



OLYMPIC VOICE

U.S. OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER, CHULA VISTA

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DECEMBER 2011 ATHLETE OF THE MONTH: SHAQUILLE VANCE

Track & Field

Following his gold medal performance in the 100m (T42 category) at the 2011 Parapan American Games, Shaquille Vance was selected as the Chula Vista Olympic Training Center Athlete of the Month. He began training here in February of this year and has already made waves as a Paralympic hopeful. During the Mt. San Antonio College Relays in April 2011, he set a new American record in the T42 200m sprint with a time of just 27.18 seconds.

The time period of just two years can make quite a difference – it was in April 2009 that Shaquille suffered a major leg injury while playing a game of pick-up football with friends. An unfortunate tackle twisted his body, but kept his leg standing still, destroying ligaments along with it. He endured a long surgery to try repairing it, but his leg ended up being amputated.

In his native Houston, Mississippi, Shaquille had been the starting wide receiver and linebacker for his high school football team. Though he still loves football, he turned to track events as a way to still compete in athletics.

In an interview with one of the Mississippi news stations, Shaquille said, “God blessed me with another sport so I can compete again. When I got hurt, I didn’t think I could compete against anyone again, but I can. There are so many people who supported me and I wanted to do it to show them how much that meant to me.”

As he continues to train for the 2012 Paralympics, he aims to be someone who never gives up when faced with life’s obstacles. When he was asked what it takes to be a champion, he said “God, hard work, dedication, persistence, confidence, desire, and teamwork is a formula that works for me.”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Athlete Check-In December Holiday Hours:**

- Friday, 12/23: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Saturday, 12/24 - Monday, 12/26: CLOSED
- Tuesday, 12/27: re-opening at 8:00 am

- **Dining Hall December Holiday Hours:**

- Thursday, 12/22: closing after dinner
- Saturday, 12/24 - Monday, 12/26: CLOSED
- Tuesday, 12/27: re-opening with cold breakfast; regular lunch & dinner

- The San Diego Ballet is setting aside 40 tickets to each of their 2011/2012 shows in order to offer FREE tickets to resident athletes. Shows are The Nutcracker on December 17 & 18 and a mixed evening of Romance performances on February 10, 11 & 12. See the flyer on the bulletin board upstairs from the dining hall for more information on how to reserve tickets
- We have discount coupons to Six Flags Magic Mountain for athletes (\$25 off). Stop by ACI to pick one up. Valid through March 18, 2012



PARAPAN AM GAMES - FINAL RESULTS

By the end of eight full days of competition, Brazil won the total medal count with Mexico in second and Team USA in third. The final total medal rankings are as follows:

	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Brazil	81	61	55	197
2	Mexico	50	60	55	165
3	USA	51	47	34	132
4	Argentina	19	25	31	75
5	Canada	13	22	28	63



Chula Vista resident athletes and short term camp participants contributed heavily to the medals won, particularly in Archery, Track & Field and Cycling. Out of our 2011 CVOTC resident athletes, Natalie Wells (Archery) won Silver in the Women's Individual Recurve and the following Track & Field resident athletes each walked away with some new hardware:



- Sabra Hawkes – 100m – T37 – GOLD
- Shaquille Vance – 100m – T42 – GOLD
- Blake Leeper – 100m – T44 – SILVER
- Brandon Pelletier – 100m – T46 – BRONZE
- Tommy Chasanoff – 400m – T36 – GOLD
- Tommy Chasanoff – 800m – T36 – GOLD
- Tommy Chasanoff – 100m – T36 – SILVER
- Tommy Chasanoff – 200m – T36 – SILVER

An additional 75 medals were won by 37 athletes who have participated in short term camps at the CVOTC in 2011. Team USA is hoping to carry the momentum from the Parapan American Games through the rest of 2011 and into the London 2012 Paralympic Games.



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SPORTS MEDICINE BUILDING READY TO RE-OPEN

Following a few months worth of renovations, the Sports Medicine building is ready to re-open and will be fully functional by Monday, December 12.

Walls were knocked down and put up in different places, a new hot plunge pool was added to complement the cold plunge pool and the whole place was freshened up with new carpets and new coats of paint.

The renovated Sports Medicine building will provide an enhanced setting for our elite athletes to receive treatments and aid recovery.



RECENT RESULTS:

Wheelchair Tennis - *INVACARE DOUBLES MASTERS / AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS - NOVEMBER 2011*

The Invacare Doubles Masters remains the most prestigious doubles event on the international NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour. David Wagner and Nick Taylor won it all, taking the Doubles World Championship title in early November. CVOTC resident athlete David Wagner then went straight from Amsterdam to compete in the NEC Masters Singles in Antwerp, Belgium. As the most prestigious event on the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour, the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Masters invites the top eight men and women based on the ranking after the US Open at the end of the year.

BMX - *ABA GRAND NATIONALS - NOVEMBER 2011*

In the Elite Women main, Brooke Crain took first place. In the Elite Men main, Nic Long finished on the podium in third place behind Chula Vista World Cup winner, Connor Fields. Nic Long finished the ABA National series in third place overall and Brooke Crain finished the series in second place overall.

ATHLETES IN TRAINING:

Resident Programs:

- Archery
- BMX
- Canoe/Kayak
- Field Hockey
- Rowing
- Track & Field

Short-Term Programs:

- November 15 - December 16**
Canoe/Kayak - Czech Republic National Team Camp
- November 26 - December 4**
Soccer - Paralympic Soccer Camp
- December 1 - February 8**
Cycling - Paralympic World Championship Prep
- December 5 - 18**
Field Hockey - Great Britain Women's National Team Camp & Scrimmages
- December 12 - 18**
Soccer - Women's Under-17 National Team Training



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CHULA VISTA OTC:

Paralympic Soccer vs. Canada **Open to the Public (FREE)**

Thursday, December 1 at 3:00 pm

Friday, December 2 at 3:00 pm

Saturday, December 3 at 10:00 am



The U.S. Paralympic Soccer team plays seven-a-side, and players are significantly affected by cerebral palsy, stroke, or traumatic brain injury. They will be playing test matches against Canada.

The U.S. Paralympic Soccer team qualified for the 2012 Paralympics at the 2011 CPISRA Football 7-a-Side World Championships in June 2011.



Women's Field Hockey vs. Great Britain..... **Open to the Public (FREE)**

Sunday, December 11 at 1:00 pm

Tuesday, December 13 at 1:00 pm

Wednesday, December 14 at 1:00 pm

Thursday, December 16 at 12:00 pm

Saturday, December 18 at 11:00 am



The U.S. Women's Field Hockey team will take on the number 4 ranked team from Great Britain in a series of test matches beginning December 11 and running through December 18.

The United States Women's Field Hockey team qualified for the 2012 Olympics during the Pan American Games.

As the host nation, the British team has also qualified for the Olympics and a repeat of one of these matches is likely next summer.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY - Athlete Appearance Opportunities:

Shop with a Jock Tuesday, December 6 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

The Junior Seau Foundation teams with Target, corporate sponsors and individual donors to take 250 children from local Boys and Girls Clubs shopping. Each child will be given a \$100 gift certificate to shop for gifts for their loved ones. Following a festive dinner, games and activities, the children are paired with an athlete who accompanies them while they shop at Target.

Athletes, if you would like to be involved at the above event, please stop by the ACI building or contact Emily Cox at emily.cox@usoc.org or 619-482-6148.