



Matt Scott ...at a glance



Paralympians

Career Highlights

National Champion- Wheelchair Basketball (2004, 2005, 2007)
 2008: Member of U.S. Paralympic Team- Men's Wheelchair Basketball- Paralympic Games, Beijing, China
 ESPY Nominee - 2008 Best Male Athlete with a Physical Disability
 2008: First place - North American Cup, Birmingham, Alabama
 2007: Gold medal - Parapan American Games, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
 2006: Silver medal - IWBF Gold Cup (World Championships), Amsterdam, The Netherlands
 2004: Member of U.S. Paralympic Team- Men's Wheelchair Basketball- Athens, Greece
 2004: First place - Australian USA Challenge

Personal Quotes

"For me to be portrayed as the quintessential athlete and to give a message to inspire, that's tremendous for me, for U.S. Paralympics, and for disabled athletes. It's a huge step. It's earth-shattering. (Referring to the Nike No Excuses Commercial)"

"Don't make excuses in life, and you'll be what you want to be."

Vital Statistics

Born: March 27, 1985
Hometown: Detroit, Michigan
Resides: Whitewater, Wisconsin
Education: University of Wisconsin-Whitewater



getting to know...

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Biography

Since Matt Scott began playing wheelchair basketball at age 14, he has transcended the sport and overcome all obstacles that have been placed in his path. A 2008 ESPY Nominee for the Best Male Athlete with a Physical Disability, Matt serves as an inspiration to individuals across the country and across the world. Speaking about his experiences in basketball and in life, Matt teaches listeners to aim for their own goals in life, and make them become a reality.

On New Year's Eve 2007 and New Year's Day 2008, Matt received national attention in a way no U.S. Paralympic athlete had done previously, starring in his own nationwide broadcast ad for Nike. [View the Nike "No Excuses" commercial.](#)

Born with Spina Bifida, a common birth defect, he began playing wheelchair basketball at age 14. Playing both collegiately and now on the international level, Matt has established himself as a leader and a powerful presence on and off the court. He has become a mainstay on the U.S. Men's Wheelchair Basketball National Team. Matt continues to identify himself as a top contender in wheelchair basketball, as he looks to represent Team USA for the third time in London at the 2012 Paralympic Games. Currently, Matt Scott is living halfway across the globe, playing professional wheelchair basketball in Turkey.

[Check out Matt's Blog Posts for U.S. Paralympics.](#)