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NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE  
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL  
**FINAL FOUR**

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## *Movin' Mavs*





# History



The UTA Movin' Mavs are relative "newcomers" to the National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball arena. Prior to 1989, UTA had participated in a recreational wheelchair basketball league.

Known as the UTA Freewheelers, the team was open to all undergraduates, graduates, and alumni who desired to learn the game and to compete against their peers. Some of the early team members went on to higher levels of involvement, including earning roster positions on Team USA and competing in Gold Cup, Pan American and Olympic competition.

In 1989, a milestone was achieved as UTA offered its first Athletic Scholarships to Willie Hernandez and Jesus Alamillo - two young freshmen from California who saw an opportunity to gain their Mechanical Engineering degrees while playing the sport they grew up knowing and loving. The year 1989 was also the year the team changed its name to the Movin' Mavs - the name used by all other athletic teams on campus. In their first year of intercollegiate competition, the UTA Movin' Mavs surprised coaches and players alike as they made the Final Four. Willie and Jesus both made the "All-American" team, established several records, and established the

Mavs as a team to be taken seriously.

In 1990, the Movin' Mavs achieved the ultimate dream of all intercollegiate athletes. They defeated a tough and talented Wisconsin team for the National Championship - the first National Championship of any UTA team. The year 1991 saw a repeat of the National Championship against the University of Illinois. Individual team members were again selected for "All-American" status and freshman, Steve Welch, gained MVP honors. The team was honored by UTA with Championship rings - a significant step in treating all athletes alike.

Last year, the Movin' Mavs made it a "three-peat" in a very close and exciting championship game against their arch-rival, Illinois. This championship effort was noticed at the White House, and for the first time an Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Team was invited to meet the President of the United States, as most other National Champs are honored.

Equally significant, all participants are graduating with very competitive degrees, as UTA emphasizes the student first, the athlete second. We look forward to the day when all major colleges and universities provide similar opportunities in Intercollegiate Wheelchair Sports.

| No.             | Player | Year      | Major             |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|-------------------|
| Brad Michael    | 00     | Senior    | Architecture      |
| Jason Van Beek  | 5      | Senior    | Public Relations  |
| Pho Tran        | 24     | Senior    | Engineering       |
| Chhay Mak       | 30     | Junior    | Engineering       |
| Cipi Falcon     | 21     | Junior    | Business          |
| Robby Holcomb   | 22     | Sophomore | Business          |
| Dennis Harrison | 23     | Sophomore | Biology           |
| Hans Ostergaard | 34     | Sophomore | Engineering       |
| Javier Gonzalez | 25     | Freshman  | Business          |
| Rusty Belknap   | 12     | Freshman  | Engineering       |
| Caesar Olivas   | 10     | Freshman  | Political Science |

**Head Coach:** Jim Hayes  
**Assistant Coach:** Lee Castillo  
**Manager:** Henry Torres  
**Equipment:** Juan Pulido

**Trainer:** Rocky Delgado  
**Statistician:** Richard Ellis  
**Graduate Assistants:** Willie Hernandez  
 Jesus Alamillo