

BREAKING BARRIERS FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS

TODAY'S DEDICATION

DAY 11: MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2023



Nathan

At just three months of age, Nathan was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis (CF). Amidst the gravity of this diagnosis, Nathan's parents were cautioned that he may not make it to his tenth birthday.

Yet, in the face of such daunting adversity, Nathan's spirit remained unyielding. The uncertain path that lay ahead was met with unwavering determination and a resolute refusal to let CF define his potential. Throughout his journey, Nathan's conviction never wavered, and he became a beacon of hope for many affected by this condition.

Nathan's journey took an extraordinary turn when, at the age of 25, his childhood dream was realised. He proudly donned the Australian jersey and stepped onto the rugby field as a Wallaby, competing in the second test against France. This achievement was not just a personal triumph; it was a testament to Nathan's spirit and an inspiration to countless others.

Remarkably, Nathan Charles holds a unique distinction in the world of professional sports – he is the only known athlete to have played an elite contact sport with CF. This feat is a testament to his grit and unwavering pursuit of excellence, setting a precedent that challenges limitations and redefines possibilities.

Beyond his achievements on the field, Nathan remains dedicated to his mission of advocacy. Having navigated the complexities of CF himself, he is acutely aware of the challenges faced by the community. Nathan utilises his prominent profile to amplify the voices of those affected by CF and to shine a light on the indispensable work carried out by Cystic Fibrosis Australia.

Nathan Charles' journey exemplifies the extraordinary strength that resides within the human spirit. He stands as a living testament to the power of resilience, determination, and unwavering belief in one's potential. His story serves as an inspiration to us all, urging us to confront challenges head-on and to channel adversity into a force for positive change.



