

= John Triscari =

John Triscari (born 4 August 1957) is an Australian wheelchair basketball coach and school teacher . He was the coach of the Australia women 's national wheelchair basketball team at the 2012 Summer Paralympics , where the team won a silver medal . Since 2007 , he has been the coach of the Perth Western Stars , which won the Women 's National Wheelchair Basketball League (WNWBL) championship in 2013 .

= = Personal life = =

John Triscari was born on 4 August 1957 . He is in charge of physical education and health at Rockingham Senior High School in Perth , Western Australia . He coached the Rockingham Flames and Mandurah Magic in Western Australian State Basketball League .

= = Wheelchair basketball = =

= = = Perth Western Stars = = =

Triscari was appointed the coach of the Perth Western Stars in the Women 's National Wheelchair Basketball League (WNWBL) in 2007 . " Basically , " he told the media , " my goal is to develop the women 's team to get them winning finals . " This goal proved to be elusive . Fronted by young talents Cobi Crispin and Amber Merritt , the Western Stars made the WNWBL grand final in 2008 , only to be beaten by the dominant Sydney @-@ based Hills Hornets . The Hornets delivered a second grand final loss to the Stars in 2009 . The Western Stars went into the grand final as favourites in 2010 , but suffered yet another defeat at the hands of the Sydney team , now renamed the Sydney Uni Flames . In 2012 , the Western Stars made in the grand final again , only to be defeated this time by the Victoria @-@ based Dandenong Rangers . Finally , in the 2013 grand final , the Western Stars came from being nine points down at three quarter time to claim their first ever WNWBL championship .

= = = Gliders = = =

In 2009 , Triscari was named as the coach of the Australian women 's national wheelchair basketball team , commonly known as the Gliders . At the same time , Ben Ettridge was named as head of the men 's team , the Rollers . Ettridge had worked for Triscari as a physical education teacher at Rockingham three years before , but had since become the coach of an Italian team . Ettridge had then become West Australian director of elite coaching and player development at Basketball Australia , thereby becoming Triscari 's boss .

Triscari 's first tournament as Gliders coach was the 2009 Osaka Cup in Japan in February 2009 . It was an auspicious start , with the Gliders beating the 2008 Summer Paralympics champions , the USA team , 57 ? 38 . Despite a losses to Canada and the host nation , the Gliders came back to defeat the USA again and claim the Osaka Cup . The Gliders would win the Osaka Cup again under Triscari in 2010 and 2012 , and would be runners @-@ up in 2011 .

The Gliders competed in the 2010 Wheelchair Basketball World Championship in Birmingham , where they finished fourth , and the Four Nations Tournament in Canada in July and August 2010 , where they defeated the USA 55 ? 37 to claim the gold medal . A major hurdle was qualifying for the 2012 Summer Paralympic Games in London . The team had to finish first or second at the 2011 Asia Oceania Zone Championship in Goyang , South Korea . A loss to Japan meant that the Gliders had to beat Korea to qualify for London , which they did , 84 ? 11 . In the run @-@ up to the London games in 2012 , the Gliders won the Osaka Cup in Japan , came second in another four @-@ nations tournament in Frankfurt , defeated Germany in the Gliders World Challenge in Sydney , and the United States in the BT Paralympic World Cup in Manchester .

The Australia women 's national wheelchair basketball team at the 2012 Summer Paralympics posted wins against Brazil , Great Britain , and the Netherlands , but lost to Canada . It was enough to advance the Gliders to the quarter @-@ finals , where they beat Mexico . The Gliders then defeated the United States by a point to set up a final clash with Germany . The Gliders lost 44 ? 58 , and earned a silver medal .

Triscari received a Coach of the Year Award from the Western Australian Department of Sports and Recreation in 2012 , and again in 2013 . He was succeeded as head coach of the Gliders by Tom Kyle in May 2013 .