

Paralympic Performance Director Tom Whittaker: One's to Watch at the Manchester Para Powerlifting World Cup



The GBR athletes seeking games qualification have a huge opportunity to take advantage of the Manchester Para Powerlifting World Cup given the home location. We have a large team of development and experienced athletes who have different but hugely meaningful objectives; to show potential for Paris 2024 and qualify for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic game respectively.

This will be the 7th Tokyo qualification event British Weight Lifting has sent a team to since the start of the qualification window in 2018. The last event will be the 8th in Dubai this April after which top 8 athletes will become eligible for selection as part of the 2020 Paralympics GB team heading to Tokyo in August.

We should be proud to host such an important event, showcasing our talent and our sport to a British audience prior to the next Paralympic cycle.

Ones to watch...



Olivia Broome (W50)

- 18 years old
- Physical impairment: Short stature
- Currently ranked 6th on the Tokyo ranking lists in with women's up to 50kg class
- On a really positive trajectory towards Tokyo - made progress at every event since she started competing in the sport in 2017.
- Aiming for a top 5 finish in Tokyo - First games
- Huge medal potential for Paris
- Recently move to Loughborough to study and train at the high performances centre
- From Manchester

Louise Sugden (W86)

- 35 years old
- Physical impairment: Spinal chord injury
- Currently ranked 5th on the Tokyo ranking list in the women's up to 86kg class
- Is aiming to put pressure on the medal zone in Tokyo.
- Has made progress at every event she has been to since competing for the first time in the sport at the end of 2017

The event takes place over four days from 20 - 23 February at Manchester's Wythenshawe Forum and will see a 15-strong Great Britain team take on the world's best for a chance to compete at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets to cheer the team on! Don't forget that members are eligible for a 15% discount off the price of one ticket.