



STEVE PORTER – Wheelchair Rugby

STATISTICS



Date of birth	22 November 1969
Sport	Wheelchair rugby
Discipline/event	Rugby
Classification	2.5
Disability	Tetraplegic
How acquired	Spinal injury
Residence	Wynn Vale, South Australia
Occupation	Human resource manager
First time competed in your sport	1993
First time competed for Aust	1994
Sport career highlights	Sydney 2000, 2002 USA Tour
Best international results	Silver at the 2000 Paralympics, bronze at the 2002 World Championships
Paralympic Games experience	Atlanta 1996, Sydney 2000, Athens 2004
Current world ranking	6
Best ever world ranking	2
Greatest sporting moment	Sydney 2000
Most influential person	Michael Kelly
Favourite quote	You can get through anything if you take a long enough run up

BIOGRAPHY

Steven Porter first competed in wheelchair rugby in 1993 and was selected to represent Australia in 1994 at the World Wheelchair Games. Since then, he has gone on to compete in many international championships, including three consecutive Paralympic Games: Atlanta in 1996, Sydney in 2000 and Athens in 2004.

During his career as an Australian wheelchair rugby athlete, Steven's best international results have been a silver medal at the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games, a bronze medal at the 2002 World Championships in Sweden and first place at the Oceania Zonal Championships in Japan.

Steven's list of achievements is significant. In 1998 and 1999, he was named the Most Valuable Player and was selected into the All Star Team in 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2002. He has also captained the Australian team on numerous occasions.

However, Steven does have a life outside of wheelchair rugby. He currently works as a Human Resource Manager for ETSA Utilities and is the proud father of two sons. But in the lead up to the 2008 Paralympics, Steven is ready to put his personal life on hold in order to focus all of his attention on winning a medal in Beijing.