

Athlete Profile

INTRODUCTION



Date of Birth:	23 May 1988
Sport:	Swimming
Discipline:	100m Butterfly, 100m & 400m Freestyle
Disability:	Above knee amputee
How acquired:	Birth
Residence:	Ivanhoe, Victoria
Occupation:	Student
Paralympic Games:	Athens 2004, Beijing 2008

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Best International Results:

Gold Medal – Men's 4x100m Medley Relay, Beijing 2008 Paralympics
Gold Medal – Men's 100m Butterfly, 2006 IPC World Championships
World Record – Men's 100m Butterfly, 2006 IPC World Championships
Silver Medal – Men's 4x100m Freestyle Relay, Beijing 2008 Paralympics
Bronze Medal – Men's 100m Butterfly, Athens 2004 Paralympics

Career Highlights & Awards:

World Record, 100m Butterfly, Beijing 2008 Paralympics
Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals, Beijing 2008 Paralympics
Gold Medal – Men's 4x100m Medley Relay, 2008 Beijing Paralympics
Order of Australia Medal (OAM), 2008
Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Hall of Fame
Telstra All Star Team 2006-2008

Sam Bramham is a young but already accomplished swimming athlete. He made a big splash with his first ever race for Australia, breaking the world record in the heats of the 100m Butterfly at the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games. He would go on to secure the Bronze medal in the final, his first Paralympic medal.

In 2006, Gold was the colour of his medal with Sam going on to win the 100m Butterfly in Berlin at the World Championships and set another world record. In Beijing at the 2008 Paralympic Games he would secure Gold and Silver in relay's to give him a full set of Paralympic medals.

When not creating waves of success in the pool, he enjoys relaxing by hanging out with his friends and going to the movies to unwind. Apart from his professional swimming career, Sam at different stages has also played various other sports including Australian Rules Football, Rugby Union and Water Polo. He was honoured for his Beijing success with a lap around the Melbourne Cricket Ground on AFL Grand Final Day 2008.

With individual Paralympic Gold still eluding him, his focus now shifts to London and the 2012 Paralympic Games, with plenty of laps in the pool and continued success ahead of him.

Favourite Quote:

"The fastest way to being the best is by being fast"