

= Cobi Crispin =

Cobi Crispin ( born 22 December 1988 ) is a 4 point wheelchair basketball forward from Western Australia . She began playing wheelchair basketball in 2003 when she was 17 years old . The Victorian Institute of Sport and Direct Athlete Support ( DAS ) program have provided assistance to enable her to play . She played club basketball in the Women 's National Wheelchair Basketball League ( WNWBL ) for the Victorian Dandenong Rangers in 2012 after having previously played for the Western Stars . In 2015 she began playing for the Minecraft Comets . She played for the University of Alabama in the United States in 2013 @-@ 15 .

Crispin made her Australian women 's national wheelchair basketball team debut in 2006 , competing in the Joseph F. Lyttle World Basketball Challenge that year , and participated in Paralympic qualification in 2007 . She remained on the team and was part of the bronze medal winning Australia women 's national wheelchair basketball team at the 2008 Summer Paralympics . At the 2010 IWBF World Championships in Birmingham England , her team finished fourth . The following year , she was captain of the 2011 Under 25 ( U25 ) Women 's Wheelchair Basketball team at the World Championships and earned a silver medal . Also in 2012 , she participated in Paralympic qualifying , and went on to compete at the 2012 Summer Paralympics where her team finished second .

= = Personal = =

Cobi Crispin was born in Mackay , Queensland , on 22 December 1988 , the daughter of Alan and Cathy Crispin . She has three brothers . She was born missing a femur . She moved to Melbourne , Victoria as a result of switching wheelchair basketball club sides to play with the Dandenong Rangers , and now lives in Ashburton , Victoria . Other sports she has had interest in include hockey , swimming and touch football . Her role models are Paralympic wheelchair basketball players Liesl Tesch and Alison Mosely . She was educated at St Patrick 's College , Mackay , and as of 2012 attends Deakin University .

= = Basketball = =

Crispin 's wheelchair basketball classification is 4 @. @ 0 point player , and she plays forward . She has played the sport since 2003 , when she was 17 years old . In 2009 , she was an Aspire to be a Champion grant recipient . In 2010 , she had a scholarship with the Victorian Institute of Sport , which provides " provide assistance with specialist coaching , sport science , sports medicine , physical preparation and education and career development services as well as training & competition expenses " . In 2010 / 11 and 2011 / 12 , the Australian Sports Commission gave her A \$ 17 @, @ 000 grants through the Direct Athlete Support ( DAS ) program , a scheme which provides direct financial support to elite athletes . She received \$ 5 @, @ 571 in 2009 / 10 and \$ 10 @, @ 000 in 2012 / 13 .

= = = National team = = =

Crispin 's first national team appearance was in 2006 . She was selected to participate in a national team training camp in 2010 , and was member of the Australia women 's national wheelchair basketball team , known as the Gliders , at the 2008 Summer Paralympics in Beijing . The Gliders defeated Japan 53 @-@ 47 to win the bronze medal .

= = = = 2012 Paralympics = = = =

In October 2011 , Crispin was named to the senior national squad that would compete at the Asia / Oceania Championships 2011 in Goyang , South Korea , a qualifying tournament for the 2012 Summer Paralympics in London , with the top two teams qualifying . The Gliders lost to Japan twice

in the qualifying rounds , but made the finals on percentage , and fought their way back from being seven points down at quarter time to defeat China in the gold medal match , 45 @-@ 44 .

In the first game of the 2012 Paralympics tournament against Brazil , which her team won 52 @-@ 50 , she played 32 : 34 minutes . She scored 18 points against the Brazil women 's national wheelchair basketball team , and had seven rebounds . In the team 's third game of pool play , where they lost to Canada 50 @-@ 57 , she played 29 : 43 minutes and scored 12 points . In the team 's fourth game of pool play against the Netherlands women 's national wheelchair basketball team that her team won 58 @-@ 49 , she played 25 : 09 minutes , and scored ten points . In her team 's quarterfinal 62 @-@ 37 victory over Mexico women 's national wheelchair basketball team , she played 17 : 08 minutes , and scored twelve points . Her team met the United States women 's national wheelchair basketball team in the semifinals , where Australia won 40 @-@ 39 and she played 24 : 37 minutes , and scored six points . In the gold medal game against the Germany women 's national wheelchair basketball team , she played 29 : 40 minutes . While her team lost 44 @-@ 58 and was awarded a silver medal , she scored six points , and had five rebounds .

= = = Other competitions = = =

In 2006 , Crispin was named the Northern Challenge Most Valuable Player . Organised by the Sporting Wheelies , this competition brings together teams from across northern Queensland . She was also on the squad that competed at the Joseph F. Lyttle World Basketball Challenge that year . In 2007 , she played with the national team that the competed in the Asia Oceania Qualification tournament , and the silver medal winning team that competed at the Osaka Cup . She also played with the 2008 , 2009 and 2010 Osaka Cup @-@ winning teams . In 2010 , she was part of the fourth place @-@ finishing Australian national squad that competed at the IWBF World Championships , in Birmingham , England .

Crispin was co @-@ captain of the 2011 Under 25 ( U25 ) Women 's Wheelchair Basketball team that competed at the U25 Women 's World Championship of Basketball , and finished second . She was the team 's top scorer in all but last two matches in the tournament , when as reporter Pat Koopman stated , " the opposition concentrated on nullifying her influence " on the games . "

In 2013 Crispin began playing for the University of Alabama , and won the Jessica Staley Impact Award and the Stephanie Wheeler Performance Award for 2013 @-@ 14 . The Alabama team of which she was part went through the season undefeated by women 's teams , and defeated the University of Illinois 58 @-@ 52 to win the 2015 national championship on 28 February 2015 .

= = = Club basketball = = =

In 2008 , Crispin was named one of Australia 's Women 's National Wheelchair Basketball League ( WNWBL ) All @-@ Star Five . She played her club basketball for WNWBL 's Western Stars . In the second round of the 2008 season , the Western Stars defeated the Hills Hornets 52 @-@ 44 . Playing for the Stars , wearing number 5 , she scored 14 points in her team 's victory . She switched to the Dandenong Rangers for the 2011 season . In her debut game , she scored 28 points and 16 rebounds against her old team . The Rangers went on to win the 2011 WNWBL title , defeating the Sydney Uni Flames 62 @-@ 59 , in a match in which Crispin scored 16 points and was named to the league 's All @-@ Star 5 . She was with the Rangers again for the 2012 season , in which was named the 2012 WNWBL MVP of the Final Series after scoring 28 points in the Rangers ' Championship win against the Stacks Goudkamp Bears . In 2015 she joined the Minecraft Comets .