

UW-Whitewater Announces Rob Welty as New Head Coach of Warhawks Women's Wheelchair Basketball Program

WHITEWATER, WI – The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater is excited to announce Rob Welty as the next head coach of the storied Women's Wheelchair Basketball team.

The fourth person named to the head coach role in the history of the program (Dan Price, Christina Schwab, Jake Shafer), Welty is no stranger to the Warhawk way of life, having played for the Warhawks Men's Wheelchair Basketball program under decorated coach Tracy Chynoweth from 2004 to 2008. As part of the Men's program as a player, Welty was on a roster that won National Wheelchair Basketball Association titles in the Men's Intercollegiate Division in 2004, 2005 and 2007.

"Being named head coach at UW-Whitewater means the world to me," Welty said. "I learned so much about life on and off the court while I was a Warhawk student-athlete, and I look forward to being in a position where I can help facilitate those same strong memories and instill those core values with the next wave of talented young women. I'm also excited to hit the recruiting trail, where I know I will meet some great athletes and their families. UW-Whitewater is a special place, and I will work hard to continue the storied tradition of our program."

Prior to returning to his alma mater where he majored in Health & Human Performance and graduated in May of 2008, Welty worked with the Lakeshore Foundation, a premier program in the world of adaptive recreation and athletics in Birmingham, Alabama. While at Lakeshore, he also served as head coach of multiple Wheelchair Basketball teams across various levels of competition. Welty also has experience coaching Wheelchair Football, Power Soccer, Archery and Air Rifle Shooting.

In addition to his role as head coach, Welty will also work with the Office of Recreation Sports & Facilities as the new Equipment Room manager. Rob and his wife Heather now proudly reside in Whitewater.

The UW-Whitewater Women's Basketball program has three national championships (2012, 2013, and 2014). Several former Warhawks have gone on to compete internationally and are medalists at elite world competitions, including the Paralympic Games.

For more information on the Women's Wheelchair Basketball team, please visit: https://www.uww.edu/rec-sports/wheelchair-athletics/womens-wcbb

What They're Saying About Rob Welty

"Rob played for one of the greatest coaches in college basketball in Tracy Chynoweth and now brings that same motivation and desire to campus. There is no doubt in my mind that he will continue the tradition of excellence here at UW-Whitewater. I look forward to working with Rob both on and off the court."

Jake Williams

Head Coach, UW-Whitewater Men's Wheelchair Basketball Current Team USA Wheelchair Basketball Athlete and Paralympic Medalist



"I'm excited to welcome Rob Welty back to the Warhawk Family as the new head coach of our women's wheelchair basketball team! Rob brings a wealth of experience in adapted sports, along with genuine passion, knowledge, and leadership that will help our women's program at UW-Whitewater continue to grow and succeed. I look forward to the future of the program under Rob's direction."

Christina Schwab

NWBA Hall of Fame Member and Team USA Paralympic Medalist Former Head Coach of Team USA Women and UW-Whitewater Women's Wheelchair Basketball UW-Whitewater First Year Experience Office

"I am thrilled to welcome Rob Welty as the new head coach of the UW-Whitewater Women's Wheelchair Basketball team. His passion, vision and proven leadership will not only elevate the team's performance on the court, but also empower the athletes to reach their fullest potential. We (the UW-Whitewater Wheelchair Basketball community) are excited for the future of the program under Rob's guidance."

Jeremy "Opie" Lade

NWBA Hall of Fame Member and Team USA Paralympic Medalist Current Head Coach of Team USA Women's Wheelchair Basketball Former Head Coach, UW-Whitewater Men's Wheelchair Basketball

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