

NZ Paralympian Adam Hall Goes Five for Five After Gold Medalling at Today's Well



Winter Park, Colorado (22 February 2010) – For the fifth time in five years of racing at the Wells Fargo Ski Cup World Invitational, Paralympian Adam Hall has secured a Gold medal.

Hall is the first athlete to achieve five gold medals in this hotly contested event, where professional, world-class disabled ski racers go head-to-head for the prize money.



The best news for Hall is that his results here could well be indicative of how he will perform at the upcoming Paralympics.

With up to eight nations training at Winter Park with the National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD) and more than 20 athletes from these countries planning to compete at the upcoming Vancouver 2010 Paralympics, the event is a good gauge of Hall's potential to bring home the Gold for New Zealand.

"It's an honour and a privilege to be a part of this programme and to help build the profile of the National Sports Centre for the Disabled here in Winter Park," said Hall.

"This event is not about winning for me, though it's always good to take a win and even more of an accomplishment to take five of five."

"The NSCD has helped changed thousands of peoples' lives and continues to do so."

The Wells Fargo Ski Cup World Invitational is the only race of its kind on the Disabled Circuit, taking place every February in Winter Park, Colorado in the US.

This year also marks the 40th anniversary of the NSCD, currently the biggest and most respected disabled programme of its kind in the world.

The weekend is focused on raising awareness of the programme and most importantly raising money for the NSCD. The success has been huge this year, with up to a quarter million USD being raised.

ABOUT NATIONAL SPORTS CENTER FOR THE DISABLED

January 2010 marks the 40th anniversary of the National Sports Center for the Disabled. What started as a one-time ski lesson for children from Children's Hospital in Denver, Colorado has grown into one of the largest therapeutic recreational agencies in the world. Whether learning how to ski, climb a mountain, ride a bike or any other athletic skill, the NSCD helps athletes of any age and any disability realize they are capable of amazing things.