

= Holger Glinicki =

Holger Glinicki (born 25 October 1952) is a German wheelchair basketball coach , who coached Hamburger SV . He was assistant coach of the German women 's national team from 2003 to 2005 . He has been coach of the team since 2006 , during which time it has won five European championships , a silver medal at the 2008 Summer Paralympics in Beijing and a gold medal at the 2012 Summer Paralympics in London .

= = Biography = =

Holger Glinicki was born in Hamburg on 25 October 1952 . He was paralysed following a motorcycle accident in 1972 that broke his fourth thoracic vertebra . He became involved in disability sports , playing wheelchair basketball for RSC Hamburg , who were the German national champions in 1983 , and played a total of 123 international games . He became assistant coach of the German women 's national wheelchair basketball team in 2003 , and then coach in 2006 . The team won five consecutive European championships , in 2003 , 2005 , 2007 , 2009 and 2011 , and a silver medal at the 2008 Summer Paralympics in Beijing .

The German team started off slow in its games against the United States and China at the 2012 Summer Paralympics , winning these games by slim six @-@ point margins . Marina Mohnen thought that they played their best basketball only in the final minutes of a game . They defeated the Australia women 's national wheelchair basketball team at the 2012 Summer Paralympics by 44 ? 58 in front of a crowd of over 12 @,@ 000 at the North Greenwich Arena to win the gold medal . 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 . Glinicki celebrated by plunging off Canary Wharf into London 's River Thames . He was named Hamburg 's coach of the year for 2012 .

Glinicki was philosophical about the win , noting in December 2012 that there were many awards and ceremonies , but that the memory of London was fading over time . He returned to coaching his club team , Hamburger SV (now renamed BG Baskets Hamburg) , which included national team members Mareike Adermann and Edina Müller (and Australia 's Bridie Kean) . It went on to win the national championship for the eighth time in 2013 . The national team was not so fortunate , losing the European Championship to the Netherlands by a point , 56 ? 57 , before a home town crowd in Frankfurt in July 2013 .

In April 2014 , Glinicki coached BG Baskets Hamburg to a win in the final of the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation Euro League Challenge Cup , its first International title , with a 62 ? 54 over the Frankfurt Mainhattan Skywheelers . The team also won the Fair Play Award of the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation Europe .

= = Achievements = =

2003 : Gold European Championships (Hamburg , Germany)
2005 : Gold European Championships (Villeneuve d 'Ascq , France)
2007 : Gold European Championships (Wetzlar , Germany)
2008 : Silver Paralympic Games (Beijing , China)
2009 : Gold European Championships (Stoke Mandeville , Great Britain)
2010 : Silver World Championships (Birmingham , Great Britain)
2011 : Gold European Championships (Nazareth , Israel)
2012 : Gold Paralympic Games (London , Great Britain)
2012 : Hamburg coach of the year for 2012 .
2013 : Silver European Championships (Frankfurt , Germany)
2014 : Silver at the World Championships (Toronto , Canada)