



BRAD DUBBERLEY – Wheelchair Rugby

STATISTICS



Date of birth	28 June 1981
Sport	Wheelchair rugby
Classification	3.5
Disability	Quadriplegic (incomplete)
How acquired	Accident
Residence	Seven Hills, NSW
Occupation	Coach
First time competed for Aust	1996
Sport highlights	5 th at 1998 World Championships; silver at Sydney 2000; bronze at 2002 World Championships; 5 th at Athens 2004; 6 th at 2006 World Championships
Paralympic Games experience	Sydney 2000, Athens 2004
Personal honours/awards	Australian Junior Male Paralympian of the Year 1998; Australian National Team for 10 years.
Greatest sporting moment	Winning a silver medal in 2000 after beating New Zealand in the semi-final in front of a home crowd of ten thousand people
Heroes/role models	Shaquille O'Neill, Mick Fanning

BIOGRAPHY

Brad Dubberley is regarded as one of the best wheelchair rugby players in the world and has been for most of the past decade, since he played a key role in Australia's silver medal performance at the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games.

Brad became a quadriplegic when, aged 12; he slipped and fell down a 50m cliff head first into a creek when playing in the bush with friends. While still in rehabilitation for his accident, Brad took up wheelchair rugby in 1995, at the age of fourteen.

Brad first represented Australia in 1996 at a Test Series against New Zealand in Sydney. During his sporting career, he has competed in over seventy major competitions including the 2000 Paralympic Games and the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens, three World Championships and five seasons in the United States. In 1998, Brad was Australia's Junior Male Paralympian of the Year.

In November 2006, Brad was appointed to the position of Head Coach of the Australian Wheelchair Rugby Team by the Australian Paralympic Committee. As one of the youngest coaches of a national team in the world, Brad has set his sights on guiding the Australian team to win a medal at the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing.