



# SCOTT VITALE – Wheelchair Rugby

## STATISTICS



<b>Date of birth</b>	6 July 1985
<b>Sport</b>	Wheelchair rugby
<b>Discipline/event</b>	Rugby
<b>Classification</b>	2.0
<b>Disability</b>	C6 Quadriplegic
<b>How acquired</b>	Motorbike accident
<b>Residence</b>	Kurwonbah, Queensland
<b>First time competed in your sport</b>	2002
<b>First time competed for Aust</b>	2003
<b>Sport career highlights</b>	Oceania Zonal Championships
<b>Best international results</b>	Australia 1st place Oceania Zonal, Best 1.5 (Best in Class)
<b>Paralympic Games experience</b>	Athens 2004
<b>Current world ranking</b>	2
<b>Most influential person</b>	Terry Vinyard

## BIOGRAPHY

A member of the Australian Wheelchair Rugby squad, Scott Vitale's ability to overcome obstacles is a testament to his 'never give up' attitude to life.

In 2001, Scott broke his neck during a motorbike accident and as a result became a quadriplegic. When in hospital undergoing rehabilitation, Scott was shown a wheelchair rugby demonstration. Immediately drawn to the sport's hard hitting nature, he began playing wheelchair rugby in December 2002. Less than one year later, he was selected to represent Australia at the Oceania Zonal Championships in Japan.

Aside from Wheelchair Rugby, Scott loves to party and go fast in his ute. He also has an off road buggy which he drives on his parents property and is sometimes accompanied by fellow team member Ryley Batt on his four wheeler. Scott says "Even though I'm disabled, I still do most of the things that I did before my accident."

Scott is known to many for his resolve, dedication and commitment, qualities that saw him reclaim his life after his accident. His speed and agility on the court have made him an extremely valuable member of the Australian Wheelchair Rugby team.

Having represented Australia at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens, he now knows what to expect in Beijing. In the best form of his career, Scott cannot wait to take the court in Beijing and hopefully bring back a gold medal to his home town of Kurwongbah, Queensland.