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Wheelchair basketball for a good cause

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Smith Debnam participated in its first wheelchair basketball tournament at the PNC Arena benefitting Bridge II Sports. Bridge II Sports is a nonprofit organization that provides opportunities for children and adults, who are physically challenged, to play team and individual sports. Seventeen teams were made up of 4 players each from the sponsoring company and one professional or college basketball star. Each team was assigned a coach who has experience playing wheelchair basketball.

[Alicia Whitlock](#) organized the Smith Debnam team, which included [Tom Gray](#), [John Sperati](#), [Christina McAlpin Taylor](#), and [Sam Fleder](#). Our attorneys looked pretty impressive for their first attempt at wheelchair basketball, but they did have a little help from some basketball stars, including former Duke player Andre Dawkins and Josh Powell who played for NC State and the NBA. Coached by Nolan Turner, a 12-year-old Cary boy with spina bifida, Smith Debnam won their first game, but they were defeated in a tough second game.

For more information on Bridge II Sports visit www.bridge2sports.org

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