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Fun Facts
Rick Hansen



RICK HANSEN



- In the summer of 1973, an automobile crash left Rick a paraplegic and although he could no longer walk, he could dream and he became a world-class athlete.
- In 1983, Rick shared Canada's Outstanding Athlete of the Year Award with Wayne Gretsky
- Between 1979 and 1984, Rick won 19 International Wheelchair Marathons including three world championships Rick represented Canada at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, where he competed in the finals of the 1500-metre wheelchair race.
- Competed in team sports, winning Canadian titles in wheelchair volleyball and basketball
- Rick won over 25 track and field medals during the 1979 to 1984 time span including 9 gold medals and 9 records at the Pan American Games in Halifax, N.S.
- Rick coached able-bodied volleyball and basketball and went on to establish and coach wheelchair volleyball in British Columbia
- Set the World Record for the Longest Wheelchair Marathon (24,901.5 miles or 40,000 kilometres) Guinness Book of Records.
- Raised \$26 million dollars for spinal cord research and quality of life with his Man In Motion World Tour.

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