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Di Toro, Daniela

(1974 -)

Born	19741016, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Occupation	Paralympian, Tennis player

Summary

Daniela Di Toro is a champion wheelchair tennis player who, in 1999, was named the Australian Paralympic Committee Athlete of the Year. She was ranked number one in her sport in 2000.

Di Toro was not born with a disability; she lost the use of her legs in 1988 after a wall collapsed on her while she was participating in a school swimming carnival. She credits her success to a meeting with another wheelchair athlete, basketballer Sandy Blyth, who was a rehabilitation worker at the unit where Di Toro was receiving treatment.

Di Toro is still involved in her sport and works as a youth worker in Melbourne, Australia.

Events

1999 - 1999
Winner of the United States Open

1999 - 1999
Australian Paralympic Committee Athlete of the Year

2000 - 2000
Silver Medalist at the Sydney Paralympic Games

2000 - 2000
Winner of the Australian Open

2004 - 2004
Bronze Medalist at the Athens Paralympic Games

2004 - 2004
Winner of the Australian Open

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