

= Nicole Esdaile =

Nicole Esdaile ( born 1 June 1987 ) is an Australian goalball player and is classified as a B2 competitor . She took up the sport in 1999 , and made her national team debut in 2010 . Subsequently , she has competed at the 2010 Goalball World Championships , 2011 IBSA Africa Oceania Goalball Regional Champions and 2011 IBSA Goalball World Cup . She was selected to represent Australia at the 2012 Summer Paralympics in goalball .

= = Personal life = =

Esdaile was born on 1 June 1987 , and has a visual disability called oculocutaneous albinism .

= = Goalball = =

Esdaile is a goalball player , and is classified as a B2 competitor . Her introduction to the sport was in primary school in 1999 . She has continuously played it since then .

Esdaile made her national team debut in 2010 at the Goalball World Championships . In a game against Greece , she scored a goal immediately following a penalty . As a member of the 2011 team , she finished sixth at the IBSA Goalball World Cup . Her team made it the quarter finals before losing to Russia 3 @-@ 6 . Her team then met the Spain women 's national goalball team to try to earn a spot in the fifth / sixth place match . Australia walked away 8 @-@ 7 victors , but lost the fifth / sixth place match to the Israel women 's national goalball team 6 @-@ 8 . She was with the team during the 2011 IBSA Africa Oceania Goalball Regional Champions , which served as the Paralympic qualifying tournament . In her first game against New Zealand , her team won 11 @-@ 4 after leading 7 @-@ 1 at the half . She scored three goals in the team 's victory . She also played in a match against Germany , and in the final match against New Zealand women 's national goalball team , which Australia won , with Esdaile scoring a pair of goals .

Esdaile was a named a member of the Aussie Belles that was going to the 2012 Summer Paralympics . That the team qualified for the Games came as a surprise , as the Australian Paralympic Committee head been working on player development with the idea of qualifying for the 2016 Summer Paralympics . An Australian team had not participated since the 2000 Summer Paralympics , when they earned an automatic selection as hosts , and the team finished last in the competition . The country has not medalled in the event since 1976 . Going into the Paralympics , the team was ranked eighth in the world . In the 2012 Summer Paralympics tournament , the Belles played games against Japan , Canada , the United States and Sweden . They lost every game , and did not advance to the finals . Esdaile was the team 's lead scorer , with four goals .