

THE WHEELCHAIR

Peter Norfolk uses the ultimate in sports wheelchairs, the Sunrise Medical Quickie Matchpoint Tennis Wheelchair

THE WHEELS

The most obvious difference between an everyday chair and a sports chair is the camber of the wheels, which allow players to move quickly around the court. The camber options of 16 or 20 degrees increase stability and enable the player to turn effortlessly. Keeping the tyres well tuned is very important.

THE FRAME

Made from either aluminium or titanium, the frame of a sports chair is designed to be lightweight and strong at the same time. They are also fitted with an integral anti-tip, allowing the player to sit forward and make the chair more manoeuvrable, without worrying about tipping over.

THE SEAT

With an adjustable height, centre of gravity and angle, the seat helps mould the player into the chair, so that where they go, it goes. The back angle accommodates different playing styles and abilities, and the upholstery is also adjustable, helping the player to fit into the backrest and increase mobility.

THE SIDE GUARDS

The aluminium side guards enable players to lock their hips into the chair, creating a secure connection between the player and the chair. Slight movement of the hips will change the direction of the chair according to the player's wish.

