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World Volleyball Championships Set Games Schedule

The Sixth World Volleyball Championships for the Disabled has set the games schedule for its July 2 to 8 events at the Las Vegas Hilton Pavilion.

Opening ceremonies at 2 p.m. on Sunday July 2 at the Hilton Pavilion will include participation of the 14 international teams, as well as presentations by city, state and national officials and entertainment by local ethnic groups. At 7 p.m. two games are scheduled: Israel v. Australia and Great Britain v. France. At 9 p.m., the United States will meet Canada. All July 2 games are standing volleyball competition.

Sitting and standing games for July 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are scheduled for 9 and 11 a.m., 2, 4, 7 and 9 p.m. The semi-finals will be played on July 7. On July 8: the bronze medal rounds for sitting and standing competition will be held at 10 a.m.; the championship sitting game will be at 1 p.m.; and the championship stand-

ing game will be at 3 p.m.

Interesting to note: the United States will compete against Great Britain in standing volleyball competition at 11 a.m. on the Fourth of July at the Hilton Pavilion!

Other Scheduled events include a social at 7 p.m. on July 1 at the Marriott Residence Inn, across from the Las Vegas Convention Center. This gathering, as well as a Fourth of July social event, are being sponsored by the Far West Wheel Chair Athletic Association.

Highlighting the seven-day championship event on July 8, the WVCD will host a celebration finale at the Las Vegas Hilton. A no-host cocktail party is scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a banquet at 7 p.m., to honor all participating international athletes and their coaches.

See accompanying article on this page, on Billy Demby, one of the United States players. From his personal history, you can see the caliber of U.S. athletes participating in the games..

A Biographical Sketch on

Billy Demby

In 1982, Billy Demby along with a friend, Richard Peck decided to "Check Out" the National Amputee Championship in Nashville, Tennessee. He's been checking them out ever since.

Billy Demby is a quiet soft spoken man with a fierce desire to compete. That desire to compete was the force behind the double amputee's decision to run the 100 meters, play basketball and throw the shot put, discus, and javelin in a meet he was just "Checking Out".

Billy who is from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, has been a double amputee since 1971, the result of wounds received from a B-40 rocket attack in Vietnam.

His interest in sports goes back to his high school days at Queen Ann's County High in Centerville, Maryland. There he was an outstanding performer in track and basketball and lettered in both sports.

Billy hold the USAAA national record in the shot put, discus and javelin in the A3 classification. In 1983, Ability Magazine voted Billy "Athlete of the Year" for his outstanding performances in amputee athletics.

In July of 1987, Billy was selected to the USA Sitting Volleyball Team which competed in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. His natural athletic ability with his amazingly long reach and quick reflexes, earned Bill the position of Team Captain.

Billy spends his spare time trying to make life comfortable for other disabled people. He lectures regularly for a disable awareness group in Howard County, Maryland. The groups main purpose is to help young people deal with disabilities.

A skilled automobile mechanic, Bill raced cars until recently, but found the sport too expensive. Although he was forced to stop, he intends to resume his racing activities someday.



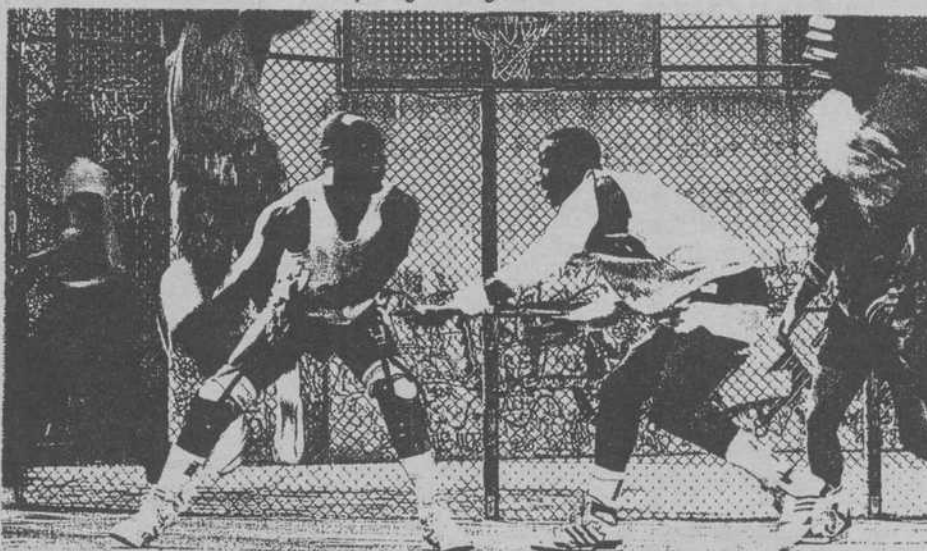
Billy Demby

When he's not tinkering with cars, or competing for the USAAA, you can find Billy on the slopes, he's an avid skier.

Recently Billy has become quite a celebrity doing T.V. Commercials sponsored by Dupont Corporation. The commercial has brought real awareness to disabled athletes and especially amputees throughout the United States. The USAAA is very proud of Billy and knows he will represent us well in the future.

Billy was selected as a member of the 1988 USA Amputee Team that competed in Seoul, Korea. He has always excelled in his athletic performances and the USAAA was confident Billy would continue to represent us well in Seoul.

Billy resides in Prince George's County, Maryland with his wife Toni and their eight year old daughter Krishawn.



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