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**1:00pm**

**Uncovered in the Archives “Wheelchair Basketball”- 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Brad Pomerance visits a state prison in Norco to uncover a different type of rehabilitation. During WWII, the US Naval Hospital occupied this land and a Navy doctor revolutionized the rehabilitation of paraplegics by inventing Wheelchair Basketball.

**After watching this episode, choose from the following questions and/or tasks to extend your learning**

**Question Box 1**

- What is the message Brad Pomerance is trying to convey in this episode? What from the text makes you believe this?
- What happened that started the invention of wheelchair basketball?
- How do the basketball players feel about playing this active sport?
- Why is this important?
- What do some of the wheelchair basketball players say about being able to compete in this game?

**Question Box 2**

- Imagine you have to learn something all over again with limitations, what would that feel like? Would you be able to have the strength and will to do this? Why or why not?
- What might you want someone to know about this program before they watch it?
- Now that it's over, what are my first thoughts about this episode? Are they mostly positive or negative? Explain?
- What is the most important thing I learned personally?
- What were some of the most interesting discoveries I made while viewing this program?

**Box 3 (Tasks)**

- Research Para-sports in this country? How long have they been around?
- We are all witnessing the impact of COVID-19 on traditional sports. What's happened to para-sports as a result of COVID-19?
- Who are the superstars of Wheelchair Basketball? Learn more about Patrick Anderson, considered to be one of the top players:

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<https://www.wheelchairbasketball.ca/players/patrick-anderson/?t=>

### **Box 4 (Enrichment)**

- Research different types of rehabilitation. Find one that interests you and learn more about it. Share your new knowledge with your family by creating a poster, a written essay, a Powerpoint or in another format of your choice.
- Try to accomplish an athletic endeavor with some limitations – shoot a basketball from a seated position, throw a ball with your other hand, or dribble a ball with your dominate hand behind your back or perform a cartwheel with your other hand on the ground first.. What was the difficult? What was not as difficult as you had anticipated?

### **Box 5 (Extend/Real-life)**

- There are many kinds of physical disabilities including those that affect hearing, sight, as well as movement of the body.
- What products have been invented to help with these challenges?
- How have those changed/improved the lives of the people who use them?
- If you could invent something to assist people with disabilities, what would it be?
- How would it help them?