

A large photograph of Blake Leeper in mid-air, performing a long jump. He is wearing a red t-shirt and black shorts, and his prosthetic legs are visible. The background is a grey concrete wall.

BLAKE LEEPER

2x Paralympian
London 2012 400m Silver Medalist
London 2012 200m Bronze Medalist
First Ever Double-Leg Amputee to Compete at
the USA Track & Field National Championships

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HIS STORY



Blake Leeper was born in Kingsport, TN with both legs missing below the knee, and has worn prosthetics since nine months of age. In his childhood, Blake participated in various sports, baseball, basketball etc. with his dad coaching. Blake credits his outstanding positive attitude to his family.

Blake made his international debut in 2009 at Rio de Janeiro. In 2011, he won a silver medal in the World Championships 4 × 100m Relay. In the 2012 Paralympic Games he won an individual silver medal in the 400-meter T44 event and a bronze medal in the 200m.

Blake made history by becoming the first double-leg amputee to compete at the USATF National Championships. After qualifying for semifinals with a time of 45.52 seconds in the 400m, Leeper was able to break the world record in the event with a time of 45.25 seconds the next day.

In 2018, he shattered his own world record running a time of 44.42 seconds becoming the first ever amputee to run the 400m in under 45 seconds.

In 2019, he broke another World Record in the 400m with a time of 44.38 seconds at the USATF National Championships. Blake proceeded to make history again by becoming the first amputee ever to qualify for the National Team and World Championships. Now his goal is to compete and win gold medals in the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris.



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