Stephen McGuire

Category: BC4

Date of Birth: 18/8/84

Coach: Claire Morrison

From: Hamilton, Scotland

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Stephen is a fearsome competitor with the international record to prove it. Recent highlights include individual World Champion in 2016 and individual European Champion in 2017. He has won the British Championships 13 times and can also boast a multitude of other titles.

He made his Paralympic debut at London 2012 where he proudly competed alongside his brother, Peter.

He is a proud ambassador of the sport: "Boccia is the world's most inclusive sport, no matter your ability you can compete on a level playing field. Boccia is a strategic, highly tactical, precision sport based on solid fundamentals of delivering a ball."

Steph is the captain of the BC4 Pair which is also comprised of Evie Edwards and Louis Saunders.

Training at home during lockdown has given Steph time to refocus and rebuild. And it's had its funny moments too:

"I live in an apartment so I started throwing over the garden wall. Before I knew it, all my neighbours were out on their balconies shouting support and taking bets on whether I'd hit the target or not. It was a much-needed break from the news and for those who were missing watching sport, it gave them something to enjoy!"

Away from boccia, Steph is a season ticket holder at Glasgow Celtic Football Club. He also loves watching Formula 1:

"For me, it's more about the strategy behind each race than the race itself."

