

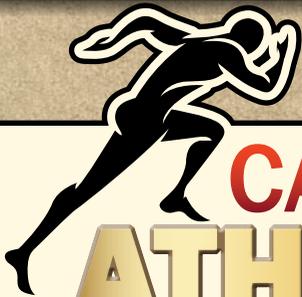
# Fun Facts about CANADA

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## CANADIAN ATHLETES TO HONOUR

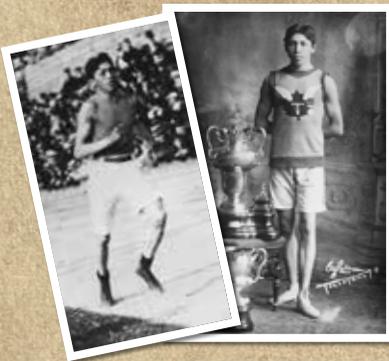
*"I just wish people would realize that anything's possible if you try; dreams are made possible if you try."*

- Terry Fox

### What makes a hero?

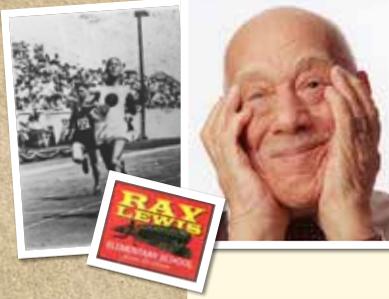
Persistence, endurance, and the will to triumph over adversity are a few key characteristics that help make a hero. But adversity, of course, comes in many forms and many who've faced it aren't always the first who come to mind when listing Canada's greatest athletes. Here are just a few of those honorable athletes who overcame adversity and inspire who we are and our country, Canada!

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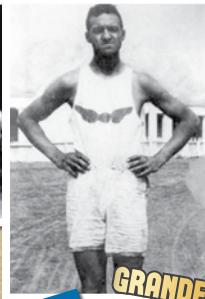
### TOM LONGBOAT

Canada's greatest long distance runner. He won the 1906 Boston Marathon by more than three minutes then won the first of three consecutive 15-mile Ward Marathons in Toronto. But it was in April 1907, that he rose to international prominence when he captured the Boston Marathon in record time, with a time nearly five minutes faster than the previous best. In 1912, Longboat set a new 15-mile world record of one hour, 18 minutes, and 10 seconds - fully seven minutes better than his fastest amateur time.



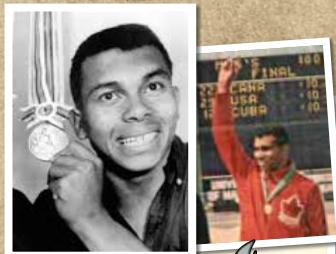
### RAYMOND "RAPID RAY" LEWIS

Was a Hamilton track and field athlete who made history in August 1932 when he became the first Canadian born black athlete to win an Olympic medal. He won bronze as part of the 4x400 metre relay team at the games in Los Angeles. His next stop was the 1934 British Empire Games, where he captured silver in the 4x440 yards relay. He was recognized for his athletic accomplishments late in life, receiving the Order of Canada in 2001 and, following his death in 2003, an elementary school in Hamilton was named in his honor in 2005 and he was inducted into the Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame in 2010.



### JOHN ARMSTRONG "ARMY" HOWARD

Army Howard was the top Canadian sprinter from 1912-15, and won both the 100 yard and 220 yard at the 1913 Canadian Championships. He is also known as Canada's first black Olympian and his selection for the 1912 Olympic delegation was controversial. Howard served with the Canadian Expeditionary Force near the end of World War I and returned to Canada in 1920. In the meantime, he won bronze in the 100 metres at the 1919 Inter-Allied Games. In 2004 he was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame.



GRANDFATHER OF

### HARRY JEROME

A true pioneer in his sport, Jerome held the world record for both the 100 meter and the 100 yard dash during the 1960s. During the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo he won a bronze medal in the 100 meter event. Then in 1966, Jerome tied the world record for the 100 yard dash with a time of 9.1 seconds then claimed a gold medal in the 100 yard race at the 1966 Commonwealth Games, and another gold medal in the 100 meter event at the 1967 Pan-American Games. For his remarkable work, he was named an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1970 and B.C.'s male athlete of the 20th century.



### VALERIE JEROME

In 1959, at the age of 15, Jerome set Canadian track records, winning a bronze medal at the Pan American Games. The following year, she joined her brother, legendary Canadian track and field runner Harry Jerome, on Canada's Olympic team in Rome, Italy. During the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver she was honoured as a torchbearer.



### ALEXANDER DECOTEAU

Was a Cree Canadian track and field athlete, police officer and soldier. He joined the Edmonton Police in 1911 becoming the first Indigenous police officer in Canada. Decoteau was known for his athletic ability and his achievements in running. A holder of numerous long distance records in Western Canada, he represented Canada in the 5,000 meters event at the 1912 Summer Olympics.



### SHIRLEY & SHARON FIRTH

Shirley Firth, along with her twin sister Sharon were among the first Aboriginal athletes to represent Canada for the first Canadian women's cross country ski team at the 1972 Olympics. Both of these sisters took the many important lessons they learned while trapping and hunting in their remote home community of Aklavik, and translated these lessons into their success with the National Cross Country Ski Team. In total, they competed in four Olympic Winter Games, four World Ski Championships, and were members of the National Cross Country Ski Team for an unprecedented 17 consecutive years. The sisters together accumulated 79 medals at the national championships, including 48 national titles.



### ANGELA CHALMERS

Was one of Canada's finest female distance runners and one of the country's few aboriginal Olympians. In 1984 she won the bronze medal in the 3,000 metres at the World University Games. In 1987 she won a silver medal at the Pan American Games and a year later took part in her first Olympics in Seoul, Korea. Her international breakthrough came two years later when she won gold in the 1500 and 3,000 metre events at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland. In 1992, Chalmers won an Olympic bronze in the 3,000 metres at the Olympic Games in Barcelona. Two years later she defended her 3,000 metre crown at the Commonwealth Games in Victoria where she was also the opening ceremony flag bearer.

### SYLVIA SWEENEY

Was a leading member of Canada's women's basketball team when the sport made its debut at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal. Sweeney would become the most valuable player in the World Championships in 1979 in Seoul, Korea FIBA where they won bronze. She was then named Canadian flag bearer for the 1979 Pan American Games in Mexico. Sweeney was selected captain of the Canadian national team in 1979-84. She returned to the Olympics with her team in 1984, fighting to a fourth place finish.



### ALWYN MORRIS

Alwyn dominated single kayak events in Canada and around the world, winning six national titles and additional victories at regattas in Zaandam and Moscow. In 1982 he claimed a silver medal at the World Championships and a bronze medal the following year. Then in the 1984 Olympics he won a gold medal in the K-2 1,000 meter and a bronze medal in the K-2 500 meter events. Alwyn was appointed Ambassador of Youth in Canada and received the John F. Bassett Memorial award for community work in 1992.

### BILL ISAACS

Bill Isaacs was an accomplished lacrosse player from the Six Nations Indian reserve. He won the Ontario Amateur Lacrosse Association Senior "A" scoring trophy 7 times in 8 years between 1935 and 1942 as well as winning the 1938 MVP award. He was also a member of two Mann Cup winning teams, the Mimico-Brampton Combines and the Hamilton Tigers, scoring a total of 777 goals and 467 assists in 346 games in his career. He is ranked 11th in senior Canadian and professional history.



### KENNETH MOORE

One of Canada's earliest First Nation Olympians, Ken Moore had a long career in ice hockey, of which the 1932 Winter Olympics was a significant part. He was a member of the 1929-1930 Regina Pats that won that year's Memorial Cup, given to the Canada junior men's ice hockey champions and scored the winning goal with 40 seconds left in the match. The following season he was invited to represent Canada at the following year's Olympic ice hockey tournament. He played in one game, in the match against Poland, and scored one of Canada's 10 goals in the shutout, helping his team win that year's gold medal.

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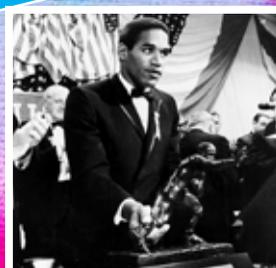
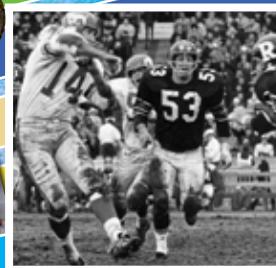
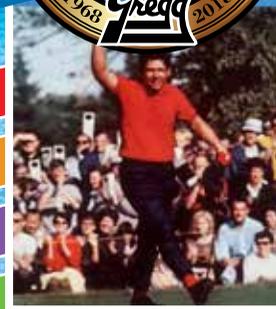
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