

= Shelley Chaplin =

Shelley Chaplin (born 4 September 1984) is an Australian 3 @. @ 5 @-@ point player wheelchair basketball player . She participated in the 2004 Summer Paralympics in Athens , where she won a silver medal ; in the 2008 Summer Paralympics in Beijing , where she won a bronze medal , and the 2012 Summer Paralympics in London , where she won a second silver medal , a win she dedicated to her lifelong friend Shannon .

Chaplin began playing wheelchair basketball in 1999 , after initially contemplating developing her archery skills , and made her debut in the Women 's National Wheelchair Basketball League (WNWBL) in 2000 . She was part of the WNWBL championship Dandenong Rangers sides in 2011 and 2012 . She was first selected for the Australia women 's national wheelchair basketball team , known as the Gliders , in 2001 , and first represented Australia in 2002 , winning a bronze medal as part of the team at the 2002 World Wheelchair Basketball Championship . She played for the University of Illinois at Urbana @-@ Champaign wheelchair basketball team , and was named an All @-@ American in the 2006 / 07 season . Her team won the national championships in 2009 .

= = Personal = =

Nicknamed Chappers , Chaplin was born in Bendigo , Victoria , on 4 September 1984 , with incomplete paraplegia . She grew up in Bendigo , and went to Girton Grammar School . In 2010 , she graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana @-@ Champaign with a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation , Sport and Tourism .

After completing her studies at the University of Illinois Chaplin took up a position at Australian Broadcasting Corporation . At the ABC Chaplin was a Production Assistant on Adam Hills Tonight in 2013 and Spicks and Specks in 2014 .

= = Basketball = =

A 3 @. @ 5 @-@ point player , Chaplin began playing wheelchair basketball in 1999 . In financial year 2012 / 2013 , the Australian Sports Commission gave her a A \$ 20 @, @ 000 grant as part of their Direct Athlete Support program . She received \$ 20 @, @ 000 in 2012 / 13 , \$ 17 @, @ 000 in 2011 / 12 and 2010 / 11 , \$ 5 @, @ 571 @. @ 42 in 2009 / 10 and \$ 5 @, @ 200 in 2008 / 09 .

= = = Club = = =

Chaplin made her debut in the Women 's National Wheelchair Basketball League (WNWBL) in 2000 when she played for the Whittlesea Pacers . She played for the Dandenong Rangers in 2011 when her team won the WNWBL title , and in 2012 was the captain of the Victoria Dandenong Rangers . In a round four game against Sydney Uni Flames that the Rangers won 55 ? 44 , she scored 22 points . Her team qualified for the league finals , where she scored 16 points in the game against the Stacks Goudkamp Bears for her team to walk away as champions by a score of 77 ? 54 . That season , she was named the league 's Most Valuable 3 Point Player and a member of the 2012 All Star Five .

= = = University = = =

Chaplin played for the University of Illinois Wheelchair Basketball team in the country 's first division . In 2006 / 07 , she was coached by Mike Frogley , and was the team 's starting point guard . Early in the 2006 / 07 season , her wheelchair broke and she had to play in one that was not hers . After three games played in the borrowed chair , she had bloody and bruised knees . She was named an All @-@ American in the 2006 / 07 season .

In two games that Chaplin 's team won against RIC Express and the University of Alabama in December 2006 , she scored 35 total points , made 13 rebounds and 7 assists . She was named the

Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the series . Her team finished that series with a record of 10 ? 0 . In a January 2009 game against 7th ranked Alabama that her team won 52 ? 47 , she scored 22 points . The game was part of a tournament where her team also defeated Oklahoma State University 53 ? 49 , and the University of Missouri , 48 ? 27 . That season , her team won the national championships after defeating the Phoenix Mercury 53 ? 36 in the championship game .

In 2007 / 08 , Chaplin 's team won the national championship and she was named the tournament 's MVP . In the team 's 44 ? 43 victory over the University of Alabama , she scored 12 points . That year , she was a junior and played point guard for the team . Her team played against a number of men 's teams during that season . In January 2008 , the team lost three games to men 's teams , including a 61 ? 41 loss to Southwest Minnesota State where she scored 14 points , a 54 ? 35 loss to Edinboro where she scored 10 points in a 74 ? 20 loss to Wisconsin @-@ Whitewater . In April 2010 , Chaplin was named the First Team All @-@ Tournament at the national championships . For the 2009 / 10 season , she was also named the University of Illinois Women 's Wheelchair Basketball Player of the Year .

= = = National team = = =

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Chaplin was part of the Gliders team at the 2010 IWBF World Championships where her team came fourth , and the team that won the Osaka Cup in Japan in 2008 , 2009 and 2010 . In February 2013 , she was captain of the Gliders at the Osaka Cup , where the Gliders successfully defended the title they had won in 2012 . Chaplin was named MVP of the tournament .

= = = Paralympics = = =

Chaplin was part of the Gliders at the 2004 Athens , 2008 Beijing , and 2012 London Paralympics , and won two silver medals , in 2004 and 2012 , and a bronze medal in 2008 as part of the team .

Chaplin competed with the Gliders at the 2012 Summer Paralympics. In the group stage , 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 the Canada . This 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 . In the gold medal game , the Gliders lost 44 ? 58 , and earned a silver medal . She scored 8 points in the game , in which she played 26 : 58 minutes .

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