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Participate together at the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo and gain gold after the silver medal from Rio de Janeiro. That's Larissa Klaassen's and Imke Brommer's dream and the Dutch VIPSport Foundation facilitates them to reach this goal.

Larissa Klaassen (1994) and Imke Brommer (1998) practice paracycling, which is biking for disabled people. Larissa, almost blind, as a stoker (back seat of the tandem) needs the eyesight of Imke the pilot for steering. The couple specialized in sprint and 1km time trial track events.



Larissa Klaassen en Imke Brommer

Larissa Klaassen

Larissa does cycling since 2014 and won many prizes. Doubtless as a matter of talent, but may be more of perseverance. Tell Larissa that she cannot do something and she tries to prove the contrary. When her study informatics was due to end as a result of no mathematical symbols in Braille, she did not leave it there but developed a Braille system and made mathematics accessible for blind people. A formidable achievement which was rewarded with the audience price of the Research Battle from Amsterdam's University. An extra award was the nomination of 'Toughest Woman of the Netherlands' by Viva magazine in 2014.



Larissa Klaassen as World champion in 2016

In sporting Larissa and her former pilot Haliëgh Dolman were Dutch champions on both sprint distances in 2014 and on the 1kilometre time trial in 2015. In Montichiari, Italy in 2016 they were world champions on the 1kilometre and won a silver medal at the Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro at the same distance..

Imke Brommer

Imke Brommer studies Commercial Economy at the Johan Cruyff University in Amsterdam. From her youth she does skating as a sport. She was a fortunate junior skater at the Challenge Skating Team and at the Skating Academy in Haarlem. In summer as a training for the winter season she practised cycling, also successful. In April 2017 she moved fully to cycling and is a member of the national talent selection. Since March 2018 she is Larissa's permanent pilot. Both Imke and Larissa moved to Apeldoorn to be able to follow the tough two-years-trainings-program as a preparation for Paralympics 2020 in Tokyo



Imke and Larissa after getting their Dutch title on the road in 2018

With support of many sponsors and donors Larissa and Haliëgh had all new materials for the 2016 Paralympics. As Larissa prepares for Tokyo 2020 now with Imke, who is much taller than Haliëgh, they need new frames for track and road tandems, as this is prerequisite for optimal performances. They also need money for participation in training camps and international matches to prepare for Tokyo..

In total they will need € 25.000, which is a lot of money for sure, but with lots of help achievable, we think.



Larissa Klaassen and Imke Brommer in May 2018 during their participation in the World Cup competition in Oostende.

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The VIPSport Foundation has been established at 24 October 2013 in the Netherlands. The foundation's purpose is to "support athletes with a Visual Impairment and Promoting Sport for visually disabled athletes". The foundation's aim is to offer a structural system for visually disabled athletes and to enable and support them to take part in sports.

We from VIPSport Foundation we want to help Larissa and Imke to make their dream come true. Do you join us?

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