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## Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana Sports Program Brings ‘Murderball’ Tournament to Circle City This Weekend

Ben Davis High School hosts ‘Fall Brawl of the Midwest’  
 quad rugby tournament Oct. 18 and 19

(Indianapolis, Ind.) – If a sport has been dubbed “murderball” you’d expect that it would provide its fans with hard-hitting, gut-wrenching action.

And you’d be exactly right.

Murderball, or quad rugby, is a full-contact wheelchair sport, and this weekend, **Oct. 18 and 19**, you can experience it in person, for **free**, at Indianapolis’ Ben Davis High School, 1200 Girls School Rd.

Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana Sports Program (RHISP) is sponsoring the “Fall Brawl of the Midwest” at Ben Davis, which will feature Indiana’s own quad rugby team – the RHI Indy Brawlers – as well as seven other teams from across the country.

Quad rugby is a fast-paced sport played indoors on a modified basketball court by individuals who have lost some function in all four limbs. Typically, the sport is played by quadriplegics, but many players are affected by other disabilities such as spina bifida, post-polio syndrome, amputation and Guillain-Barré syndrome.

Recently, the sport received a great deal of interest, and even captured Hollywood’s attention, when documentary filmmakers chronicled the U.S. Paralympics Rugby Team in the inspiring, Oscar-nominated film, *Murderball*.

“This weekend is going to be thrilling,” said Derek Deckman, tournament director. “This sport is hard-core and has gained an outstanding following throughout the world. Spectators love it. Sports gurus and sports enthusiasts love it. And, of course, Indianapolis is the perfect city for this tournament – we’re the sports hub of the U.S.!”

### FALL BRAWL OF THE MIDWEST SCHEDULE

#### Saturday - October 18, 2007

Time	Court 1	Court 2
9:00	Minnesota vs. Milwaukee	Pasadena vs. Pittsburgh
10:30	TNT vs. Buckeye Blitz	St. Louis vs. Indy

12:00	Minnesota vs. Pasadena	Pittsburgh vs. Milwaukee
1:30	TNT vs. St. Louis	Indy vs. Buckeye Blitz
3:00	Pasadena vs. Milwaukee	Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh
4:30	St. Louis vs. Buckeye Blitz	TNT vs. Indy

**Sunday - October 19, 2007**

Time	Court 1	Court 2
9:30	3rd A vs. 4th B (Game 13)	4th A vs. 3rd B (Game 14)
11:00	2nd A vs. 1st B (Game 15) Winners from Games 13 &	1st A vs. 2nd B (Game 16)
12:30	14	Losers from Games 13 & 14
2:00	Losers from Games 15 & 16	Winners from Games 15 & 16

**RHI Indy Brawlers:**

Indiana's only quad rugby team, the RHI Indy Brawlers, was founded in 1998 and is made up of 15 players plus support staff. These dedicated men and women come from all over the state every week to meet in Indianapolis to practice. Some of the Brawlers are so passionate about the game, they drive up to two hours, one-way, just to make it to practice every week.

The Indiana team often passes on its "can-do" attitude and raises awareness about disability by performing quad rugby demos in Hoosier schools, spreading the message to kids that "it's o.k. to be different."

All of the Brawlers can attest to the positive impact quad rugby has had on their overall well-being. The sport keeps them fit, deterring secondary health problems that may be caused by their disability; keeps them emotionally and mentally healthy; and, keeps them involved as active members in their communities.

For more information on quad rugby, visit [www.quadrugby.com](http://www.quadrugby.com)

**Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana Sports Program (RHISP):**

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RHISP is dedicated to providing competitive and non-competitive athletic and recreational activities to individuals with disabilities to enhance quality of life, promote physical and emotional fitness, introduce recreational and wheelchair sports and challenge participants to perform at a competitive level.

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