



Profile

Date of Birth: 14 Nov 2000 Age: 18

Height: 1.67m Weight: 62kg

Coach: Robin O'Leary

SUMMARY

I was born without my right forearm. I started climbing about 4 years ago. In the 12 months from September 2015 I had progressed to be one of the top Para climbers in the World in my disability class.

I started in September by competing in the BMC British Paraclimbing Series 2015. This consisted of 4 rounds around the country and I won each round and ended the series with a perfect score and the British Champion title for Arm Amputee category.

I was invited in December 2015 to be on the GB Paraclimbing Team and became the youngest ever member of the team and one of the youngest international competitors in the World.

In July 2016 I entered my first international competition taking a Gold Medal in the World Paraclimbing Cup in Italy and again with a perfect score.

Also in July I entered the World ParaClimbing Masters in Austria and obtained Silver missing Gold by 1 point and another Gold in World Paraclimbing Cup in UK.

In 2018 I won a Gold at the World Cup in Briancon and in Sept I became World Champion at the World Climbing Championships in Innsbruck.

I also enter some able-bodied competitions and always drew a large crowd and loudest cheers. I am also the para climber in the Channel 4 Paralympic trailer and have been featured on posters across Scotland for the Climb Scotland Campaign which aims to encourage young people to give climbing a go.



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In October 2016 I gave a motivational talk to 140 parents and older teenagers at the annual conference of the national children's charity Reach . I returned to their conference in 2018 for a second time.

I have done the Foundation Coach Course and the CWI Course and have passed the CWI assessment in Nov.

You can find out a lot more about my achievements, press coverage and the videos from Channel 4 and my own Promo video on my website www.matthewphillips.me.uk. You can see my GB profile on www.gbclimbingteam.co.uk/ParaClimbing

Experience

PAST COMPETITIONS

Nov 2014	Scottish Paraclimbing Competition	3rd
Jun 2015	West Midlands Paraclimbing Competition	1st
Sep 2015	BMC Paraclimbing Series 2015 Round 1	1st
Oct 2015	BMC Paraclimbing Series 2015 Round 2	1st
Nov 2015	BMC Paraclimbing Series 2015 Round 3	1st
Dec 2015	BMC Paraclimbing Series 2015 Round 4	1st
Jan 2016	Blokkfest, 2015-16 (Able-Bodied)	36th Overall (3 rounds)
Jan 2016	BMC YCS Regional L&SE (Able-Bodied)	14th Overall (3 rounds)
Jun 2016	IFSC World Paraclimbing Cup, Italy	1st
Jul 2016	IFSC World ParaClimbing Masters, Austria	2nd
Aug 2016	Deep Water Solo (DWS) Exeter (Able-bodied)	
Sep 2016	BMC Paraclimbing Series 2016 Round 1	1st
Sep 2016	IFSC Paraclimbing Cup, Sheffield	1st
Oct 2016	BMC Paraclimbing Series 2016 Round 2	1st
Oct 2016	BMC Paraclimbing Series 2016 Round 3	1st
Dec 2016	BMC Paraclimbing Series 2016 Round 4	1st

Sep 2017	IFSC World Paraclimbing Cup, Edinburgh	2nd
Oct 2017	IFSC World Paraclimbing Cup, Awesomw Walls, Sheffield	1st
Jul 2018	IFSC World Paraclimbing Cup, Briancon, France	1st

Sep 2018	IFSC WORLD PARACLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIPS, INNSBRUCK	1ST
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OUTDOOR CLIMBS

Poodle Traverse	Dina Rocks	F6A
Poodle Traverse (Footless)	Dina Rocks	F6C+
Toxic Shock (First lead On sight)	Cheddar Gorge	6b
P'tit Toit	Fontainebleau	F6B
Chapeau Chinis (Haute Version)	Fontainebleau	V6/7a

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Sep 2015	Winner of the Eagle Radio Local Heroes Community Sports Award
May 2016	Featured in the Channel 4 Paralympic Superhuman's Advert for 2016
Jun 2016	Special Achievement Award at Salesian College Sports Awards
Oct 2016	Sports Guildford Awards - Young Volunteer of the Year
Oct 2016	Reach Sue Stokes Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievements
Oct 2016	Motivational Talk to National Children's Charity Conference.
Dec 2016	Selected for GB Paraclimbing Team 2017.

Oct 2016	First V6/7a Chapeau Chinis (Haute Version), Fontainebleau
Apr 2017	Send of Slopey Traverse (V5), Bonehill, Dartmoor
Oct 2017	First Trad route Seconded E1 / 5a Flying Buttress, Stanage Edge
Aug 2017	Send of Green Traversal F7a, Stanage Plantation
Jul 2018	Send of Mr Gymnasia 7a, Portland
Oct 2018	Young Sports Personality of the Year, Sport Guildford

Goals

- Enjoy climbing and have fun
- To inspire young people with disabilities to give climbing a go, proving 'Everyone can Climb'
- To encourage and promote paraclimbing to those with disabilities.
- Climb 8a / V8 indoors
- Complete Deliverance 7b+, Stange Plantation
- Compete, hopefully at the Paralympics
- To climb abroad such as Rocklands, USA Colorado
- Planning a Climbing Expedition to Iceland.

Current Sponsors

- Oakwood Climbing Centre
- Climbskin
- DMM Climbing
- Scarpa UK
- Just Kampers
- Friction Labs
- Go Zero

Social Media Presence

WEBSITE

www.matthewphillips.me.uk

FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/MattParaclimber

Page Likes 1500

Page Reach 1253

Sample of Posts

<https://www.facebook.com/MattParaclimber/posts/1046124318787455> (21,000 Views)

<https://www.facebook.com/MattParaclimber/posts/1032710073462213> (33,300 Views)

<https://www.facebook.com/robinolearycoaching/videos/1269960536354379/>
(202000 views, 1100 likes, 1400 Shares)

TWITTER

@Matthew_GCSC

Followers 541

Tweets > 1900

INSTAGRAM

www.instagram.com/Matthew_Paraclimbing

Followers 10.4K

Sample of Posts

<https://instagram.com/p/BFPW4GYA4jS/> (2160 Views 366 Likes)

<https://instagram.com/p/BENkp6YA4sT/> (10,200 Views 1477 Likes)

<https://instagram.com/p/BL64B-4gtUr/> (12,381 Views 346 Likes)

<https://instagram.com/p/BK6g3aKAMou/> (12,091 Views 515 Likes)

NOTABLE ACTIVE FOLLOWERS

- Shauna Coxsey
- Leah Crane
- Liam Lonsdale
- Molly Thomson-Smith
- Magnus Midtbo
- Sierra Blair-Coyle
- Louis Parkinson
- Gabrielle Moromi

- Alex Puccio

Photos

indoor <https://photos.app.goo.gl/CgL2yUyqZBaJ9zir6>

Outdoor <https://goo.gl/photos/NWqs8cxLHbe5s6LR7>

Promo Video

<https://youtu.be/Sh0piqnYLM>

Motivational Speaker Video

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0Bwll9dzTJThwMHBxT3dFbnB0Z00>