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SPORTS SCENE

# Barrier Breakers Host Annual Contest

**C**erebral Palsy of Westchester's (CPW) Barrier Breakers, with team members from 10 to 21, recently hosted their 12th annual wheelchair basketball game at the Westchester County Center.

They faced off against a team made up of players from both the Westchester School for Special Children's Wildcats and the New York Rolling Fury. Members of Iona College Men's Basketball team helped out with warm-ups.

Westchester Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins and Westchester County Office for People with Disabilities Director Evan Latainer gave opening remarks. CPW's Vo-

cal Groove music ensemble led the crowd in the National Anthem, in addition to performing at halftime. A special hoop-shoot free-throw contest was held during half time, organized and sponsored by the Mid-Westchester Elks Lodge 535.

"These kids are outstanding athletes, and their enthusiasm is contagious," said Wendell Rones, coach of CPW's Barrier Breakers. "This event each year allows them to enjoy the spirit of competition."

The Wildcats, based in Yonkers, have been the Barrier Breakers main rivals for the past 12 years. Rolling Fury is part of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association.



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Barrier Breakers' player, Adam Murray, is about to take a shot during the annual wheelchair basketball game at Westchester County Center.