

= Annegret Brießmann =

Annegret Brießmann (born 28 July 1972) is a 1 @. @ 0 point wheelchair basketball player , who plays for the Frankfurt Mainhatten Skywheelers . She has also played with the German national team which won a gold medal at the 2012 Summer Paralympics in London . President Joachim Gauck awarded the team Germany 's highest sporting honour , the Silbernes Lorbeerblatt (Silver Laurel Leaf) .

= = Biography = =

Annegret Brießmann was born in Ober @- @ Beerbach on 28 July 1972 . She now lives in Einhausen . As a teenager , she played soccer for SKG Ober @- @ Beerbach Fußball , and participated in track and field events with TSV Eschollbrücken . She also played basketball with the local team , BSC Einhausen , for many years .

A skiing accident in Austria in 2005 resulted in a broken vertebra , rendering Brießmann a paraplegic . She went back to track and field athletics , winning the German national championship in the shot put with a throw of 16 @. @ 70 metres (54 @. @ 8 ft) . In athletics she had a Disability sport classification of T55 . In the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) world rankings her shot put throw of 6 @. @ 10 metres (20 @. @ 0 ft) ranked her fifth in the world ; her 16 @. @ 7 metres (55 ft) in discus put her in eighth place ; and in the javelin with 12 @. @ 31 metres (40 @. @ 4 ft) she was ranked eleventh . Einhausen named her their Sportswoman of the Year in 2009 . However , T55 classification events were dropped from the track and field program for the 2012 Summer Paralympics in London .

Brießmann was introduced to the sport of wheelchair basketball while in rehab . She was classified as a 1 @. @ 0 point player , the highest level of disability . She played in Darmstadt and Aschaffenburg , then joined the Mainhatten Skywheelers in Frankfurt in 2010 . Playing for Team Hessen , she won the women 's championships in 2009 , 2011 and 2012 . She began training with the national squad , and in July 2012 national coach Holger Glinicki nominated her for the national team for the London Paralympics .

In the Gold Medal match in London , the team faced the Australia women 's national wheelchair basketball team , who had defeated them 48 ? 46 in Sydney just a few months before , in front of a capacity crowd of over 12 @, @ 000 at the North Greenwich Arena . The German team had been undefeated up to that point , but had 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 . They defeated the Australians 44 ? 58 in front of a crowd of over 12 @, @ 000 at the North Greenwich Arena to win the gold medal , the first that Germany had won in women 's wheelchair basketball in 28 years . It was the first gold medal that Germany had won in women 's wheelchair basketball at the Paralympics since 1984 . They were awarded the Silver Laurel Leaf by President Joachim Gauck in November 2012 , and were named Team of the Year for 2012 .

The German team lost the European Championship to the Netherlands before a home town crowd of 2 @, @ 300 in Frankfurt in July 2013 by a point , 56 ? 57 .

= = Achievements = =

2012 : Gold at the Paralympic Games (London , England)
2013 : Silver at the European Championships (Frankfurt , Germany)
2014 : Silver at the World Championships (Toronto , Canada)

= = Awards = =

2012 : Team of the Year
2012 : Silver Laurel Leaf

