2018 U.S. MEN'S & WOMEN'S AND NATIONAL TEAM

IWBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MEDIA GUIDE













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ABOUT THE NWBA

WHAT IS THE NWBA?

The National Wheelchair Basketball Association is the longest standing and largest Disabled Sports Organization in the world. It was founded in 1948 to provide individuals with physical disabilities the opportunity to play and learn wheelchair basketball.

WHAT DOES THE NWBA DO?

We are the organization that is responsible for growing and developing wheelchair basketball in the United States, and the selection and training of the Paralympic and Parapan Am Games teams, as well as major international competitions. The U.S. Olympic Committee's Paralympic Division and the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation recognize the NWBA as the governing body for the United States.





What is the NWBA's reach?

The NWBA is currently in 42 states and has nearly 3,000 members and 225-plus teams. We have divisions for Men, Women, High Performance, Collegiate, Division I, Division II, Division III, Varsity and Prep.

How many Competitions are there?

There are nearly 200 NWBA sanctioned competitions annually throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada. The NWBA season is from October to April, culminating in the National Tournament, which was most recently held in Louisville, Kentucky, April 12-15, 2018.

HISTORY OF THE NWBA

World War II veterans gave birth to wheelchair basketball in 1946. They played in Veterans Administration (VA) hospitals in Birmingham, California, and Framingham, Massachusetts, as well as at the Corona Naval Station in California where World War II veterans were being treated for various degrees of paralysis. The veterans competed against doctors who practiced at the Birmingham Hospital. In 1947 the Birmingham team traveled to the Corona Naval Station where they competed in the first match between two wheelchair basketball teams.

Within two years, six teams emerged representing VA hospitals throughout the country. National tournaments were organized and hosted by the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA).

In 1948, pioneer and Hall-of-Fame inductee Tim Nugent organized the the National Wheelchair Basketball Association and the first official National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament. That same year, in a remarkable act of self-determination, the Birmingham VA Flying Wheels took to the air and challenged VA hospital teams throughout the United States. Wheelchair basketball soon became the number one sport of individuals with disabilities. VA teams and players joined the NWBA shortly after 1948.

Wheelchair basketball for women began to surface in the mid-1960's. In 1968, a U.S. team competed alongside the U.S. men in the Paralympic Games in Tel Aviv, Israel. Since only a men's division existed in the NWBA at that time, the women who played in the United States competed on co-ed teams. As of 1970, one team had been formed, the University of Illinois Ms. Kids. During the 1973-74 season, the Ms. Kids played the Southern Illinois University Squidettes in the Men's Old Gym on the University of Illinois campus.

This was the first recorded wheelchair basketball game between two organized women's teams, and the first women's wheelchair basketball game between two collegiate women's teams. In 1977 a proposal to create a Women's Division proposed to the NWBA by University of Illinois graduate student and future Hall-of-Fame inducted Bob Szyman. In 1978, six teams were formed to compete in the national tournament, hosted by the University of Illinois.

Since 1991, the NWBA has attained considerable recognition in the public domain. It became an associate member of the U.S. Congress. It is an active member of USA Basketball.

The NWBA has since grown to over 225 teams and boasts nearly 3,000 members. The National Wheelchair Basketball Association has given birth to hundreds of teams from around the globe. The U.S. now competes against teams from these regions at the Paralympic Games and the World Championships.

The NWBA's National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament is the largest single-sport event in the world for athletes with disabilities. The NWBT is the culmination of the regular season with the top ranked teams competing for a coveted National Championships in their respective division: Adult DI, DII and DIII; the Junior Division's Varsity and Prep levels

Nearly 1,150 athletes compete for these titles throughout four days of competition on 12 courts. Additionally, the NWBA conducts National Tournaments for the Women's Division and Intercollegiate Division at individual tournaments annually.

PLAYING THE INTERNATIONAL GAME

BASIC RULES

The basic rules of wheelchair basketball are very similar to running basketball (for example the height of the basket, distance to the foul line, three point line, etc., are the same measurements as in the game of stand up basketball), but over time they have evolved as well. In 1964, basic international rules were adopted which included minor adjustments to meet the needs of the game in a wheelchair. Wheelchair basketball is played in accordance with the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) rules which have been modified from Federation Internationale de Basketball (FIBA).

SCORING

A goal is credited to the team attacking the basket into which the ball has entered as follows:

A goal from a free throw counts one (1) point;

A goal from the two-point field goal area counts two (2) points;

A goal from the three-point field goal area counts three (3) points.

Every team has 24 seconds to complete its attempt to score a basket. If the team with the ball exceeds this time limit, then the ball and the right of play is granted to the opposing team.

DRIBBLING

A player may wheel the chair and bounce the ball simultaneously, however, if the ball is picked up and/or placed on the player's lap, he/she is only allowed to push twice before they are obligated to shoot, pass, or dribble the ball again. There is no double dribble rule in wheelchair basketball. A traveling violation occurs if the player takes more than two pushes while in possession of the ball without dribbling. A player is not allowed to touch the playing surface with his or her feet while in possession of the ball.

FOULS

The wheelchair is considered part of the player's body in relation to establishing responsibility for contact on the court in the case of charging, blocking, going out of bounds, and other violations. An offensive player may not remain in the key area for more than three seconds.

In addition to the technical fouls that may be assessed from time to time as in stand up basketball, a player lifting his/her legs to gain an advantage or lifting out of his/her chair is given a technical foul. The player must remain firmly seated in his/her chair and must not use his/her lower limbs to steer the chair or gain an unfair advantage. In the event that a player falls out of his/her chair, a referee may stop the play if in his/her opinion the player is at risk of being injured, otherwise play will continue. On an inbounds play, the offensive player is not allowed to go into the key until the ball is handed to the inbounding player by the referee.

CLASSIFICATION OVERVIEW

Wheelchair basketball classification is based on the players' functional capacity to complete the skills necessary to play – pushing, pivoting, shooting, rebounding, dribbling, passing and catching. It is not an assessment of a player's level of skill, merely their functional capacity to complete the task. In particular, the trunk movement and stability observed during these actual basketball situations, forms the basis for the assignment of a player to a particular class.

CLASSES

Players are assigned points as their classification -1, 2, 3, and 4 are the recognized classes, with 0.5 classes between for the exceptional cases which do not fit exactly into one class, and the 4.5 category for the player with least or minimal disability.

TEAM BALANCE

The total number of points allowed on court at any time is 14.0. That is, the total points of all five players actually playing. If a coach allows the team to have over 14.0 points, they will incur a technical foul on the bench.

2018 U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM



not pictured: Brian Bell, Aaron Gouge, Mike Paye

U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

ALPHABETICAL

NO.	NAME	IWBF CLASS	HEIGHT	YEAR OF BIRTH	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE
20	ARAMBULA, Jared	2.5	5'8	1990	Valparaiso, IN	University of Alabama
8	BELL, Brian	4.5	6'1	1989	Birmingham, AL	University of Illinois
33	BOIE, John	1	5'3	1991	Milton, WI	Univeristy of Wisconsin - Whitewater
42	GOUGE, Aaron	2	6'0	1985	Wake Forest, NC	University of Texas - Arlington
15	HINZE, Nate	4.5	6'3	1988	Oshkosh, WI	University of Wisconsin - Whitewater
16	JENIFER, Trevon	2.5	3'0	1988	Huntington, MD	Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
13	LYNCH, Ian	1	5'4	1984	Brooklyn Park, MN	University of Wisconsin - Whitewater
5	PAYE, Mike*	3	5'3	1983	Gross Pointe, MI	University of Texas at Arlington
1	SANCHEZ, Jorge	4	5'9	1991	Oakland, CA	University of Texas - Arlington
9	SCOTT, Matt	3.5	5'8	1985	Detroit, MI	University of Wisconsin - Whitewater
11	SERIO, Steve*	3.5	5'4	1987	Westbury, NY	University of Illinois
2	WILLIAMS, Jake	2.5	5'6	1991	Milwaukee, WI	University of Wisconsin - Whitewater

^{* =} denotes captain

NUMERICAL

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STAFF

Head Coach: Ron Lykins, Columbia, Missouri Assistant Coach: Robb Taylor, Auburn, Alabama Assistant Coach: John Sikora, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Athletic Trainer: Mary Vacala, Savannah, Georgia Team Leader: Scott Meyer, St. Charles, Missouri

2018 IWBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN'S SCHEDULE

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Morocco	USA	Turkey	Australia
Canada	South Korea	Brazil	Argentina
Iran	Poland	Japan	Spain
Germany	Great Britain	Italy	Netherlands

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Thursday, August 16 4 p.m 5:45 p.m	OPENING CEREMONY Venue 1 Germany - Morocco Venue 1
	Morocco - Canada <i>Venue 1</i> Australia - Argentina <i>Venue 2</i> South Korea - Great Britain <i>Venue 2</i>
Saturday, August 18 9:30 a.m	Argentina - Netherlands <i>Venue 2</i> Brazil - Italy <i>Venue 1</i> Spain - Australia <i>Venue 2</i> Germany - Ireland <i>Venue 1</i>

Sunday, August 19

7:45 p.m 8:15 p.m	Netherlands - Spain Venue 2
6:00 p.m	Germany - Canada Venue 1
6.00 p.m	italy - Turkey venue i
3:00 p.m	
12:15 p.m	Iran - Morocco Venue 2
9:30 a.m	Poland - Korea Venue 1

Monday, August 20

10:05 a.m	Japan - Brazil Venue 2
12:15 p.m	Spain - Argentina Venue 1
2:30 p.m	Canada - Iran Venue 1
2:00 p.m	South Korea - USA Venue 2
2:30 p.m	Netherlands - Australia Venue 1
5:30 p.m	Great Britain - Poland Venue 2

KEY

W-Winner CO-Cross Over Game QF-Quarterfinal L-Loser PL-Placement Game SF-Semifinal

CROSSOVER GAMES

:	Thurs	day, August 16
:	CO 1	10:00 a.m 2 C - 3 D Venue 2
:	CO 2	11:45 a.m 2 D - 3 C Venue 1
:	CO 3	12:15 p.m 1 B - 4 A Venue 2
	CO 4	2:00 p.m 1 A - 4 B Venue 1
:	CO 5	2:30 p.m 1 C - 4 D Venue 2
:	CO 6	5:30 p.m 1 D - 4 C Venue 2
:	CO 7	7:45 p.m 2 A - 3 B Venue 2
:	CO 8	8:15 p.m 2 B - 3 A Venue 1
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QUARTERFINALS Venue 1

esuay, August 22	
11:45 a.m	W CO 3 - W CO 2
2:00 p.m	W CO 6 - W CO 4
6:00 p.m	W CO 5 - W CO 1
8:15 p.m	W CO 7 - W CO 8
	11:45 a.m 2:00 p.m 6:00 p.m

PLACEMENT GAMES Venue 2

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PL 5-7	12:15 p.m	LQF1-LQF2
PL 5-7	2:30 p.m	L QF 3 - L QF 4
PL 15	5:30 p.m	Placement 15-16
PL 13	7:45 p.m	Placement 13-14

SEMIFINALS Venue 1

Friday	r, August 24	
SF 1	1:30 p.m	W QF 1 - W QF 2
SF 2	6:00 pm	W QF 3 - W QF 4

PLACEMENT GAMES

Saturday, August 25

Thursday, August 23

PL 7	11:45 a.m	Placement 7-8 Venue 1
		Placement 11-12 Venue 2
		Placement 5-6 Venue 1
PL 9	2:30 p.m	Placement 9-10 Venue 2

FINALS Venue 1

Sunday, August 20					
PL 3	1:15 p.m	L SF 1 - L SF 2			
PI 1	3:30 pm	W/ SF 1 - W/ SF			

RON LYKINS

2018 U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM HEAD COACH

Born in Chicago, Illinois in 1961, Ron Lykins is an able-bodied wheelchair basketball coach who once played basketball at St. Francis DeSales High School, but never thought he would find himself coaching the international level, and is one of the most respected wheelchair basketball coaches. He coached the U.S. Women's National team to back-to-back gold-medal performances at the 2004 and 2008 Paralympics Games. He has been the U.S. Men's National Team coach since 2013 and won a gold medal with his team in the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games.

Lykins was first introduced to the sport in 1980 when he needed to complete recreation administration field work for his studies at the University of Kentucky. He finished the 90 hours of required fieldwork in just two weeks, and as some say, the rest is history. In 1984 he decided to stay on at the University of Kentucky to obtain his Masters degree. It was then that he started coaching the University of Kentucky Men's wheelchair basketball team and that was the defining moment that cemented Lykins desire to forever coach wheelchair basketball.

In 1985 Lykins transitioned to coaching the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater men's wheelchair basketball team. Under his tenure the team went on to win two runner-up titles in 1986 and 1992.

In 1990 another turning point in his wheelchair basketball coaching career came when he was offered the post of head coach of the women's national team. He coached the team to the top of the podium at the 1990 World Championships in France. He continued his mark leading the U.S. women's national team to a silver medal in the 1992 Paralympic games, and coached the women for 18 years, winning gold at the 2007 ParaPan American Games and at both the 2004 and 2008 Paralympic games.

From 2004, the U.S. Women's Team won Gold in the America's Cup in 2005, took silver at 2006 World Championships and a bronze at the



Following the 2008 Paralympic Games he began coaching at the University of Missouri men's wheelchair basketball team. In his first season with the Tigers, he led them to their first ever winning season. His team has gone on to win three Missouri Classic Championships and finished fifth twice at the National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.

He was appointed head coach of the U.S. men's wheelchair basketball team in 2013. He led the men to a 2013 American Zone Qualification Tournament gold medal. In July of 2014, the men brought home the silver medal at the World Championships in Incheon, South Korea and subsequently followed with a gold-medal finish at the 2015 ParaPan American Games in Toronto, Canada, where Team USA qualified for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games and went on to win the Gold. He was inducted into the NWBA Hall of Fame in 2018.

Lykins currently resides in Columbia, Missouri, with his wife, Sandy.

ROBB TAYLOR

2018 U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ASSISTANT COACH

Robb Taylor is a wheelchair basketball coach from Auburn, Alabama, where he is the head coach for the Auburn Tigers Wheelchair Basketball team. He moved back to Alabama in order to grow and develop the wheelchair basketball program. His experience with coaching wheelchair basketball dates over 17 years where he has been involved in many different levels throughout the NWBA.

He originally started out as the assistant coach at the University of Illinois, and in 1999 won the NWBA Intercollegiate Division Championship. He then went on to be the head coach for the Phoenix Mercury in the NWBA. With this team he won the NWBA Women's Division Championship in 2003, 2004 and 2006. In 2003, he started working with the U.S. Women's National Team.

After coaching in Phoenix, Taylor moved to Chicago to became the head coach for the Windy City Warriors. Under Taylor's coaching, the Windy City Warriors won back-to-back Illinois High School Association State Championships.

From 2005-2008 he was again an assistant coach for the U.S. Women's national team. They won gold at the America's Cup in 2005, took silver at World



Championships and bronze at the Friendship Games. In 2007 and 2008 they won gold at the ParaPan American Games, Friendship Games and Paralympic Games.

In 2013 he moved from the U.S. Women's National Team to the men's program, where they started with a gold medal at America's Cup. Taylor helped the men's team to a gold medal at the 2015 ParaPan American Games. He was apart of the team at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games and went on to win the gold.

He and his wife, Sara, reside in Auburn, Alabama, with their two sons, Jeremy and Jaxson.

JOHN SIKORA

2018 U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ASSISTANT COACH

John Sikora has had a connection with wheelchair basketball since his own playing days that date back to 1977. He played just under 30 years with the Pittsburgh Steelwheelers. He was on the U.S. Men's National Team from 1989-1993, winning three gold medals and one silver while on the national team.

In 1983 Sikora was inducted into the City of Pittsburgh Sports by Ability Hall of Fame. Four years later he was presented the Outstanding Achievement Award by the Federation of Independent School Alumnae. He has been inducted into two additional Hall of Fames and received three additional prestigious awards as a player.

He has since then dedicated his career toward improving the lifestyles of people with physical disabilities. He is the current Executive Director for the HOPE Network, which promotes healthy lifestyles along with community integration for children and adults with physical disabilities.

Beginning in 2005, he became t he assistant coach for the U.S. Women's National team. With Sikora, they won

silver at the 2006 World Championships, gold at the 2007 ParaPan An Games and the 2008 Paralympics Games.

His current position as assistant coach for the U.S. Men's National Team began in 2013 and has been equally as successful. The men won Gold at the 2013 America Cup Qualifiers, silver at the 2014 World Championships, gold at the 2015 ParaPan Am Games and gold at the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games.



JARED ARAMBULA

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2017 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2015 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2015 NWBA National Tournament Champion, Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks
- 2014 IWBF World Championship, silver Medal
- 2013 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion, University of Alabama
- 2013 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2013 U-23 World Championships
- 2012 Performance Award, University of Alabama
- 2010 Performance Award, University of Alabama



Arambula was born with spina bifida and stumbled upon wheelchair basketball after playing wheelchair softball at the age of six. He played wheelchair basketball at the University of Alabama. Arambula was cocaptain of the 2012-2013 University of Alabama team that won the NWBA Intercollegiate National Championships, and in the same year was awarded the Performance Award. He played for the Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks, the NWBA 2014-15 Adult Division I Champions before moving to Italy in 2015 to play for a professional Italian club. He's the only player to win an NWBA championship at the Prep, Varsity, Intercollegiate and Adult levels.

PERSONAL NOTES

- Son of Doug and Karen Arambula. His father, Doug, is a member of the NWBA Board of Directors. Doug was also the Junior Division president for 10 years
- Enjoys watching documentaries and relaxing with friends
- A favorite motivational quote of his is, "The saddest thing in life is wasted talent."



Height: 5'8 / 172 cm
Classification:
2.5
Date of Birth:
January 8, 1990
Hometown:
Valparaiso, Indiana

College:University of Alabama

BRIAN BELL

#8

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2017 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2016 Italian League Champion
- 2015 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2014 IWBF World Championship, silver medal
- 2014 Italian League Champion
- 2013 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2010 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion



At 10-years-old, Brian lost his leg due to a train accident. After he recuperated and finished rehabilitation, he wanted to get back to playing his favorite sports: basketball and football. One year he played middle school football on his prosthetic. When he was 12, he saw his first game of wheelchair basketball. His mom discovered the U.S. Paralympic Training Center, the Lakeshore Foundation, in Birmingham, Alabama, where he fell in love with the sport after attending sports camps for children with disabilities.

PERSONAL NOTES

- Son of Louvenia Bell
- Has one step-sibling, Andreus Gulley
- Married to Diane and has three children: Kaylan, Lia and Myles
- His hobbies include cooking, baking and playing video games.



Height: 6'1 / 182 cm
Classification: 4.5
Date of Birth:
February 24, 1989
Hometown:
Birmingham, Alabama
College:
University of Illinois

JOHN BOIE

#33

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2017 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2014 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2011 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2010 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion



Height: 5'3 / 160 cm
Classification: 1.0
Date of Birth:
February 11, 1991
Hometown:
Milton, Wisconsin
College:
University of WisconsinWhitewater

BACKGROUND

Boie's injury is a T4/T5 incomplete spinal cord injury, suffered after a tractor accident. Boie began playing wheelchair ball when he was 11 years old after attending a summer camp at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Boie always loved sports growing up and competed against his able-bodied friends, so when wheelchair basketball came around he was instantly hooked. Boie said his favorite memory while playing for University of Wisconsin-Whitewater was defeating the University of Illinois by 41 points in the 2012 National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball championship game.

- Son of Crystal and David Boie
- Has a brother Scott and a sister Elizabeth
- He loves to throw an ultimate disc or a football, and also just started to play some wheelchair lacrosse. Besides basketball, he enjoys deer and turkey hunting, fishing, trivia, and spending time with his nieces.

NATE HINZE

#15

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2015 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2012 Paralympic Games, bronze medal
- 2011 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2011 NWBA Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Player of the Year
- 2011 Academic All-American
- 2010 IWBF World Championship, bronze medal
- 2009 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2007 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion



Hinze was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma in his junior year of high school when he was 16 years old. He went through nine months of chemotherapy and a 14-hour surgery to remove a tumor from his leg. In that surgery, they replaced his knee and part of his tibia with titanium. In 2015, he celebrated his 10th year of being cancer-free. Hinze began playing wheelchair basketball in 2006 at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He currently serves as the Athletic Director for the Sheboygan Area School District.

PERSONAL NOTES

- Son of Ron and Patti Hinze
- Has one sister, Melissa, and one brother, Chad
- Married to Ashley Hinze, Has two daughters, Reese and Lena.
- Hobbies include jet skiing, supporting the Packers, Brewers, and Badgers, hanging out with family and friends, and playing video games.



Height: 6'3 / 190 cm
Classification: 4.5
Date of Birth:
June 12, 1998
Hometown: Cedar
Grove, Wisconsin
College:
University of
Wisconsin-Whitewater

AARON GOUGE

#42

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2018 NWBA National Tournament runner-up, Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks
- 2017 NWBA National Tournament Champions, Dallas Wheelchair Mayericks
- 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2016 NWBA National Tournament runner-up, Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks
- 2015 Parapan American games, gold medal
- 2015 NWBA National Tournament Champions, Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks
- 2014 IWBF World Championships, silver medal
- 2007 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2007 Player of the Year, University of Texas at Arlington

BACKGROUND

Aaron started playing wheelchair basketball when he was 11 with a local team in Raleigh, North Carolina, just for fun. After a couple years when he started to get more competitive and started playing for the Charlotte Hornets. He went on to play at University of Texas at Arlington. Following college, he played professionally in France for two years. In 2007, the Mayor of Arlington officially declared November 2 as "Aaron Gouge Day." He works for Per4Max (a wheelchair manufacturer and sponsor of the NWBA) on the final assembly of wheelchair basketball competition chairs.

PERSONAL NOTES

- Son of Roger and Nancy Gouge
- Has a wife, Amber.
- Has an older sister, Amber
- His hobbies are hanging out with friends, watching movies and sports, and traveling.



Height: 6' / 182 cm Classification: 2.0 Date of Birth: November 3, 1985 Hometown: Wake Forest, North Carolina College: University of Texas -Arlington

TREVON JENIFER

#15

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2015 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2014 IWBF World Championship, silver medal
- 2012 Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- Two-time All-American for Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
- 2009 IWBF U-23 Wheelchair Basketball World Championships- gold medal



Jenifer was born without legs, due to an extremely rare disorder called congenital amputation. Before focusing on wheelchair basketball in college, Trevon was a successful track athlete in his early years and a top wrestler in high school. He also penned an inspirational autobiography, 'From the Ground Up' at 17 years old. Jenifer has gone on to play professional basketball in Europe in the Euroleague. He has gone on to be a Keynote Speaker for the Americans with Disabilities Act and Horace Mann School.

PERSONAL NOTES

- Son of Constance Bullock and Eric Brown.
- Has three brothers, Paul, Marcus and Jamar, and a sister, LaTarsha
- His partner is Laura Klass and they have a daughter Saraeya
- He enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, spending time with family and friends



Height: 3' / 91cm
Classification: 2.5
Date of Birth:
September 7, 1988
Hometown:
Huntingtown, Maryland
College: Edinboro
University of Pennsylvania

IAN LYNCH

#13

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2017 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2014 IWBF World Championship, silver medal
- 2013 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2012 Paralympic Games, bronze medal
- 2012 Italian Champion
- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2007 Parapan American Games- gold medal
- 2007 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2005 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2004 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2003 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion



Height: 5′ 4″ / 162 cm
Classification: 2.5
Date of Birth:
April 20, 1984
Hometown: Brooklyn
Park, Minnesota
College:
University of
Wisconsin- Whitewater

BACKGROUND

lan started playing wheelchair basketball at nine years old at the Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Center in Minnesota. He was introduced to wheelchair basketball by his therapist Susan Hagel, a women's wheelchair basketball legend. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater where he won 4 NWBA Intercollegiate Championships. He played professionally for three seasons for SSD Santa Lucia Sport in Rome, Italy from 2010-2013. He is currently the head coach of the NWBA Junior Division's Cincinnati Dragons.

- Son of Bradford and Kathleen Lynch
- Has two brothers, Ryan and Sean
- His hobbies include coaching, following the NBA and learning new things.

MIKE PAYE

#5

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2017 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2015 Parapan Am Games, gold medal
- 2014 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships, silver medal
- 2013 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2010 IWBF Gold Cup, bronze medal
- 2008 Paralympic Games, 4th place
- 2008 North American Cup-first place
- 2008 Deutschmeiser Cup Winner
- 2008 Champions Euro Cup, silver medal
- 2007 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2007 Deutschmeister Cup and Pokal Cup Winners
- 2006 All-World Team IWBF Gold Cup World Championships, silver medal
- 2006 NWBA Collegiate Division Player of the Year
- 2006 NWBA Collegiate Division National Championship
- 2004 Paralympic Games, 7th place
- 2004 NWBA Collegiate Division First Team All-American
- 2003 NWBA Collegiate Division Second Team All-American
- 2002 NWBA Collegiate Division National Championship



Height: 5' 3" / 160 cm Classification: 3.0 Date of Birth: March 24, 1983 Hometown: Gross Pointe, Michigan College: University of Texas - Arlington

BACKGROUND

Michael Paye started playing wheelchair basketball competitively at around 12 years old in an adult league. He eventually went to the University of Texas-Arlington where he won two NWBA Collegiate Championships. After graduation, he moved to Germany and has been playing professionally for the past 10 years with RSV Lahndill

- Son of Mike and Karen Paye
- Has a brother, Bryan, and sister, Kim
- Married to Lena
- His hobbies are being with friends, watching football, other sporting events, working out and traveling.

STEVE SERIO

#11

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2018 NWBA National Tournament Champion, New York Rollin' Knicks
- 2017 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2017 NWBA National Tournament runner-up, New York Rollin' Knicks
- 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2015 Parapan American games, gold medal
- 2014 IWBF World Championships, silver medal
- 2013 Parapan American games, gold medal
- 2013 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2012 London Paralympic Games, bronze
- 2011 Parapan American games, gold medal
- 2010 IWBF World Championships, bronze medal
- 2010 University of Illinois Collegiate Champion
- 2009 Parapan American games, gold medal
- 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games, 4th place
- 2008 Parapan American games, gold medal
- 2006 IWBF World Championships, bronze medal
- 2005 U-23 National Team, gold medal
- RSV Lahn dill (8 German Championships and 2 European Club Championships.



Height: 5'4/162 cm Classification: 3.5 Date of Birth: September 8, 1987 Hometown: Westbury, New York College: University of Illinois

BACKGROUND

When Serio was 11 months old, he had surgery to remove a spinal tumor which resulted in the compression of his spinal cord. Consequently, he was left paralyzed and is classified as an incomplete paraplegic. He began playing wheelchair basketball at the age of 14, a sophomore in high school. Serio led his high school to a title and was named the MVP of the national tournament. After high school, he played for University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. He led them to a national championship, winning player of the game, NWBA tournament MVP, and the NWBA player of the year in the process. He won the 2017 ESPN ESPY Award for Best Male Athlete with a Disability for his performance at the 2016 Rio Paralympics.

- Son of Ed and Hilary Serio
- Has two young brothers, Will and Luke
- Hobbies include reading, exercising and traveling.

JAKE WILLIAMS

#2

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2017 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2015 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2014 IWBF World Championships, silver medal
- 2014 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2013 Bogota World Championship Qualifier, gold medal



At 16, Williams was hit by a car while riding his bike and the incident left him disabled. While in the hospital, Chris Okon, a player from the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, came to visit him and gave Williams the phone number to a local coach who helped him start playing four months after his accident. He played collegiately at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. One of his favorite quotes is, "People say not to bite off more that you can chew, I would rather choke on greatness than nibble on mediocrity."

BALL



Height: 5' 6" / 167.64 cm Classification: 2.5 Date of Birth: August 2, 1991 Hometown: Milwaukee, Wisconsin College: University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

- Son of Carson and Lisa
- Has five siblings, Heather, Elizabeth, David, Lorna and Alex.

JORGE SANCHEZ

#1



- 2017 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2015 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2014 NWBA Intercollegiate First Team All-American
- 2013 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2013 NWBA Intercollegiate First Team All-American
- 2012 NWBA Intercollegiate First Team All-American

USA

Height: 5'9 / 175 cm
Classification: 4.0
Date of Birth:
October 3, 1991
Hometown:
Oakland, California
College:
University of Texas Arlington

BACKGROUND

Sanchez was diagnosed with Osteogenic Sarcoma at the age of 8. He had two years of chemotherapy a total of 23 surgeries and many complications. Sanchez started playing wheelchair basketball at the age of 13, as a freshman in high school. He found the sport through a man while at Costco who invited him out and was amazed by the sport. He immediately fell in love with wheelchair basketball; the only part he didn't like were all the blisters on his hand after practice. He is currently playing for Dinamo Sassari in Sardegna, Italy.

BALL



- Son of María Elena and Jorge Sanchez
- Has a sister Alexi
- Likes to work out and try new food.

MATT SCOTT

#9

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2017 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2014 European Champions Cup
- 2012 Paralympic Games, bronze medal
- 2012 Kitakyushu Cup
- 2013 European Champions Cup
- 2013 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2012 European Champions Cup
- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2011 Kitakyushu Cup
- 2010 IWBF World Championship, bronze medal
- 2010 All-World Team (top 5 players at World Championship)
- 2009 Kitakyushu Cup
- 2009 European Champions Cup
- 2008 Kitakyushu Cup
- 2008 Paralympic Games, 4th place
- 2007 Parapan American games, gold medal
- 2007 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2006 IWBF World Championships, silver medal
- 2005 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2004 Paralympic Games, 7th place
- 2004 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion



Height: 5'8 / 172 cm
Classification: 3.5
Date of Birth:
March 27, 1985
Hometown:
Detroit, Michigan
College:
University of WisconsinWhitewater

BACKGROUND

Scott was diagnosed with spinal bifida at birth. He began playing wheelchair basketball in 1998 when he was 14 years old. Scott played throughout high school and in 2004 was recruited to be on the U.S. Men's National Wheelchair Basketball team. He was nominated in 2008 for an ESPN ESPY for "Best Male Athlete with a Disability". He currently plays professionally in Germany. He received national attention in a way no U.S. Paralympic athlete had done previously by starring in his own nationwide broadcast ad for Nike on New Year's Eve in 2007 and New Year's Day in 2008. He was also featured in an Apple Watch advertisement in 2017

- Son of David and Audrey Scott
- Has two siblings, Sherita and Alex
- Enjoys spending time with loved ones, creative writing, traveling, listening to music and reading.

2018 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM



U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

ALPHABETICAL

NO	NAME	IWBF CLASS	HEIGHT	YEAR OF BIRTH	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
7	ASLAKSON, Josie	1	5'4	1995	Jordan, MN	University of Texas - Arlington
23	DUNKIN, Abigail	3.5	5'10	1995	New Braunfels, TX	University of Texas - Arlington
21	EATON, Kaitlyn	1.5	4'8	1994	Houston, TX	University of Illinois
54	GONZALEZ, Ixhelt	4.5	5'3	2004	Chicago, IL	St. Francis De Sales High School
35	GRUSS, Shelby	1	5'11	1991	Ossian, IN	University of Illinois
15	HOLLERMAN, Rose	3.5	5'7	1995	Elysian, MN	University of Texas - Arlington
1	IBANEZ, Alejandra	2.5	5'6	2000	Murray, UT	University of Illinois
13	LJUNGDAHL, Riley	1	5'5	2000	Longmont, CO	Holy Family High School
43	MOODY, Bailey	4	5'6	2001	Alpharetta, GA	Providence Christian Academy
34	OBERST, Emily	4.5	5'5	1998	Brookfield, WI	University of Illinois
10	WOOD, Morgan	3	5'2	1993	Gordonsville, TN	University of Texas - Arlington
24	ZURBRUGG, Lindse	y 2.5	5'4	1998	Portland, OR	University of Wisconsin - Whitewater

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NO	NAME	IWBF CLASS	HEIGHT	YEAR OF BIRTH	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
1	IBANEZ, Alejandra	2.5	5'6	2000	Murray, UT	University of Illinois
7	ASLAKSON, Josie	1.0	5'4	1995	Jordan, MN	University of Texas - Arlington
10	WOOD, Morgan	3.0	5'2	1993	Gordonsville, TN	University of Texas - Arlington
13	LJUNGDAHL, Riley	1.0	5'5	2000	Longmont, CO	Holy Family High School
15	HOLLERMAN, Rose	3.5	5'7	1995	Elysian, MN	University of Texas - Arlington
21	EATON, Kaitlyn	1.5	4'8	1994	Houston, TX	University of Illinois
23	DUNKIN, Abigail	3.5	5'10	1995	New Braunfels, TX	University of Texas - Arlington
24	ZURBRUGG, Lindsey	2.5	5'4	1998	Portland, OR	University of Wisconsin - Whitewater
34	OBERST, Emily	4.5	5'5	1998	Brookfield, WI	University of Illinois
35	GRUSS, Shelby	1.0	5'11	1991	Ossian, IN	University of Illinois
43	MOODY, Bailey	4.0	5'6	2001	Alpharetta, GA	Providence Christian Academy
54	GONZALEZ, Ixhelt	4.5	5'3	2004	Chicago, IL	St. Francis De Sales High School

STAFF

Head Coach: Trooper Johnson, San Lorenzo, California Assistant Coach: Amy Spangler, Madison, Wisconsin Assistant Coach: Adam Kramer, Northport, Alabama Athletic Trainer: Karla Francon Lexington, Kentucky Team Leader: Kearstin Gehlhausen, Denver, Colorado

2018 IWBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

WOMEN'S SCHEDUE

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 Canada	Australia	USA	Argentina			
Brazil	Great Britain	Algeria	Germany			
Netherlands	Spain	France	China			
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	Netherlands - Spain Venue 1	•	USA - Argentina Venue 2			
	Brazil - Great Britain Venue 2		Spain - Australia Venue 2			
•	USA - France Venue 2	•	Algeria - France Venue 2			
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9:30 a.m	Netherlands - Australia Venue 1	PL 9-11 10:00 a.m	5 A - 6 B Venue 2			
Sunday, August 19		SEMI	FINALS Venue 1			
10:00 a.m	Great Britain - Spain Venue 2	Friday, August 24				
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2:30 p.m	Argentina - Algeria Venue 2	SF 2 8:15 pm	W QF 3 - W QF 2			
5:30 p.m	Australia - Canada Venue 2					
		PLACEM	IENT GAMES Venue 2			
Monday, August 20		Friday, August 24				
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TROOPER JOHNSON

2018 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM HEAD COACH

Lawrence "Trooper" Johnson has been in the sport of wheelchair basketball longer than most. Having first been a player, U.S. Paralympian, and now coach, Trooper's list of accomplishments is also longer than most. Inl 2016, Johnson was inducted into the NWBA Hall of Fame for his numerous achievements and is considered the best long-range shooter in NWBA history.

Johnson first found the sport of wheelchair basketball after being involved in a car accident at the age of 17 that left him paralyzed. After that, wheelchair basketball was all he knew. He was a member of the Men's National Team for 15 years. He competed in four Paralympic games, two world championships 10 NWBA all-star games and is a two-time MVP and NWBA National Champion. He also assisted Team USA in winning nine gold medals and one silver medal in international play.

From all star player to all-star coach, Johnson went on to be the assistant coach for the 2013 USA Men's Junior National team. Then he quickly took on the head coaching role for the Women's Junior National Team also in 2013. The women's team won gold in the Youth Pan Am Games under his supervision. In 2015 he was the assistant coach for the US. Women's National team that won gold in Toronto at the ParaPan American Games and another gold at the Rio Paralympics games. He was named the head coach of the U.S. Women's National Team in 2017.

He is also the Youth Sports Program Coordinator for Bay Area Outreach and Recreational Programs. Johnson is also a member of the National Advisory Board for Positive Coaching Alliance with a mission to empower young people through sports. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Northern California Olympians & Paralympians.

With so much experience, Johnson shares his story and gives presentations all across the country.

His presentations are interactive and challenge students to truly understand people in wheelchairs and their unique abilities. He also tries to break down stereotypes as well as offer discussion in relation to drug and alcohol prevention.

Johnson is the iconic symbol in the NWBA logo. He and his wife, Megan, have a son Max, and triplets, Hank, Sam and Sophia. They all reside in San Lorenzo, California.



AMY SPANGLER

2018 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ASSISTANT COACH

Assistant Coach Amy Spangler may be new to the Women's National team in 2016, but she is not new to the international game. Her coaching career dates all the way back to 1999.

Spangler attended the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater where she obtained her Bachelor of Science-Education in Special Education. Being at UW, which happens to be a traditional powerhouse in wheelchair basketball, allowed Spangler to truly begin her coaching career in the sport. She began helping with the summer wheelchair basketball camps where she would supervise and coach campers.

Spangler fell in love with these instructional camps with young players who were eager and excited to grow as athletes. She became the lead instructor for similar camps all across the world. From 1998-2002 she led camps in Champaign Illinois, Seattle Washington, Tokyo, Japan, and Sapporo Japan. At all of these specific camps she instructed skill sessions, came up with drills and coached games that followed.

Not only was
Spangler running camps,
she then became the
head coach for the Mad
City Junior Wheelchair
Basketball Team in
Madison, Wisconsin, a.



grade school team. Shortly after beginning her coaching reign with the Badgers she was then selected in 2001 to be an assistant coach for the U.S. Women's National Team. She was an assistant for Team USA until 2004 and then went on to continue her career in Special Education and serve as the President of the for the Mad City Wheelchair Sports program until 2014.

BA

ADAM KRAMER

2018 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ASSISTANT COACH

Adam Kramer joins the U.S. Women's National Team as an assistant coach for the first time starting in 2018, but has a long history in the sport. The 33-year-old from Northport, Alabama, has been coaching wheelchair basketball for over 10 years.

After graduating high school, Kramer took a job in business management and soon realized that it was not the field for him. While business requires you consider profits and money as the most important thing, Kramer wanted to be in an industry where he could nurture relationships with others. It was at this point that he decided to change his career path and get a degree in coaching. He was able to obtain an internship in adaptive sports with the Milwaukee Heat and after a few months, he knew that this was the industry he wanted to build a career.

Kramer has been an assistant coach for three seasons with the University of Alabama women's team and next season



become an assistant coach with their men's team. After many years of volunteering with the U.S. Women's National Team, he was named assistant coach. Kramer player basketball, soccer and baseball growing up. His hobbies include anything that has to do with the outdoors and traveling.

JOSIE ASLAKSON

#7

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2017 America's Cup, silver medal
- 2017 NWBA Women's Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2014 NWBA Varsity National Champion, Minnesota Junior Timberwolves
- 2009 NWBA Prep National Champion, Rollin Rowdies



Aslakson suffered a back injury after a car accident at the age of five. She was recruited to a prep team when the varsity coach noticed her trying other sports at a recreational rehab facility. Alaskon has won a national championship in every NWBA division she's been apart of (prep, varsity, and collegiate).

PRALL



- Her hobbies include writing, film, and traveling.
- Daughter of Theodore Aslakson and Becky Miller.



Height: 5'4 / 162 cm Classification: 1.0 Date of Birth: September 14, 1995 Hometown: Jordan, Minnesota College: University of Texas- Arlington

ABIGAIL DUNKIN

#23

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2018 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2017 America's Cup, silver medal
- 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2016 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2015 Parapan Am Games, gold medal

A S K E

Height: 5' 10" / 177 cm Classification: 3.5 Date of Birth: November 24, 1995 Hometown: New Braunfels, Texas College: University of Texas - Arlington

BACKGROUND

Abby Dunkin is the oldest member of this team at 22 years-old, and one of two members of the U.S. Women's National Team who won gold in the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games. She started playing wheelchair basketball as a junior in high school. Her first tryout for the U.S. Women's National Team was in January 2015. In March of 2018 she helped her college team, the Lady Movin' Mavs of the University of Texas at Arlington clinch their second title at the NWBA intercollegiate National Championships. In the short time that she has been playing, Abby has made incredible strides and has proven that she has what it takes to play at the elite level.

PBALL

- Her parents are Melissa Kratsas and Steve Dunkin
- Has a younger sister, Alex



KAITLYN EATON

#21

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2017 NWBA Intercollegiate First Team All-American
- 2016 NWBA Intercollegiate First Team All-American
- 2015 NWBA Intercollegiate Second Team All-American



Eaton has sacral agenesis and is missing her entire sacrum. She began playing wheelchair basketball when she was a high school sophomore in 2010. Eaton started playing because she wanted to be an athlete, fell in love with the game and never looked back. Other than basketball, Eaton loves hanging out with friends, watching any sport on TV, mainly football, basketball and baseball. She also enjoys coaching basketball, serving as the assistant coach for the University of Illinois women's wheelchair basketball team.



Height: 4'8 / 166 cm Classification: 1.5 Date of Birth: August 17, 1994 Hometown: Houston, TX

College: University of Illinois

PERSONAL NOTES

- Daughter of Jill Eaton
- Has an older brother named Josh and a twin sister named Kelsey

PBALL



IXHELT GONZALEZ

#54

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2016 NWBA Junior Division National Championships 1st Team All-Tournament
- 2015 NWBA Junior Division National Championships MVP Female
- 2014 NWBA Junior Division National Championships 1st Team All Tournament
- 2013 NWBA Junior Division National Championships 2nd Team All Tournament



Gonzalez is the youngest member of the U.S. women's senior team at the age of 14. She was diagnosed with bilateral femoral anteversion at age two. Gonzalez started playing at age seven with her brother, who has cerebral palsy. The previous varsity coach asked her if she wanted to play and fell in love with the game since then. Gonzalez's competitive spirit led her to play other sports, including wheelchair softball.

BALL

PERSONAL NOTES

- Her hobbies include singing, drawing and reading
- Daughter of Tomasa and Antonio Gonzalez
- Has two siblings, Aitana and Guillermo Gonzalez.



Height: 5'3 / 160 cm Classification: 4.5 Date of Birth: June 1, 2004 Hometown: Chicago, Illinois High School: St. Francis

De Sales High School

SHELBY GRUSS

#35

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

• 2017 America's Cup, silver

BACKGROUND

Gruss has a spinal injury to her T8 and T9 vertebrae, suffered after attempting a big air jump while snowboarding. Gruss started playing wheelchair basketball in fall of 2012. She played stand up basketball most of her life and always loved it, so after her injury she fell in love with the sport again through wheelchair basketball. Gruss was recently named captain of the 2018 U.S. Women's National team.

PBALL

PERSONAL NOTES

- Gruss also plays tennis, likes snow skiing horseback riding and shooting bow and arrow
- Daughter of Greg and Patty Gruss
- Has three brothers Don, Greggory, And Elliott Gruss



Height: 5'11 / 180 cm Classification: 1 Date of Birth: September 3, 1991 Hometown: Ossian, IN College: University of Illinois

ROSE HOLLERMANN #15

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2018 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2017 America's Cup, silver
- 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2016 NWBA Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2016 NWBA Intercollegiate National Championships MVP
- 2016 NWBA Intercollegiate MVP
- 2014 NWBA Varsity National Champion, Minnesota Junior Timberwolves
- 2015 Parapan Am Games, gold medal
- 2014 NWBA Varsity MVP
- 2013 NWBA Varsity MVP
- 2012 London Paralympic Games, 4th
- 2011 U25 National Team, gold medal
- 2011 NWBA Varsity MVP
- 2011 Parapan Am Games, gold medal
- 2011 NWBA Varsity MVP
- 2010 NWBA Varsity National Champion, Minnesota Junior Timberwolves
- 2009 U20 National Team, gold medal
- 2009 NWBA Prep National Champion, Rollin Rowdies
- 2009 NWBA Varsity National Champion, Minnesota Junior Timberwolves
- 2008 NWBA Varsity National Champion, Minnesota Junior Timberwolves

FACTS

Rose Hollermann has established herself as the do-it-all offensive anchor for the U.S. Women's team. She one of the oldest players on the this U.S. Women's team at the age of 22. Rose started playing basketball at the Courage Center in Minnesota when she was seven years old. She was involved in a car accident that took the lives of her two older brothers. Despite her age, Hollermann has already made a huge impact on the success of the team. She was the leading scorer in the gold medal game against Canada at the 2015 ParaPan Am games with 37 points. A mulit-sport athlete, Hollermann has also participated in swimming, sled hockey, archery, track & field, and cross-country skiing.

PERSONAL NOTES

- Her hobbies include fishing, hunting, basketball, sled hockey and listening to music
- Daughter of John and Michelle Hollermann
- Has three brothers: Shane, Ethan and Seth



Height: 5' 8" / 172 cm Classification: 3.5 Date of Birth: December 25, 1995 Hometown: Elysian, Minnesota College: University of Texas - Arlington

ALEJANDRA IBANEZ

#1



- 2018 NWBA Junior Division National Tournament All-Female Team
- 2018 NWBA Junior Division West Coast Conference All-First Team
- 2014 NWBA Varsity National Championships, runner-up, Salt Lake Rec N Crew

BACKGROUND

Ibanez has arthrogryposis, which is a condition from birth that affects the joints in the lower body, making them extremely stiff. She started playing wheelchair basketball the Fall of 2013 after meeting the coaches and players of the the Utah Rush Varsity team.

BALL

PERSONAL NOTES

- Her hobbies and interests consist of drawing/ sketching, rock climbing and reading mystery and crime novels
- Daughter of Tiffanie and Sergio Ibanez
- Has six siblings Andrea, Gabe, Isaac, Elizabeth, her twin Elena and Brooke.



Height: 5'6 / 167 cm
Classification: 2.5
Date of Birth:
Hometown: Murray,
Utah
College: University of
Illinois

RILEY LJUNGDAHL

#13

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2017 America's Cup, silver medal
- 2017 NWBA Junior Invitational Champion, Denver Junior Rolling Nuggets
- 2015 NWBA Women's National Champion, Lady Rolling Nuggets



Height: 5'5 / 165 cm Classification: 1.0 Date of Birth: August 8, 2000 Hometown: Longmont, Colorado

High School: Holy Family High School

BACKGROUND

Ljungdahl was diagnosed with transverse myelitis after an unknown virus attacked her spine, which left her paralyzed from the waist down. Before her injury, Ljungdahl was a competitive multi-sport athlete, so finding another avenue for her to stay competitive was a huge goal. Just six months after her injury, Ljungdahl was introduced to wheelchair basketball at a local adaptive sports camp and fell in love with it. Outside of basketball, Ljungdahl loves spending time with her friends, paddleboarding, and enjoying the support I receive from her family.

PBALL

- Outside of basketball, Ljungdahl loves spending time with her friends, paddle-boarding, and enjoying the support I receive from her family
- Daughter of Karen and Reagan Ljungdahl
- Has a step-mother, Melissa
- Has two half-siblings, Rock and Skye

BAILEY MOODY

#43

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2018 NWBA Varsity National Championship, 2nd place
- 2017 NWBA Varsity National Championship, 2nd place
- 2015 NWBA Prep National Champion, Atlanta Junior Hawks



Moody was diagnosed with osteosarcoma at the age of 10, leading her amputate one of her legs. Before her injuries, Moody played doubleheaders in softball, multiple tennis matches and basketball games. She wears the number 43 in honor of Philip Lutzenkirchen, a former Auburn University football player who died in a drunk driving accident.

BALL



- In her spare time, Moody enjoys participating in school plays and musical
- Daughter of Patrick and Tiffany Moody



Height: 5'6 / 167 cm Classification: 4.0 Date of Birth: November 16, 2001

Hometown: Alpharetta, GA

High School: Providence Christian Academy

EMILY OBERST

#34

BASKET BA

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2017 America's Cup, silver medal
- 2015 NWBA Junior Varsity Division Female MVP
- 2014 NWBA Junior Varsity Division Female MVP

BACKGROUND

Oberst was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma bone cancer when she was 12 years old. A few years later when she was 16, she found the sport of wheelchair basketball and started playing for the Milwaukee Bucks Wheelchair Basketball team. After high school, Oberst continued her basketball career at the University of Illinois where she is currently a junior.

BALL

Date of Birth: August 27, 1998 **Hometown:** Brookfield,

Height: 5'5 / 165 cm

Classification: 4.5

Wisconsin **College:** University of

Illinois

PERSONAL NOTES

- Outside of basketball she enjoys hanging out with friends, golfing and occasionally binge-watching Netflix
- Daughter of Steve and Melissa
- Has three little brothers, twins that are 17 and one that is 15.

MORGAN WOOD

#10

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2018 NWBA Collegiate National Championships
- 2017 America's Cup, silver medal
- 2016 NWBA Collegiate National Championships

BACKGROUND

Wood was diagnosed with spina bifida. She started playing wheelchair basketball in 2008. Wood has loved basketball since she can remember, her earliest memories come from watching Michael Jordan in the NBA Finals. Wood loves spending time with friends, traveling, helping advocate for wheelchair sports and athletics across the states, concerts, going to the lake, and visiting family

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- Daughter of Karla and Russell Wood
- Has two sisters, Megan and Emma, and one brother, Holden



Height: 5'2 / 157 cm
Classification: 3.0
Date of Birth: August
13, 1993
Hometown:
Gordonsville, TN
College: University of
Texas at Arlington

LYNDSEY ZURBRUGG #24

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

• 2017 America's Cup, silver medal

BACKGROUND

Zurbrugg has a spinal cord injury due to an undiagnosed tethered cord. She played six years of able-bodied basketball before she was injured in 2012. The 2013-2014 season was her first year of wheelchair basketball in the NWBA Junior division. Zurbrugg's most memorable game is from the 2017 America's Cup, where she went 6-for-7 from the field in the quarterfinal game versus Brazil.

BALL

PERSONAL NOTES

- Her hobbies include piano, beekeeping, and sleeping
- Daughter of Laura and Chris
- Has one brother, Collin



Height: 5'4 / 162 cm Classification: 2.5 Date of Birth: September 22, 1998 Hometown: Portland, Oregon College: University of Wisconsin, Whitewater

2014 - Incheon, South Korea

<u>Date</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>
July 5th	Pool C	Turkey	Win 74-57
July 6th	Pool C	Algeria	Win 68-37
July 7th	Pool C	Colombia	Win 50-43
July 8th	Pool F	Italy	Loss 41-54
July 9th	Pool F	Germany	Win 88-48
July 10th	Pool F	Australia	Win 67-57
July 12th	Quarterfinal	Iran	Win 72-51
July 13th	Semifinal	Spain	Win 56-49
July 14th	Final	Australia	Loss 63-57

Result: 2nd Place

2010 - Birmingham, Great Britain

<u>Date</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>
July 8th	Pool A	South Ko <mark>rea</mark>	Win 92-67
July 9th	Pool A	Poland	Win 83-34
July 10th	Pool A	Italy	Win 82-39
July 11th	Pool A	Japan	Win 89-46
July 12th	Pool A	Great Britain	Loss 66-76
July 14th	Quarterfinal	Turkey	Win 92-50
July 15th	Semifinal	Australia	Loss 58-68
July 17th	Third Place	Italy	Win 71-42

Result: 3rd Place

2006 - Amsterdam, Netherlands

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>
July 6th	Pool B	Great Britain	Loss 42-48
July 7th	Pool B	France	Win 78-57
July 8th	Pool B	South Africa	Win 84-47
July 9th	Pool B	Sweden	Win 88-47
July 10th	Pool B	Australia	Win 67-55
July 12th	Quarterfinals	Japan	Win 68-60
July 14th	Semifinals	Netherlands	Win 66-61
July 15th	Finals	Canada	Loss 41-59

Result: 2nd Place

2002 - Kitakyushu, Japan

<u>Date</u>		<u>Game</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>
August	23th	Pool A	Great Britain	Loss 77-72
August	24th	Pool A	Korea	Win 79-48
August	25th	Pool A	Australia	Win 70-66
August	26th	Pool A	Brazil	Win 67-43
August	27th	Pool A	Netherlands	Win 77-57
August	29th	Quarterfinals	Germany	Win 70-57
August	30th	Semifinals	Canada	Win 75-68
August	31st	Finals	Great Britain	Win 74-61

Result: 1st

1998 - Sydney, Australia

<u>Date</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Game</u> <u>Opponent</u>	
October 23rd	Pool A	J apan /	Win 57-37
October 24th	Pool A	France	Win 68-47
October 25th	Pool A	Korea	Win 74-46
October 26th	Pool A	Netherlands	Win 68-52
October 27th	Pool A	Great Britain	Win 56-51
October 28th	Quarterfinals	Finland	Win 68-46
October 29th	Semifinals	Australia	Win 64-46
October 31st	Finals	Netherlands	Win 61-59

1994 - Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

<u>Date</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>
July 21st	Pool B	Brazil	Win 97-40
July 22nd	Pool B	Australia	Win 88-56
July 24th	Pool B	Spain	Win 69-43
July 25th	Pool B	Great Britain	Win 66-49
July 26th	Pool B	Germany	Win 75-59
July 27th	Semifinals	Canada	Win 80-50
July 30th	Finals	Great Britain	Win 67-53

1990 - Bruges, Belgium

Date	Game	Opponent	Result
August 5th	Pool A	Italy	Win 79-42
August 6th	Pool A	Australia	Win 86-73
August 7th	Pool A	Great Britain	Win 66-48
August 8th	Pool A	Canada	Win 63-59
August 9th	Pool A	Germany	Win 67-49
August 10th	Semifinals	Netherlands	Win 59-37
August 11th	Finals	France	Loss 61-62

Result: 2nd

1986 - Melbourne, Australia

Date	Game	Opponent	Result
April 7th	Pool A	Yugoslavia	Win 68-54
April 8th	Pool A	Great Britain	Win 64-34
April 9th	Pool A	Netherlands	Win 67-52
April 10th	Pool A	Israel	Win 74-43
April 11th	Semifinals	France	Win 72-42
April 12th	Finals	Canada	Win 61-40

Result:1st

1983 - Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Date	Game	Opponent	Result
May 23rd	Pool A	Japan	Win 86-72
May 23rd	Pool A	Belgium	Win 86-54
May 24th	Pool A	Canada	Win 65-53
May 25th	Pool A	Germany	Win 78-46
May 26th	Pool A	France	Win 82-58
May 27th	Classificat	tion Israel	Win 77-60
May 28th	Finals	France	Win 68-57

1979 - Tampa, Florida

Date	Game	Opponent	Result
May 9th	Pool B	Sweden	Win 86-24
May 10th	Pool B	Spain	Win 77-48
May 11th	Pool B	Netherlands	Loss 55-50
May 12th	Semifinals	Israel	Win 75-45
May 13th	Finals	Netherlands	Win 60-49

Result: 1st

1975 - Bruges, Belgium

Date	Game	Opponent	Result
July 29th	Pool A	Italy	Win 65-38
July 29th	Pool A	Germany	Win 57-48
July 30th	Pool A	Poland	Win 60 - 19
July 30th	Pool A	Belgium /	Win 72-35
July 31st	Pool A	Netherlands	Win 49-35
August 1st	Semifinals	Great Brita <mark>in</mark>	Win 53-31
August 2nd	Finals	Israel	Loss 50-47

Result: 2nd

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Did Not Compete

Medal Count:

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	United States	6	4	1	11
2	Australia	2	0	1	3
3	France	1/	3	169	5
4	Great Britain		2	10.	4
5	Canada	1	1	4	6
6	Israel	1	0	0	1
7	Netherlands	0	2	2	4
8	Sweden	0	0	1	1
9	Turkey	0	0	1	1
Total		12	12	12	36

2014 - Toronto, Canada

Date	Game	Opponent	Result
June 20th	Group A	Australia	Win 68-52
June 21st	Group A	Mexico	Win 64-29
June 22nd	Group A	Peru	Win 95-14
June 23rd	Group A	Netherlands	Loss 54-76
June 24th	Group A	France	Win 74-35
June 26th	Quarterfinal	Great Britain	Win 53-41
June 27th	Semifinal	Germany	Loss 58-68
June 28th	Third Place	Netherlands	Loss 58-74

Result: 4th

2010 - Birmingham, Great Britain

Date	Game	Opponent	Result
July 8th	Group B	📕 Japan 🦯	Win 56-35
July 9th	Group B	Brazil	Win 66-24
July 10th	Group B	China	Win 61-40
July 12th	Group B	Germany	Win 65-53
July 14th	Quarterfinal	Great Britain	Win 53-37
July 15th	Semifinal	Canada	Win 68-58
July 17th	Final //	Germany	Win 55-53

Result: 1st

2006 - Amsterdam, Netherlands

Date	Game	Opponent	Result
July 8th	Pool A	Japan	Win 81-56
July 9th	Pool A	Netherlands	Win 56-32
July 10th	Pool A	Germany	Win 62-31
July 11th	Quarterfinals	France	Win 58-22
July 13th	Semifinals	Australia	Win 55-38
July 14th	Finals	Canada	Win 58-50

2002 - Kitakyushu, Japan

Date	Game	Opponent	Result
August 26th	Pool B	Netherlands	Win 51-35
August 27th	Pool B	Great Britain	Win 49-29
August 28th	Pool B	Japan	Win 55-46
August 30th	Semifinals	Australia	Win 52-40
August 31st	Finals	Canada	Loss 49-38

Result: 2nd

1998 - Sydney, Australia

Date	Game	Opponent	Result
October 26th	Pool B	Netherlands	Win 62-32
October 27th	Pool B	Japan	Win 58-47
October 28th	Pool B	Mexico	Win 49-24
October 30th	Semifinals	Australia	Win 34-32
October 31st	Finals	Canada	Loss 54-38

Result: 2nd

1994 - Stoke Mandeville, England

Date	Game		Opponent		Result
August 7th	Pool B		Japan		Win 51-35
August 8th	Pool B		Spain		Win 62-20
August 9th	Pool B		France		Win 47-21
August 10th	Pool B		Netherlands		Win 35-33
August 12th	Semifinals		Australia	A	Win 33-29
August 13th	Finals	1	Canada		Loss 45-34

Result: 2nd

1990 – St. Etienne, France

Date	Game	Opponent	Result	
July 5th	Pool A	Australia	Win 47-18	
July 7th	Pool A	France	Win 53-26	
July 9th	Pool A	Canada	Win 45-28	
July 10th	Semifinals	Netherlands	Win 36-31	
July 11th	Finals	Germany	Win 58-55	

Medal Count:

Rank 1 2 3 4 5 Total	Nation Canada United States Germany Australia Netherlands	Gold 5 2 0 0 0 7 7	Silver Bron. 0 2 4 0 3 1 0 3 0 1 7 7	ze Total 7 6 4 3 1 21	APAR NO
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Sarah Castle, President Kansas City, Missouri

Sarah Castle is a four-time U.S. Paralympian, having competed in swimming in 2000 winning silver and finishing fourth in 2004. After a shoulder injury that left her unable to keep swimming, she then went on to

play Wheelchair Basketball in 2008 winning Gold and 2012 placing fourth. She is also a five time NCAA National Champion for the University of Illinois, and two time Parapan American Games gold medalist.

Sarah graduated in 2006 from the University of Illinois with her undergraduate and a masters in Political Science and Government. She received a doctorate of law from the University of Missouri Kansas City in 2012. During her road to the 2012 Games she was also studying for the bar exam. She later passed and became a lawyer in the state of Missouri.

Sarah is a member of the United States Olympic Committee Athlete Advisory Council. She spoke at the NCAA National Convention discussing inclusion of adapted athletic programs. She is an advocate for children and their development with disabilities. She worked on a campaign in 2008 entitled Campaign for Real Choice promoting the rights of people with developmental disabilities. Sarah became NWBA BOD President in July of 2015.

Bruce Fischbach, Vice President Vermillion, South Dakota

Bruce has contributed to the NWBA as a tournament director and junior conference commissioner. He is the assistant athletic director for sports medicine at the University of South Dakota. He has also served the Make-A-Wish Foundation as a wish granter and regional ambassador. Fischbach has served as president, vice president and secretary/treasurer for the South Dakota Athletic Trainer's Association and has been on the Mid-America Athletic Trainers' Association's board of directors.

Bruce received his undergraduate degree at the University of Nebraska. He is a United States Sports Academy alumnus with a master's degree in sport science and was recently named to the South Dakota Athletic Trainer's Association Hall of Fame. He has served the healthcare needs of thousands of student-athletes at the school since 1987.

Fischbach has spent time working with Special Olympics, minor league baseball, local youth athletics and athletes in the NWBA. He and his wife, Kelly, have three children, with Dylan a member of the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater wheelchair basketball team.

Curtis Lease, Treasurer Naperville, Illinois

Curtis is currently the Business Manager at Western DuPage Special Recreation Association. His organization teams up with adaptive sports and programs to offer camps, trips and Special Olympic events for kids and adults with special needs.

Curtis played for the Chicago Wheelchair Bulls. He was a part of the NWBA East All-Star Team, that was a selection of the 24 best NWBA players. Curtis is married to wife Denise and has a daughter, Morgan and a son, Ryan.

Tim Fox, Secretary Strongsville, Ohio

Tim Fox will fill the position vacated by Pat McCoy, through the balance of the original term (April, 2017). Tim is currently the head coach and general manager of the Cleveland Wheelchair Cavaliers. He won a Division III championship with the team in 2010. He has built the team and the organization to be the success it is today.

Tim also was a part of the venture in establishing the Junior Wheelchair Cavaliers team. He has fostered a great relationship with the NBA and in specific the Cleveland Cavaliers. Tim has also been a long time member of the NWBA Division III Committee.

Jay Abraham, Director Mooresville, North Carolina

Jay attended Brown University where he earned a degree in English and American Literature. He received his MBA from the University of Pennsylvania. Jay has worked for numerous large corporations such as Heinz Company, Weight Watchers and General Mills. He also worked for NASCAR Media Group, where he won four Sports Emmys and was nominated for 14 others over six years.

In 2012 he became the principal for his own company Abraham Marketing & Media. Some of his clients included Red Bull and Earnhardt Outdoors. He most recently accepted a position at the Catawba College where he was appointed Dean of Business.

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Will Waller, Director Hudson, Ohio

Will was recently appointed to a two-year position as a director on the board and is a two-time U.S. Paralympian (2000 and 2012), and an alternate for the 2016 U.S. Men's Team. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois in 1999 with a degree in Psychology and received a master's degree in human resources from the University of Illinois. As a two-time U.S. Paralympic athlete in wheelchair basketball he earned two bronze medals. He has also played at the various levels of the NWBA and worked his way to the top. He presently plays for the Cleveland Cavaliers wheelchair basketball team.

Will is currently a HR Executive for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. He is the leader for Global Finance and Information Technology. Prior to his current position, Waller has worked for several other Fortune 500 companies in their human resources departments. He is passionate about wheelchair basketball and making the entire organization better.

Lee Montgomery, Director Grand Rapids, Michigan

Lee has both been a player and coach of wheelchair basketball and is a three-sport phenom. He first got into the sport at the age of 14. Lee won a gold medal for wheelchair basketball at the 1990 Parapan American Games and played sitting volleyball in four Paralympic Games. In 1993, he ranked 10th in the U.S. among wheelchair tennis players. He was inducted into the Grand Rapids Sports Hall of Fame in 2006 and continues to be the only wheelchair athlete among those honored.

Lee has coached at numerous places including the Indiana Junior Pacers, Indiana Adult Pacers, Columbus Buckeye Wheelers and Grand Rapids Pacers. He currently coaches the Mary Free Bed's Wheelchair and Adaptive Sports teams. He has been partners with the Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital for five decades. In 2015 he was inducted into the NWBA Hall of Fame.

Doug Arambula, Director Valparasio, IN

Ray "Doug" was elected to a member of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association Board of Directors in 2017. Doug has been a longtime advocate and member of the NWBA. Doug is a pioneer for the NWBA Junior Division having been involved with the division for more than 21 years. Doug served as President of the Junior Division from 2002 to 2017. During his tenure as President, Doug created conferences, created

conference championships, team rankings, created/dissolved JV Division, Junior National Invitational Tournament, female all-tournament and MVP awards, annual Junior Division banquet and Senior Showcase Games.

Arambula coached the CAWS Rollin' Rebels from 1996 to 2008. He coached the Rebels to three straight National Junior Wheelchair Basketball Tournament Championship Games (1997-1999) and won the title in back-to-back years (1998 and 1999). Doug spent 36 years working for the Indiana Boilermakers Local 374. Doug served in various roles for the Indiana Boilermakers including Business Manager and General Foreman. Doug's served in leadership roles with Hobart Little Baseball and Biddy Basketball for seven years. Doug has also been involved with coaching high school sports in baseball and basketball at Wheeler High School. He and his wife of 33 years, Karen, have two children: Ray, 30, and Jared, 28. He also has a three-year-old granddaughter named Harper. His son Jared was a member of the U.S. Men's National Team that won a gold medal at the 2016 Rio Paralympics.

Anthony Bartkowski NWBA Executive Director

Anthony Bartkowski was named the Executive Director of the NWBA in June of 2017. He first joined the NWBA in September 2015 as a volunteer and was named the Director of Marketing, Communications and Events in January 2016. Bartkowski possesses expansive experience in the Olympic movement, serving in numerous capacities during his career.

Bartkowski solidified Louisville, Kentucky, as the host of the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament following a competitive bid process. He has also worked closely with the board in updating the NWBA governance documents.

As the NWBA Executive Director, Bartkowski oversees all management functions, including the day-to-day operations, budget, strategic planning, business development and staffing.

He graduated from Edinboro University with a degree in communications, where he was a member of the NCAA Division I wrestling team that was coached by four-time U.S. Olympic medalist Bruce Baumgartner. He and his wife, Kimberly, reside in the Colorado Springs area.

WHAT IS THE IWBF?

WHO WE ARE: The IWBF (International Wheelchair Basketball Federation is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide opportunities for persons with a lower limb disability to play the game of wheelchair basketball. IWBF has the following mandate:

- Establish the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules; the Official Wheelchair Basketball Player Classification Handbook, the specifications for equipment and facilities; the Internal Regulations that govern the conduct of the Federation and ensure that they are enforced on all occasions.
- Establish the standards for the training and certification of referees, classifiers, commissioners and examiners; control and govern the licensing of international referees, classifiers and commissioners and maximize the use of experienced players in the training and certification of each of the above categories of officials.
- Control and maintain the classification of players and issuance of Player Identity Cards and Player Classification Cards.
- Regulate the transfer of players from one country to another.
- Raise funds, collect fees and accept contributions and subsidies and ensure that all resources are
 used solely to further the aims and objectives of IWBF and in accordance with the principle that
 IWBF is a non-profit organization.
- Implement an organized marketing program that involves communication, public relations and demonstration events to instill awareness to the general public.
- There are 105 National Organizations for Wheelchair Basketball (NOWBs) worldwide and these are broken down into four zones: Asia Oceania, Africa, Europe and Americas.



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