



Justin Eveson

Date of Birth: 10/6/1980

Residence: Perth, Australia / Turkey

Coach: Ben Ettridge

Occupation: Athlete / Fitness Instructor

First time competed for Australia: 2002

Number of Paralympic Games

Beijing 2008 – Gold

Athens 2004 – Silver

Sydney 2000



Justin Eveson's Wheelchair Basketball team, Australia, became the Paralympic wheelchair basketball champions in Beijing, beating their old adversaries Canada in a thrilling match which ended 72-60 points.

It was one of the proudest moments of Justin's life and the Perth-born athlete has now travelled to Manchester as part of the Australian 'Rollers' team that will face GB, Germany and USA to contest the BT Paralympic World Cup, an event which they have finished with the silver medal in three times.

Justin has been playing basketball for as long as he can remember but it was swimming that he first took to competing internationally in.

"I love coming and playing in Britain at the BT Paralympic World Cup, the crowd support is always great and I really enjoy playing the GB team in front of their home crowd. There is a great rivalry between the two nations and to get up and play in those types of games is what being a part of this sport is about."

Seven years after a tragic accident which saw him fall under a lawn mower whilst working on a golf course, leading to a lower leg and knee amputation, Justin competed in the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games in front of a home crowd, winning silver and bronze medals in the 4x100m medley and 4x100m freestyle relays.

A year later, Justin's passion for basketball took over and he made the switch in sports:

"Having played basketball my whole life I made the switch from swimming in 2001 and have never looked back. Playing basketball has led to many fantastic opportunities to travel and see the world while playing the sport I love."

Justin is currently contracted to play for Turkish club Galatasaray and is playing in his seventh successive season in the highly prestigious European league.

Back home, this will be Justin's ninth year as a part of the Rollers team, and is also actively involved in developing younger wheelchair basketball as part of the Wheelchair Sports WA organisation.