



## Tatyana McFadden

Date of Birth: 21/04/1989

Residence: University of IL, USA

Coach: Adam Bleakney

Paralympic Games Achievements:

Silver: T54 200m, 400m, 800m, 2008

Bronze: T54 4x100m relay, 2008

Silver: T54 100m, 2004

Bronze: T54 200m, 2004

BT Paralympic World Cup Achievements:

Gold: T54 800m, 1500m, 2009

Gold: T54 400m, 800m, 2007



Tatyana McFadden was adopted from an orphanage in St Petersburg, Russia as a six-year-old and proved she is one of the best wheelchair racers in the world after going to the Paralympic Games in Beijing and winning four medals.

This US Paralympic starlet is an inspirational athlete with a remarkable story to tell:

“When I was adopted into the United States my mom got me involved in sports. As a youngster I was very anemic so mom got me interested in swimming and then basketball, I actually got involved with track athletics a little bit later,” she said.

“When I did my first competition in track, I really enjoyed racing. It was hard at first but I fell in love with the way that I felt during it. I had this drive of competitiveness and to train so one day I could be the best. I have to thank my mom for that because she made me the person I am today.”

Competing in a variety of distances from 100m to 1500m in the T54 category, Tatyana will be crossing the pond from America to compete at the BT Paralympic World Cup for the third time in 2010 and is looking forward to the challenge:

At the young age of 20, Tatyana has already enjoyed six years as part of the US Paralympic track & field team and has been collecting medals and records ever since.

Appearing at the Athens Paralympic Games in 2004 as the USA's youngest competitor aged 15, Tatyana won a silver and bronze to kick-start her medal haul. A year later she won gold, two silvers and a bronze at the IPC European National Championships which were followed by gold and two silvers at the IPC World Championships in 2006. A year before Beijing and her winning streak continued with two first-place finishes at the US Paralympic National Championships.

The University of Illinois student is also studying a dietetics course and is looking forward to a long athletics career. Keep your eyes peeled in London 2012 as she may be one of the international stars to beat!