan Capistrano, Calif.	John Devorss (Coach)	Salem, Ore.
Steve Baldwin	San Diego, Calif.	Bryan Barten	Tucson, Ariz.
Anthony Lara	Chino, Calif.	Greg Hasterok	San Diego, Calif.
Stephen Welch	Southlake, Texas	Nick Taylor	Wichita, Kan.
		David Wagner	Chula Vista, Calif.
Women's Team		Junior's Team	
Dan James (Coach)	Seattle, Wash.	Paul Walker (Coach)	Lakeland, Fla.
Shelby Baron	Honolulu, Hawaii	Chris Herman	Gulfport, Fla.
Emmy Kaiser	Ft. Mitchell, Ky.	Krystal Kelley	Grand Haven, Mich.
Kaitlyn Verfueth	Flagstaff, Ariz.	Casey Ratzlaff	Wichita, Kan.
Certified Athletic Trainer		Team Manager	
Jenna Street	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Emily Sandor	White Plains, N.Y.

The United States Quad Team will look to bring home the quad title for the sixth time in the last ten years. The three-time Paralympic Doubles gold medal-winning team of David Wagner and Nick Taylor are looking to regain the quad title alongside fellow Americans Bryan Barten and Greg Hasterok after the team took the bronze medal last year.

Men's coach Jason Hartnett also has been named a finalist by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) for its Paralympic Coach of the Year award. Harnett is one of three finalists nominated for the prestigious award. The winner will be announced during a dinner on Friday, June 21, at the conclusion of the 2013 National Coaching Conference at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The USTA was officially designated by the USOC as the national governing body for the Paralympic sport of wheelchair tennis in June 2002, becoming the first Olympic national governing body to earn this recognition. As the national governing body for wheelchair tennis, the USTA manages wheelchair tennis in the United States, including the sanctioning of tournaments, overseeing wheelchair rankings, creating and managing a High Performance program for developing elite disabled athletes, and selecting teams to compete internationally for the United States.

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The USTA is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the United States and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level, from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. A not-for-profit organization with more than 770,000 members, it invests 100 percent of its proceeds in growing the game. It owns and operates the US Open, the highest-attended annual sporting event in the world, and launched the Emirates Airline US Open Series, linking nine summer tournaments to the US Open. In addition, it owns approximately 90 Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S. and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. The USTA's national charitable foundation, USTA Serves, provides grants and scholarships and helps underserved youth and people with disabilities. For more information on the USTA, log on to usta.com, "like" the official Facebook page, facebook.com/usta, or follow [@usta](https://twitter.com/usta) on Twitter.

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