

Press kit

Biography of Niels Vink

- Name: Niels Vink
- Date of birth: December 6, 2002
- Place of birth: Helmond

Niels Vink is a remarkable wheelchair tennis player whose life is characterized by determination and perseverance. At the age of one, he had to endure a life-threatening battle against a bacterial infection, meningococcal sepsis. Although he overcame this battle, he lost both his legs and several phalanges, among other things.

In 2012, at the age of nine, Niels attended the Paralympic Games in London and was inspired by the achievements of Paralympic athletes. He immediately knew that he wanted to participate in this prestigious event one day, even though he was not yet active in the sports world at the time.

His journey to wheelchair tennis started with tennis lessons at TC Carolus in Helmond. He then continued his development at the Thadia Wheelchair Tennis Foundation in St. Michielsgestel. Nowadays Niels is part of the national selection of the Royal Dutch Lawn Tennis Association (KNLTB). He has also achieved A status (top sports status) from NOC*NSF, which underlines his dedication and talent.

In 2021, Niels Vink reached a milestone in his career when he participated in the Paralympic Games in Tokyo. His achievements were impressive; he won a bronze medal in singles and gold in doubles, where he played together with his regular doubles partner Sam Schröder. One of Niels' main goals at the moment is to surpass this performance in 2024, at the Paralympics in Paris. In 2022, Niels won his 1st Grand Slam in Paris at Roland Garros.

Wheelchair tennis and the quad category

Wheelchair tennis is a Paralympic sport that offers players with physical disabilities the opportunity to compete at a high level. It is played according to similar rules as regular tennis, but the players use adapted wheelchairs and a ball is allowed to bounce twice.

The quad category in wheelchair tennis is specifically intended for players with disabilities in their arms and legs. Quad players typically have loss of function in at least three limbs.

Niels Vink has distinguished himself as an exceptional player within the quad category and has achieved impressive performances, both nationally and internationally. His game acumen, creativity and determination and dedication have helped him win medals and make his mark on the world of wheelchair tennis.

Contact Niels' management

Niels Vink is accompanied by Bart van Schijndel from Sport Stories. For media requests, interviews or other business questions, please contact Bart using the contact details below.

Name: Bart van Schijndel
Company: Sport Stories
Email: bart@sportstories.nl
Telephone: : +31 6 133 10 153

Others about Niels

Hans-Jurgen Striek, private trainer/coach

"Niels is a disarming, sociable young man with an abundance of energy and infectious enthusiasm. His eagerness to learn and drive are admirable, and he stands out for his attacking playing style and fearlessness on the tennis court. His emotion and expression always make his playing fascinating."

Bart van Schijndel, management

"With his company Sport Stories, Bart van Schijndel guides a select team of top athletes. And he creates an environment for them in which they can focus maximally on their sporting performance. Niels fits in perfectly with that list."

Adriaan van Dijsseldonk, Strength & Conditioning Coach / Msc. Sports physiotherapist

"Since the spring of 2020, Adriaan has been working closely with Niels. A collaboration that arose out of necessity due to the challenges of the coronavirus. The results are impressive: Niels has not only taken his physical skills to new heights, but has also proven that perseverance and a positive mindset knows no boundaries."

Downloads

You may use the images in this press kit for editorial purposes. Please make sure you mention the source correctly:

© nielsvink.com.

Commercial use is only permitted after prior written permission from Niels Vink's management.



Photos by Mathilde Dusol