



**WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL SOUTH AFRICA**

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## PLAYER PROFILE



Name: **Marius Papenfus**

Player No: 10

Position: Wing

Marius Papenfus was born in Pietersburg, South Africa on the 30/10/1977, and is presently living in Riviera, Pretoria. Marius was one of the many young in South Africa that are unfortunate to be involved in a motor vehicle accident at the age of 18 which left him paralysed as a T12 Paraplegic. He is Classified as a 2.5 point player.

A year later, Marius started playing for Altech Bladerunners in 1989. He has since 2001 earned the rights of Captain for the Blades Team.

He has added quite a few accolades and achievements to his name and these include the following:

From 2001 - 2003 Marius played in the Super Series for 3 consecutive years Marius and his team did not lose one game. He was appointed Captain of the Bladerunners in 2006

### **Club Accolades:**

SuperSport Series Champions - Bladerunners

2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010

In 2004 - 2005 the Bladerunners was a Super Series Finalists runnerup

2003 - 2005 played for Santo Stefano in the Italia Series A Division and European Cup, winning it in 2003 and runners-up in 2004.

2006 - Player of the Year

### **National Accolades:**

Represented Gauteng North since 1999.



1999 - SA Team non-travelling reserve, for the Paralympic Qualifiers, Algeria  
2000 - SA Team Paralympics, Sydney Australia  
2001 and 2002 SA Senior National Championships: MVP  
2002 - SA Team, Gold Cup, Kitakyushu in Japan  
2004 - SA Team, Paralympic Qualifiers, Johannesburg  
2005 - SA Team, Gold Cup Qualifiers, Johannesburg  
2006 - SA Team, Gold Cup, Amsterdam, the Netherlands as Captain of the Team  
2007 - All African Champions, Algeria and Morocco  
2008 - Captain Team SA at Paralympics Beijing

Marius has strong leadership qualities; his nick-name is Mr Reliable.

He has matured and the 'Captaincy' has grown on him to the extent that he has now earned the trust and respect of all his team mates.

These qualities put him in good stead in the team's quest when qualifying for the 2008 Beijing Paralympics, and obtaining a 9<sup>th</sup> IWBF World ranking at the games.

Marius stepped down as captain after the Paralympic games in 2008 but is still a starting 5 member that will take on the French in South Africa in October 2010.

