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Great Britain men claim second World Team Cup wheelchair tennis title to add to silver and bronze medals for Junior and Women's teams

- **Great Britain Men's Team win second title since 2015**
 - **Record Medal haul for Great Britain Teams**
 - **Great Britain Junior team win silver**
- **Women's team claim bronze for second year in a row**

Great Britain's men's wheelchair tennis team claimed their second BNP Paribas World Team Cup title since 2015 on Saturday after beating France 2-0, with Alfie Hewett and Gordon Reid both producing straight sets victories in Ramat Hasharon, Israel.

The success of the British men's team of Hewett, Reid and Dermot Bailey follows on from the silver medal won by the Great Britain junior team and the bronze medal won by the Great Britain women's team on Friday. Overall, this week's record medal haul surpasses the achievements of 2012, when Great Britain teams one won silver medal and two bronze medals.

Saturday's victory for the men's team had more than an air of familiarity about it as Hewett and Reid also won both singles rubbers against France when Great Britain won the title for the very first time in 2015. This time both players produced clinical first set performances before holding on in their respective second sets, Reid beating Nicolas Peifer 6-1, 7-6(3) before Hewett defeated Stephane Houdet 6-0, 7-5.

Hewett and Reid are both former members of Great Britain junior gold medal-winning teams at the World Team Cup. Following his latest triumph at the event reigning US Open champion Hewett said:

“The last couple of years have been tough for us. We have a great team and we have the potential to win it every single time, but we haven’t pulled through those finals in the last two years. We didn’t lose a singles match the whole week and that just shows how high our level has been. That first set for me today was probably the best set of tennis I’ve ever played. But it’s not just one performance that wins the title and it was a top performance from Gordon today and Dermot’s played some really good matches too.”

Reid set Great Britain well on the way to victory in Saturday’s men’s final, winning six games in a row to take the opening set: The Rio Paralympic champion said:

Representing Great Britain in the men’s event at the World Team Cup for the fourth time Bailey now has a gold medal to add to his. Players in the 14-strong British squad for the tournament are part of the LTA’s Wheelchair Tennis World Class

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Notes to Editors

Men's Event – captained by Martyn Whait

- Alfie Hewett (Cantley)
- Gordon Reid (Glasgow)
- Dermot Bailey (Kettering)

Women's Event – captained by Rob Cross

- Lucy Shuker (Fleet)
- Louise Hunt (Wanborough)
- Cornelia Oosthuizen (Tilshead)
- Jordanne Whiley (Steventon)

Quad Event – captained by Mike Price

- Andy Lapthorne (Eastcote)
- Antony Cotterill (Holmfirth)
- James Shaw (Nottingham)

Junior Event – captained by Marc McCarroll

- Ben Bartram (Norwich)
- Ruby Bishop (Norwich)
- Gregory Slade (Dorking)
- Dahnnon Ward (Derby)

Great Britain World Team Cup Titles

Men – 1 (2019, 2015)

Women – 0

Quads – 5 (2017, 2014, 2009, 2002, 2001)

Juniors – 2 (2013, 2007)

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