

Lothian trio Lothian among 21 Scots chosen for Paris Paralympics

**Lothian will send three athletes to
the Paris Paralympics which get
underway on Wednesday, 28 August.**



Patrick Wilson competes in boccia where athletes throw, kick or use a ramp to propel a ball onto the court with the aim of getting closest to a 'jack' ball

They are Patrick Wilson (boccia), Nathan McQueen (archery) and Stephen Clegg (swimming). The trio are part of 21 Scottish athletes chosen.

The Games have come at the perfect time for Patrick Wilson whose rich vein of recent form saw him added to the squad following an application to World Boccia which studied global rankings and outstanding results in recent major events.

It will be the Edinburgh 29-year-old's second Paralympics having competed in Rio (2016), Since then he has taken silver at a World Cup event and beaten the World No2 in an Open competition.

Archer Nathan MacQueen, 33, from Polbeth, West Lothian, looked to have a golden future in rugby union with Glasgow Warriors as a teenager until suffering a motor bike accident.

Nathan tried powerlifting and wheelchair basketball but decided to stick with archery being a member of the Scotland team at the time of his accident.

Making the most of that decision Nathan has struck silver at world level and is a multiple European medallist.

The name Clegg should be familiar to all Paralympic followers and Stephen, 28, will be looking to emulate medal successes by his athlete sister Libby in 2012 as well as brother James, a fellow swimmer at the same Games.

Drawing on his own experiences in Rio, Stephen, a University of Edinburgh Swim Club member, collected a silver and two bronze medals in Tokyo. At the 2022 world championships Stephen topped the podium in butterfly and backstroke as well as a silver in freestyle.