

# Team USA Wheelchair Rugby

BRYAN KIRKLAND #4

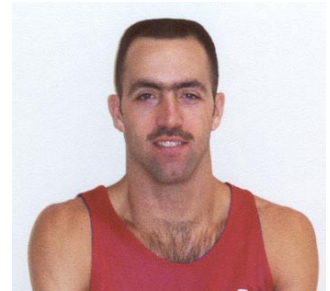
★ Athlete Profile ★

Class 2.0

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In 1992, I was injured while racing motor cross and suffered a C-6 quadriplegic injury. This was something I was very competitive at and enjoyed doing on the weekends. Doctors told me that my family would have to feed, shower and take care of me for the rest of my life. I was determined to prove them wrong, but also prove to myself that my life would be a healthy, productive, and competitive one. In 1997, I married my high school sweetheart of 8 years. We have made rugby a part of our lives.

Since 1992, I have become involved with Quad Rugby, "The Greatest Wheelchair Sport in the World". Playing rugby has helped me not only physically become a stronger person, but emotionally as well. I have met so many new friends and traveled around the world to places that I would have never got to see if I had not got involved with wheelchair sports. My life is good, and when people ask me if I think I will ever be able to walk again, I just tell them "who knows", but if I do, then I would not get to play rugby!

## Athletic Achievements

2000 Member, USQRA National Champions

All Tournament Team, Conveen International Rugby Tournament

All Tournament Team, Lakeshore Foundation Demolition Derby

All Tournament Team, USQRA National Championships

Member, Team USA Rugby for the 2000 Paralympics in Sydney

1999 Member, USQRA National Champions

Member, Team USA Rugby – Gold Medal at World Wheelchair Games-  
Christchurch, New Zealand

Captain of Team USA Rugby

All Tournament Team, USQRA National Championships

All Tournament Team, Lakeshore Demolition Derby

Team Captain of Lakeshore Demolition

Fred Sington Wheelchair Athlete of the Year- Rugby and Track

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- 1998 All Tournament-Lakeshore Foundation  
Lakeshore Foundation Championship- "Demolition Derby" first place  
Lakeshore Team Captain  
All Tournament Team, Best of the West  
All Tournament Team, Capital City Clash
- 1997 Chosen for Quad Rugby World Championship tryouts, Palm Beach, Florida  
Lakeshore Team Captain  
All Tournament Team, Shepherd Showdown  
All Tournament Team, Tennessee Quad Invitational  
All Tournament Team, Lakeshore Foundation Invitational  
All Tournament Team, Texas Regional
- 1996 All Tournament Team, Shepherd Showdown  
Second team All Tournament, Tampa FL  
Rookie of the Year  
Lakeshore Demolition Team Captain
- 1995 All Tournament Team, Shepherd Showdown  
All Tournament Team, Tennessee Invitational  
All Tournament Team, Southeastern Regional Playoffs  
Lakeshore Demolition Team Captain