

**FEATURE AT SIX**

**Kelley would like homecourt advantage**

Tournament to be held in Rupp Arena

**By Bob Shepherd**  
**Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff**

The Final Four of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association is scheduled for Rupp Arena in Lexington and Kurt Kelley, Carlisle here and one of the original Wheelchairs, wants to be there for home court advantage.

Last year the Kentucky Wheelchair team won 25-0 and could not pull a national ranking, Kelley said.

As of Saturday, they are 2-2 and prepared to meet their basketball season foe.

Kelley, who joined the Wheelchairs at their inception in 1974, has seen the team through nearly every season they have played and is convinced they will always be a contender for National Wheelchair Association Champions.

The Wheelchairs started as part of the Bluegrass Conference, a conference designated for play within the state, but Kelley said the conference had very few teams to really compete.

So in order to play more competitive teams across the nation, they joined an independent conference.

They play the same conference male colleges do, even down to the playoff rounds at

the end of the season," Kelley said. "We have the conference championship, the regional, national, and the Final Four."

With nearly 200 teams involved in the general conference, the competition is stiff for a championship title, but Kelley said the Wheelchairs have proven themselves able to match teams they play, shot by shot.

"We've just one tall man away from really taking off with the league," Kelley said. "The Wheelchair basketball gets its first shot as an Olympic Game in 1992. Kelley has seen Wheelchair basketball branch from a strictly charitable medium to a popular and recognized sport."

Having the game grow out like this, it proves a goal we have tried to achieve since we formed the Wheelchairs and other teams formed over 30 years ago, Kelley said.

Training for the team comes mostly from actual play than practice or conditioning, though Kelley said they do not suffer from a shortage of work.

The Wheelchairs have not discarded their charitable work and often they help more than the charities they sponsor, the games also help their conditioning for the regular season. Unlike pop-

ular college basketball, the Wheelchairs usually have scheduled games of all types all year long.

In a short interim, players also stay in condition from moving cross-country in five and 10 kilometer runs.

These regular seasons, begun with a tournament in Chattanooga, Tennessee, has brought the team two victories.

Roanoke, Virginia almost took their first victory away, but after a 17 point deficit against the Wheelchairs at halftime, they came back and defeated Roanoke by a slim margin.

They followed up that win with another over Maryville, Tennessee.

However, Alabama, sporting a very tough offense, brought the Wheelchairs to their first loss and, playing from the loser's bracket, were eliminated from the tournament by their host, Chattanooga.

"We need to work on playing tall," Kelley said. "Comparatively, we are a small team. We don't have the height that allows us to compete with taller teams."

The chairs used on the court are designed for play, modified with roll bars to maintain balance at high speeds. Sometimes, however, principle works better than practice.

The designs are getting better, and the players are very good at handling themselves, but there are a few oc-

asions where a chair falls back. It is by no means a soft sport," he said.

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Kurt Kelley, 22, gets set for the rebound as the Wheelchairs get some extra practice against students from Nicholas County High School at a benefit game for the High School Athletic Department.

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