
September 2018



Where We Are Now:

Welcome back, Thunder nation! The wheelchair basketball season is upon us, and we have some exciting news for you!

Firstly, since we placed third at Nationals and kept most of our players, we qualified for DII, an advanced and more competitive level of basketball in which there are only 35 teams. DII basketball is in between DI, the most elite level of the sport where only 25 teams play, and DIII, which consists of 65 developmental teams.

Secondly, we have acquired seven new players to our team, totaling our roster to nineteen players. Because of this reality, we decided to split our roster into two teams—one for DII, one for DIII. Few programs (12-15, roughly) in the country make this step to have two wheelchair basketball teams, and we are proud to make this leap. We will have two different schedules for our games. The schedule for our DIII team has been finalized, and we are still finalizing the schedule for our DII squad.

Thirdly, since we have decided to have two teams, we will be doubling our efforts in fundraising, and we will need your help! We have constructed our first fundraiser of the season through Yankee Candle. The sale began on September 6, and it ends October 4. Our team will receive 40% of the profit for every dollar you spend on your order. Furthermore, there are deals and coupons available to you each week during this time period, which, consequently, would make it easier for you to shop for the upcoming holiday season. To see the various collection of America's best loved candles, visit www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/home.htm. Once you reach the site and finish shopping, enter our group number: 999970339. Everything you purchase will be shipped to you. Thank you in advance for all your help! Let's have a great, successful season!

Upcoming Events:

Birthdays:

DeVonna Douglas (9/11)
Sam Ballard (9/19)
Kevin Bailey (9/25)

Games:

Triangle Thunder (DIII) vs.
Triad Trackers @ Winston
Salem, NC, Saturday, September
29.

Important Announcements:

We would like to take this time to welcome our new players:

Keith Jones (#24)

Jackie Bryant (#33)

Mitchell Mason (#23)

Steve McRae (#11)

Will Bucher (#3)

Briana Solomon (#12)

Danny Ward (#34)

The Triangle Thunder is a competitive and recreational wheelchair basketball program representing the Greater Triangle Area Community. We provide opportunities for men and women with a variety of disabilities to become involved in the sport of wheelchair basketball. Our goal is to foster each participant's well-being through vigorous physical exercise, skill formation, and healthy fellowship with other persons with disabilities.

Important Websites:

<http://trianglethunder.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/trianglethunder/>

Thank you to our main sponsors! We would not be able to play the sport that we love in the city that we love without their help!



We would also like to thank and recognize our other supporters for assisting us in achieving our goals:

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