

# The adaptedSPORTS™ Off the Sidelines - Into the Game! Report

Spring/Summer 2006

## AAASP Honored in Salt Lake City



The Salt Palace stands proud in majestic white against Utah royal blue at the 2006 AAPERD National Conference in Salt Lake City in late April.

National honors are bestowed upon the American Association of adaptedSPORTS™ Programs (AAASP) for its success in providing athletic opportunities to students with physical disabilities or visual impairments.

The **2006 Program Recognition Award** was presented to AAASP in Salt Lake City at the National AAPERD Conference on April 25-27 in recognition of excellence in the field of adapted physical activity through the adaptedSPORTS™ Programs. The adaptedSPORTS™ model allows for equitable opportunities in interscholastic sports by incorporating the best practices of traditional interscholastic athletics into a format for student athletes who have physical disabilities. The Program Recognition Award is presented annually by the American Association of Physical Activity and Recreation (AAPAR), an association of the American Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAPERD), and is sponsored by FlagHouse, an international sports equipment distributor and adaptedSPORTS™ equipment provider.

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FlagHouse's George Lakestream (center) and AAASP's Tommie Storms (left) and Bev Vaughn (right) display the 2006 Program Recognition Award.

George Lakestream, Vice President of Sales for FlagHouse presented the honors to Bev Vaughn, AAASP CEO and Tommie Storms, AAASP COO at the conference during the Claudine Sherrill Breakfast.

Betty Jackson, an adaptedSPORTS™ coach for the Atlanta Public Schools was also honored at the AAPERD Conference with the 2006 Pathfinder's Award, given to her by the National Association for Girls and Women in Sports (NAGWS).

## Comcast/CSS Scores

Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast puts its media resources to work to spotlight student athletes who have physical disabilities through a community partnership with the adaptedSPORTS™ Programs.

A PSA with Atlanta Falcons' Patrick Kerney will begin random rotation the week of June 18 from 6 am - 12 am. More projects are in the works. For CSS channel info for your area, go to [www.css-sports.com](http://www.css-sports.com).



## Professional Coach Training and Certification Program

At the core of adaptedSPORTS™ is the idea that every student who wants to participate in athletics should have a well-trained and knowledgeable coach.

AAASP provides a professional education program for coaches, officials and other sport professionals who have direct involvement with youth athletes with physical disabilities or visual impairments. Successful participants receive certification in coaching principles and in any, or all, of the adaptedSPORTS™. Each two-day clinic is divided between a lecture component and hands-on participation in a gymnasium setting.

### UPCOMING CLINICS

#### August

- 4 & 5 adaptedSPORTS™ Certification Clinic  
Univ. of Wisconsin-Osh Kosh
- 19 ASEP Certification Clinic  
Georgia Perimeter College-Clarkston
- 20 Indoor Wheelchair Soccer Certification Clinic  
Georgia Perimeter College-Clarkston

#### December

- 2 Coaching Principles Certification Clinic  
Georgia Perimeter College-Clarkston
- 3 Wheelchair Basketball Certification Clinic  
Georgia Perimeter College -Clarkston

## Announcing the adaptedSPORTS™ Guides for Coaching Series

AAASP's adaptedSPORTS™ Coaching Series is a beneficial accompaniment to the training and certification program, and just one more valuable tool for coaches who are charged with the healthy athletic development of this student population.

**BUY NOW!**

To register for a clinic or inquire about purchasing publications, contact AAASP at 404/294-0070.



## POWER PLAYS

Georgia Perimeter College-Clarkston in metro-Atlanta has been designated the official training facility for the adaptedSPORTS™ Programs and AAASP's Coach Training and Certification Program.



Exceptional Parent Magazine scores with an adaptedSPORTS™ feature in their June issue and Disability Awareness Night with the Atlanta Hawks on April 7. DA Night at Philips Arena featured Georgia's two top varsity wheelchair basketball teams (the Atlanta Wolfpack and the West Georgia Wolverines) in a wheelchair basketball demo just before tip-off to the Hawks' game.



Atlanta Hawks on April 7. DA Night at Philips Arena featured Georgia's two

GHSA wheelchair track & field wraps its fourth year at the Boys Track Meet on May 11-13 in Jefferson, GA. The high school wheelchair track and field division was added to GHSA's line up in 2003. AAASP governs the boys' and girls' wheelchair track and field division and trains GHSA coaches who oversee participating athletes.



Team Holyfield, all-stars, competed on March 17-19, at the NWBA Jr. Nat'l Championship at the Univ. of Nebraska-Omaha. In their winning game they beat the Rockford Jr. Chariots with a final score of 35-14, and lost by two points (36-34) in their final game against the Peoria Wildcats. TH wrapped the tournament with one win and three losses.

## GA Sports Results 2005-2006

**Varsity Champions**  
*Indoor Wheelchair Soccer*  
West Georgia Wolverines

*Wheelchair Basketball*  
Atlanta Wolfpack

*Wheelchair Football*  
West Georgia Wolverines

**Junior Varsity Champions**  
*Indoor Wheelchair Soccer*  
Clayton Eagles

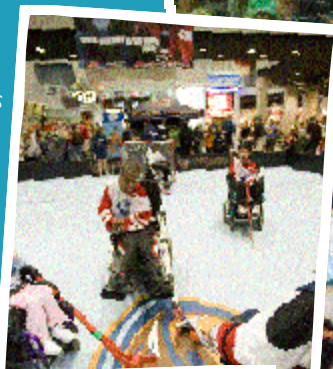
*Wheelchair Basketball*  
DeKalb Eagles

*Wheelchair Football*  
North Fulton Mustangs

**Track & Field**  
*200 & 800 Meter Races*  
Travis Golden  
Chapel Hill H.S.

*Shot Put Class 1*  
Travis Golden

*Shot Put Class 2*  
Chris Hood  
Douglas High School



## Top GA Educators Take Lead

Dr. Icey Johnson, Director of Exceptional Students, Atlanta Public Schools; Carol Lane, Superintendent of Meriwether County Schools; and Charlie Henderson, Athletic Director for DeKalb County Schools, join the adaptedSPORTS™ team as advisory committee chairs representing Georgia educators in the areas of special education, administration, and athletics.

The committees' 2006 goals are to examine how to more effectively communicate to Georgia students with physical disabilities or visual impairments about opportunities in athletics available through the AAASP/Georgia High School Association alliance.



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### Did You Know?

- There have been 1096 adaptedSPORTS™ competitions since the inception of AAASP in 1996.
- One hundred and sixteen of the above-mentioned competitions have been at the national level.
- More than 200 people have enrolled in, and attended, adaptedSPORTS™ training and certification clinics.
- The first enrollee from outside the United States (from Ireland) received adaptedSPORTS™ certification in 2004.
- A participant from Angola, Africa received her certification in 2005.

### Help Level the Playing Field

Programs in adaptedSPORTS™ are made possible by generous individuals who understand the value of sports participation and the need to level the playing field on behalf of student athletes with physical disabilities or visual impairments. You, too, can assure the growth of adaptedSPORTS™ programs by making a donation today. Contact Evan Pearson @ [epearson@adaptedsports.org](mailto:epearson@adaptedsports.org) or call 404/294-0856.

AAASP is Georgia's governing body for interscholastic adapted athletics in member schools of the Georgia High School Association. AAASP and GHSA work together to open up opportunities in athletics for students with physical disabilities or visual impairments. AAASP offers a training and certification program for coaches throughout the United States. AAASP is a 501(c)(3) organization.