

Three Wheelchair Racers Supported by Honda Win 12 Medals Including Gold at Paris 2024 Paralympics Games

TOKYO, Japan, September 20, 2024 - Honda Motor Co., Ltd. today announced that wheelchair athletes Manuela Schär, Susannah Scaroni and Catherine Debrunner have competed in athletics events at the Paris 2024 Paralympics Games (August 28 – September 8), and won a total of 12 medals including gold.

Debrunner (Switzerland, T53^{*1}) won gold in the 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m and marathon, and silver in the 100m, setting new Paralympic records in the 400m, 800m, 1500m and 5000m.

Schär (Switzerland, T54^{*2}) won gold in the 800m, setting a new Paralympic record. She also won silver in the 400m, 4th place in the marathon and 5th place in the 5000m. This takes her tally of medals to 10, spanning her 6 Paralympic Games appearances from the Athens 2004 Games to Paris 2024, an extraordinary achievement for the athlete who has announced her retirement from track racing.

Scaroni (USA, T54) won silver in the 5000m and bronze in the 800m, 1500m and marathon. This is the first time she has won medals at the same games in all four categories she has competed in.

Paris 2024 Paralympics Games was a success for all three athletes supported by Honda who won a total of 12 medals including gold. Based on the vision for its sports activities – “To increase the number of people who take on challenges through sports activities and make the lives of all people more enjoyable” – Honda has been supporting and will continue to support wheelchair and various athletes who take on challenges toward the realization of their own dreams.

*1 T53 is for wheelchair track athletes who have movement affected to a high degree in the trunk and legs.

*2 T54 is for wheelchair track athletes who have full function in their body with moderately or highly affected movement in the legs or the absence of legs.

■ **Comment from Catherine Debrunner**



“I still can’t believe it! My successes in Paris will go down in the history books. I travelled home with a lot of precious medals, unforgettable moments and as the most successful female athlete at the 2024 Paralympics. I would like to take this opportunity to personally say THANK YOU. Honda has all made a decisive contribution to this success and I am incredibly grateful to Honda!”

■ **Comment from Manuela Schär**



“The Paralympics in Paris was an incredibly exciting experience. I am happy and grateful to end my career on the track with two medals. Although I also experienced some disappointments, I will always remember the amazing atmosphere in the stadium. Thank you, Honda, for your support over the past years. I couldn’t have done it without Honda.”

■ **Comment from Susannah Scaroni**



“The Paris Paralympics were a very special and very fun competition for me. The T54 women’s field is extremely strong, and I loved getting to race very fast and very strategic events. I felt strong and had the awesome equipment provided by Honda to help me perform at my best ability. I also loved the atmosphere. The stadium crowds were so loud and motivating, and it gave me so much joy that many people were able to experience high level wheelchair racing. I know that this will impact many people, and will hopefully grow the paralympic movement!”

■ Catherine Debrunner Profile

Date of birth: April 11, 1995

Nationality: Switzerland

Honda racing wheelchair contract athlete

<Main achievements>

●2024

Paris 2024 Paralympic Games 400m/800m/1500m/5000m/marathon: 1st, 100m: 2nd

World Para Athletics Grand Prix (Switzerland) 400m/800m/1500m: Winner *1500m world record

London Marathon: Winner

World Para Athletics Grand Prix (Dubai) 100m/400m/1500m/5000m: Winner, 800m: 2nd

●2023

Oita International Wheelchair Marathon: Winner

New York City Marathon: Winner

Chicago Marathon: Winner

Berlin Marathon: Winner

Paris World Para Athletics Championships 400m/800m/1500m/5000m: Winner, 100m: 2nd

●2022

Berlin Marathon: Winner

London Marathon: Winner

●2021

Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games 400m: Winner, 800m: 3rd

■ Manuela Schär Profile

Date of birth: December 5, 1984

Nationality: Switzerland

Honda racing wheelchair contract athlete

<Main achievements>

●2024

Paris 2024 Paralympic Games 400m: 2nd, 800m: 1st, 5000m: 5th, marathon: 4th

World Para Athletics Grand Prix (Switzerland) 800m: Winner *European record

400m/5000m: 2nd, 1500m: 3rd

London Marathon: 2nd

Boston Marathon: 2nd

Tokyo Marathon: Winner

●2023

Oita International Wheelchair Marathon: 2nd

New York City Marathon: 2nd

Chicago Marathon: 4th

Berlin Marathon: 3rd

Paris World Para Athletics Championships: 400m/800m: Winner, 1500m/5000m: 2nd

London Marathon: 2nd

Tokyo Marathon: Winner

●2022

New York City Marathon: 2nd

Berlin Marathon: 2nd

Boston Marathon: Winner

●2021

New York City Marathon: 3rd

Berlin Marathon: Winner

Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games 400m/800m: Winner, 1500m/5000m: 2nd

London Marathon: Winner

■ Susannah Scaroni Profile

Date of birth: May 16, 1991

Nationality: U.S.

Honda racing wheelchair contract athlete

<Main achievements>

● 2024

Paris 2024 Paralympic Games 5000m: 2nd, 800m/1500m/marathon: 3rd

World Para Athletics Grand Prix (Switzerland) 5000m: Winner *World record, 800m/1500m:
2nd

Tokyo Marathon: 3rd

● 2023

Oita International Wheelchair Marathon: 3rd

New York City Marathon: 3rd

Chicago Marathon: 2nd

Berlin Marathon 4th

Paris World Para Athletics Championships 400m/800m: Winner, 1500m/5000m: 2nd

London Marathon: 4th

Boston Marathon: Winner

● 2022

Oita International Wheelchair Marathon: 2nd

New York City Marathon: Winner

Chicago Marathon: Winner

Berlin Marathon 3rd

Boston Marathon: 2nd

London Marathon: 2nd

● 2021

Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games 5000m: Winner, 800m: 3rd