

# Team USA Wheelchair Rugby

## ★ Athlete Profile ★

RICK DRANEY #8

Class 2.5

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Rick Draney is an accomplished wheelchair athlete and outdoor enthusiast. He enjoys a variety of activities including tennis, rugby, road racing (marathons and 10 K's), basketball and football; snow skiing, racquetball, scuba diving, fishing, and camping. Rick has embarked upon a remarkable career that blends elite sports, working with youth, and enlightening the public regarding persons with disabilities. He has appeared on ESPN's "In Pursuit" (a monthly wheelchair sports program) as an athlete and guest commentator, and has also been featured in several newspaper and magazine articles. After graduating from Fountain Valley High School, Rick went on to Orange Coast College, and then transferred to California State University, Fullerton where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. He is employed with First Union Securities. Rick is sponsored by Quickie Designs, Inc, Prince Sports Group, and the Challenged Athletes Foundation. He is 38, single, and resides in Oceanside, California.

### Wheelchair Rugby

2000 Demolition Derby All-Tournament Team  
2000 Houston Invitational All-Tournament Team  
1999 Best Of The West All-Tournament Team  
1999 Western Sectional Championships MVP  
1999 Member Sharp Shadow - #2 Team in the Nation  
Three-Time National Champions (1996, 1997, 1998)  
1999 USQRA National Championship All-Tournament Team  
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1994 World Championships - Gold Medal, Team USA

### Wheelchair Tennis

Current World Ranking - #2 In Singles, #3 In Doubles (Quad Open Division)  
6 Singles Titles, 4 Doubles Titles - U.S. Open Wheelchair Tennis Championships  
5 Singles Titles, 3 Doubles Titles - British Open Wheelchair Tennis Championships  
3 Singles Titles, 1 Doubles Title - Lakeshore Foundation World Challenge

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Gold Medal (Singles/Doubles), 1998 World Team Cup  
Gold Medal (Singles), 1995 U.S. Olympic Festival  
Gold Medal (Singles), 1993 International Wheelchair Games

### Other

1999 Athlete of The Year - United States Quad Rugby Association  
1999 Athlete of The Year - Wheelchair Sports, USA  
1997 Player of The Year - National Foundation Of Wheelchair Tennis  
1996 Special Commendation - Governor's Council On Physical Fitness And Sports  
1995 Disabled Athlete of The Year - Breitbard Hall Of Champions  
Co-Writer/Co-Producer of "Wheelchair Tennis For Quads" Instructional Video  
Former Director Of American Red Cross Leadership Development Center  
Former National Director of National Foundation Of Wheelchair Tennis Junior  
Wheelchair Sports Camp Program

### Affiliations

U.S. Open Wheelchair Tennis Championships, Tournament Committee Chairperson  
Intl. Wheelchair Tennis Assn. - Players Representatives Committee Chairperson  
United States Tennis Association - Wheelchair Tennis Committee Member  
Sharp Shadow Wheelchair Rugby Team - Team Manager And Co-Captain  
World T.E.A.M. Sports - Advisory Board Member  
Wheelchair Sports, USA - Member