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ATHLETICS

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JOŽE FLERE

Date of birth: 27 February 1968

Place of residence: Nazarje

Occupation: pensioner

Hobbies: cars

Injury: quadriplegia

Started as an athlete: 2004

Expectations in Beijing: a medal

CLASS: F51

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: National Best discus 11.60, club 21.64



TATJANA MAJCEN

Nickname: TAJA

Date of birth: 2 January 1978

Place of residence: Dornava

Injury: paraplegia

Hobbies: dancing

Started as an athlete: 2002

Foreign languages: English, German, Croatian

Expectations in Beijing: at least one medal

CLASS: F54

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG Athens – 2nd place and 3rd place,

EC – 1st place, WC – 5th place



HENRIK PLANK

Nickname: HENO

Date of birth: 23 August 1974

Place of residence: Pešnica

Injury: quadriplegia

Hobbies: computers, crosswords

Started as an athlete: 2002

Foreign languages: English

Expectations in Beijing: qualifying for at least one final

CLASS: F52

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: 6th place (EC), 5th place (WC)

RECORDS: national record: Shot Put, Javelin, Discus (F-52)



TANJA CERKVENIK

Date of birth: 17 May 1976

Place of residence: Ljubljana

Injury: paraplegia

Hobbies: reading

Started as an athlete: 2006

Foreign languages: English, Croatian, Serbian

Expectations in Beijing: finals



GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: National record – javelin

1. place Czech Republic, Olomouc, 2007

Coach: **ROMANA KUCHAR**

Date of birth: 16. 9. 1970

Place of residence: Logatec



Coach: **SEBASTJAN GROSEK**

Date of birth: 5. 12. 1978

Place of residence: Dramlje



Assistant: **JASNA INKRET**

Date of birth: 10 July 1966

Place of residence: Celje



CYCLING

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DAVID KUSTER

Date of birth: 16 December 1972

Place of residence: Vodice

Education: economy technician

Hobbies: gym, cross-country skiing, drawing

Injury: lower leg amputation

Started as an athlete: ski-jumping

Greatest unfulfilled wish: a medal at a top level competition

Expectations in Beijing: similar achievements as in Athens 2004

CLASS: LC-2

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: 9th and 12th places at PG



Coach: **ANTON KUNAVER**

Date of birth: 7 November 1946

Place of residence: Ljubljana

Occupation: driver

Started as a coach: 1970

Expectations in Beijing: reaching the top 10



GREATEST COACHING ACHIEVEMENTS: reaching the top 10 at PG

GOALBALL



GORAZD DOLANC

Nickname: Schwarzzy

Date of birth: 15 January 1982

Place of residence: Trbovlje

Occupation: salesman

Injury: weak-sighted

Greatest unfulfilled wish: a gold medal at a high level competition, sight

Expectations in Beijing: reaching top 6

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG – 11th place Athens

EC – 4th place

WC – 3rd place



MATEJ LEDINEK

Nickname: Ledinho

Date of birth: 12 February 1983

Place of residence: Slovenj Gradec

Education: social pedagogic

Injury/illness: weak-sighted

Started as an athlete: 1996

Expectations in Beijing: qualifying for the 2nd round

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG – 11th place Athens

EC – 4th place

WC – 3rd place



DEJAN PIRC

Date of birth: 26 September 1984

Place of residence: Nova vas

Occupation: cook

Injury/illness: weak-sighted

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG – 11th place Athens



SIMON PODOBNIKAR

Date of birth: 26. 8. 1983
Place of residence: Ljubljana
Occupation: student



GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: B-division EC - 1st place

IVAN VINKLER

Nickname: Viki
Date of birth: 26 September 1969
Place of residence: Ljubljana
Occupation: courier
Injury/illness: weak-sighted
Started as an athlete: 1987
Expectations in Beijing: a medal to end the career



GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG - 5th place Atlanta
EC - 1st place 1997
WC - 1st place 1998

BOŠTJAN VOGRINČIČ

Nickname: Gigi
Date of birth: 2 January 1975
Place of residence: Murska Sobota
Occupation: organization of work
Injury/illness: blindness
Expectations in Beijing: a medal



GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG - 5th place Atlanta
EC - 1st place 1997
WC - 1st place 1998

Coach: **ANTON MARTON**

Nickname: Toni
Date of birth: 9 May 1972
Place of residence: Ljubljana
Occupation: PE teacher
Started as a coach: 1996
Expectations in Beijing: qualifying for the 2nd round/ a medal



GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG - 6th place Sydney
EC - 1st place 1997
WC - 1st place 1998

SHOOTING

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DAMJAN PAVLIN

Nickname: Damo

Date of birth: 7 September 1973

Occupation: telephone receptionist

Hobbies: vineyards

Injury: left arm and right leg amputation

Started as an athlete: 1999

Greatest unfulfilled wish: seeing a football game

between Crvena zvezda and Partizan in Belgrade

Expectations in Beijing: at least final events in both disciplines

COMPETITION CLASS: SH2

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG – 4th place Athens 2004

EC – 1st place R4 singles and team

WC – 3rd place



FRANC PINTER

Nickname: Ančo

Date of birth: 24 December 1953

Place of residence: Slovenska Bistrica

Occupation: electrician

Injury: paraplegia

Started as an athlete: 1991

Favourite dish: Beijing duck

Expectations in Beijing: personal best score(s)

COMPETITION CLASS: SH-1

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: 3 silver medals at PG,

3 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals at EC and

1 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze medals at WC



Coach: **POLONCA SLADIČ**

Date of birth: 14 November 1969

Place of residence: Ljubljana

Occupation: head of the legal sector

Started as a coach: 1992

Expectations in Beijing: »A gold medal with no WR would not mean a lot to me.«

GREATEST COACHING ACHIEVEMENTS: 3 silver medals at PG,

4 gold medals at EC and

1 gold medal at WC



Coach: **ALEŠ KOSMAČ**

Date of birth: 27. 2. 1965

Place of residence: Trzin



SITTING VOLLEYBALL

MARINKA CENCELJ

Date of birth: 22 January 1964

Place of residence: Dragomelj

Hobbies: badminton, reading, swimming, travelling

Injury: hip amputation on the left leg

Started as an athlete: 1995

Foreign languages: English

Expectations in Beijing: a medal



GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG Athens 2004 – 4th place

EC Sarajevo 1999 – 1st place

WC Kamnik 2002 – 2nd place

ANITA GOLTNIK URNAUT

Date of birth: 26 November 1964

Place of residence: Kotlje

Hobbies: skiing, swimming, drawing, reading, cooking

Injury: injured knee bands

Started as an athlete: 1970 swimming

Foreign languages: English, German

Unfulfilled wish: Olympic medal



GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG Athens 2004 – 4th place

EC Sarajevo 1999 – 1st place

WC Kamnik 2002 – 2nd place

DANICA GOŠNAK

Date of birth: 14 February 1962

Place of residence: Slovenj Gradec

Started as an athlete: 1974

Favourite dish: veal soup



GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG Athens 2004 – 4th place

EC Sarajevo 1999 – 1st place

WC Kamnik 2002 – 2nd place



EMILIE GRADIŠEK

Date of birth: 25 July 1939

Place of residence: Ravne na Koroškem

Hobbies: swimming

Started as an athlete: 1995

Foreign languages: Czech, Russian

Expectations in Beijing: a medal

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG Athens 2004 – 4th place
EC Sarajevo 1999 – 1st place
WC Kamnik 2002 – 2nd place

BOGOMIRA JAKIN

Nickname: MIRA

Date of birth: 22 October 1957

Place of residence: Nova Gorica

Hobbies: swimming

Foreign languages: English

Favourite food: vegetarian

Expectations in Beijing: a medal

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG Athens 2004 – 4th place
EC Sarajevo 1999 – 1st place
WC Kamnik 2002 – 2nd place

ANA JUSTIN

Date of birth: 28. 5. 1987

Place of residence: Poljane na Škofjo Loko

Injury/illness: Hemipereza

Occupation: student

Expectations in Beijing: a medal

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: 2005 3rd place

SAŠA KOTNIK

Date of birth: 16 September 1980

Place of residence: Zreče

Started as an athlete: 1998

Injury: amputation of lower leg

Foreign languages: English

Hobbies: table tennis, having fun

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG Athens 2004 – 4th place
EC Sarajevo 1999 – 1st place
WC Kamnik 2002 – 2nd place



BOŽA KOVAČIČ

Date of birth: 03 October 1952

Place of residence: Preserje

Hobbies: cycling, gardening, volunteering

Injury: amputation

Started as an athlete: 1984

Foreign languages: English, Italian

Expectations in Beijing: a medal



GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG Athens 2004 - 4th place
EC Sarajevo 1999 - 1st place
WC Kamnik 2002 - 2nd place

SUZANA OCEPEK

Date of birth: 24. 11. 1985

Place of residence: Vranksko

Injury/illness: Amputation

Occupation: economist

Expectations in Beijing: a medal



GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: WC Egypt 2008 - 2nd place

ALENKA ŠART

Date of birth: 31 May 1968

Place of residence: Dobja vas

Expectations in Beijing: a medal



GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG Athens 2004 - 4th place
EC Sarajevo 1999 - 1st place
WC Kamnik 2002 - 2nd place

ŠTEFKA TOMIČ

Date of birth: 12 December 1961

Place of residence: Portorož

Hobbies: sauna, books

Injury: lower leg amputation

Started as an athlete: 1996

Foreign languages: German

Expectations in Beijing: a medal



GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG Athens 2004 - 4th place
EC Sarajevo 1999 - 1st place
WC Kamnik 2002 - 2nd place



Coach: **ADOLF URNAUT**
 Nickname: ADI
 Date of birth: 26 July 1941
 Place of residence: Kotlje
 Started as a coach: 1980
 Foreign languages: German
 Expectations in Beijing: a medal

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG Athens 2004 – 4th place
 EC Sarajevo 1999 – 1st place
 WC Kamnik 2002 – 2nd place



Coach: **PETER OZMEC**
 Date of birth: 20 January 1937
 Place of residence: Prevalje
 Started as a coach: 1997
 Foreign languages: German
 Expectations in Beijing: semi-finals

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG Athens 2004 – 4th place
 EC Sarajevo 1999 – 1st place
 WC Kamnik 2002 – 2nd place



Coach: **GAŠPER RIBIČ**
 Nickname: GAHO
 Date of birth: 12 December 1976
 Place of residence: Stahovica
 Started as a coach: 2006
 Foreign languages: English
 Expectations in Beijing: a medal

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: EC Hungary 2007 – 3rd place
 WC Netherlands 2006 – 3rd place



SWIMMING

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DEJAN FABČIČ
 Nickname: DEJKO
 Date of birth: 16 September 1977
 Place of residence: Podnanos
 Hobbies: movies, books, taking walks in the nature
 Injury: born with aplasia of the shinbone
 Started as an athlete: 2000
 Foreign languages: English, Italian

Expectations in Beijing: qualifying for at least one final

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: WC Durban – 6th place (50m freestyle)
7th place (100m freestyle)

Coach: **BORO ŠTRUMBELJ**

Date of birth: 17 December 1966

Place of residence: Dob

Hobbies: trips in the nature

Foreign languages: English, Italian, Serbo-Croatian

Expectations in Beijing: two finals



GREATEST COACHING ACHIEVEMENTS: WC Durban – 6th place (50m freestyle)

7th place (100m freestyle)

TABLE TENNIS

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JOLANDA BELAVIČ

Nickname: Joli

Date of birth: 28 August 1966

Place of residence: Šoštanj

Injury: artificial hip

Occupation: optician

Hobbies: hand work, baking

Expectations in Beijing: passing the preliminary rounds



GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: 4th place EC

ANDREJA DOLINAR

Date of birth: 10 November 1967

Place of residence: Škofja Loka

Hobbies: table tennis

Injury: paraplegia

Started as an athlete: 1993

Foreign languages: English

Expectations in Beijing: playing well, good result



GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG Sydney – 4th place
EC Zagreb, Kranjska Gora – 1st place team event
EC Frankfurt – 3rd place (open)

IVAN LISAC

Date of birth: 26. 8. 1966

Place of residence: Kočevje

Occupation: strojni tehnik

Injury: paraplegia

Hobbies: motocyclism

Expectations in Beijing: passing the preliminary rounds



GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: 3rd place in Novi Sad



BOJAN LUKEŽIČ

Date of birth: 7 September 1960
Place of residence: Malo Mlačevo
Injury: car accident
Music: disco
Expectations in Beijing: playing well



MATEJA PINTAR

Date of birth: 16 July 1985
Place of residence: Selca / Ljubljana
Hobbies: cinema, reading
Injury: paraplegia
Started as an athlete: 1996 handball, 2001 table tennis
Foreign languages: English, German
Favourite dish: ice-cream
Expectations in Beijing: fighting for a medal

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: PG Athens – 1st place (class 3)
WC Montereux – 3rd place
EC Jesolo – 1st place (single event), 3rd place (teams)
EC Zagreb, Kranjska gora – 1st place team event

Coach: GORAZD VECKO

Nickname: COACHY
Date of birth: 9 July 1972
Place of residence: Notranje Gorice
Hobbies: cinema, music, tennis
Started as a coach: 2000
Foreign languages: English, German, Serbo-Croatian, Italian, Russian
Expectations in Beijing: fighting for a medal, good games



GREATEST COACHING ACHIEVEMENTS: PG Athens – 1st place (class 3)
WC Montereux – 3rd place
EC Jesolo – 1st place (single event)
EC Zagreb, Kranjska gora – 1st place team event

Coach: GREGOR ŠKAFAR

Date of birth: 3 May 1974
Place of residence: Vrhnika
Hobbies: tennis, skiing
Started as a coach: 2005
Foreign languages: English, Serbian, Croatian
Expectations in Beijing: a medal



GREATEST COACHING ACHIEVEMENTS: EC Kranjska gora – 1st place team event



Chef de Mission:
BRANKO MIHORKO
Date of birth: 12. 6. 1962
Place of residence: Ljubljana



Team Doctor:
HELENA BURGER
Date of birth: 7. 10. 1961
Place of residence: Piran



Psychologist:
TANJA KAJTNA
Date of birth: 27. 6. 1977
Place of residence: Trbovlje



Physiotherapist:
SLAVICA BAJUK
Date of birth: 10. 3. 1958
Place of residence: Ljubljana



Physiotherapist:
MATEJ KOVAČ
Date of birth: 3. 9. 1976
Place of residence: Kamnik



Paralympic Attaché:
ŠPELA ROZMAN
Date of birth: 3. 7. 1982
Place of residence: Češnjica



Press Attaché:
UROŠ VOLK
Date of birth: 2. 8. 1975
Place of residence: Ilirska Bistrica

