

= Maya Lindholm =

Maya Lindholm ( born 20 December 1990 ) is a 2 @. @ 5 point wheelchair basketball player , who played with the German national team that won a gold medal at the 2012 Summer Paralympics in London . It also won a European title in 2011 and was runner @-@ up in 2013 . President Joachim Gauck awarded the team Germany 's highest sporting honour , the Silbernes Lorbeerblatt ( Silver Laurel Leaf ) .

= = Biography = =

Maya Lindholm was born in Hamburg on 20 December 1990 . In 2004 , she awoke one morning with severe back pain , and within hours she could no longer move her legs . Doctors diagnosed spinal cord inflammation . She is studying to be an occupational therapist at the BG Trauma Hospital in Hamburg Boberg . She began playing wheelchair basketball for fun at the hospital in 2005 . In 2009 , she was selected as part of the national team .

Classified as a 2 @. @ 5 point player , Lindholm plays power forward . She was part of the team that won the European Championships in Nazareth , Israel , in 2011 , thereby qualifying for the 2012 Summer Paralympic Games in London . As part of the team 's preparation , they toured the United States and Australia . The German team went through the group stage undefeated , but started off slow in its games against the United States and China , winning these games by six @-@ point margins , and seemed to play its best basketball only in the final minutes of a game .

In the Gold Medal match in London , the team faced the Australia women 's national wheelchair basketball team , which had defeated them 48 ? 46 in Sydney just a few months before . In front of a crowd of over 12 @, @ 985 at the North Greenwich Arena , they defeated the Australians 58 ? 44 to win the gold medal , the first that Germany had won in women 's wheelchair basketball since 1984 . They were awarded the Silver Laurel Leaf by President Joachim Gauck in November 2012 , They were also named Team of the Year in Disability Sports for 2012 , an annual award voted for by 3 @, @ 000 members of the Association of German Sports Journalists .

Lindholm 's local team , Hamburger SV , which also included national teammates Mareike Adermann and Edina Müller ( and Australia 's Bridie Kean ) won the women 's national championship for the eighth time in 2013 . Lindholm was also part of the Hamburger SV team that had previously won it in 2010 .

The German national team was not so fortunate , losing the final of the European Championship to the Netherlands before a home town crowd in Frankfurt .

= = Achievements = =

2010 : German Women 's National League champion ( Hamburg SV )

2010 : Silver at the IWBF World Championships ( Birmingham , Great Britain )

2011 : Gold at the European Wheelchair Basketball Championships ( Nazareth , Israel )

2012 : Gold at the Paralympic Games ( London , England )

2013 : German Women 's National League champion ( Hamburg SV )

2013 : Silver at the European Championships ( Frankfurt , Germany )

2014 : Silver at the World Championships ( Toronto , Canada )

2015 : Gold at the European Championships ( Worcester , England )

= = Awards = =

2012 : Team of the Year

2012 : Silver Laurel Leaf