

*"Every adversity, every failure, every heartache carries with it the seed of an equal or greater benefit."*

*Napoleon Hill*

## **#24: Patrick First Physically Challenged/SCI Quadriplegic Athlete to Finish LA Marathon WITHOUT USE OF MECHANICAL AIDS**

March 2000: Patrick was the first physically challenged/SCI Quadriplegic athlete to participate in and finish the LA Marathon without the use of mechanical aids. This was to raise awareness and funds for SCI research.

This accomplishment was covered in the media, generating the awareness for SCI research that was the goal:

"Pat's spirit, has totally captured the hearts of Southern California."

Jim Hodges, L. A. Times

"Quitting is not in this guy's vocabulary.

From quadriplegic to LA Marathon runner! What an inspirational athlete! This is what determination and the human spirit is all about."

Gary Graves: Journalist, USA TODAY

"Rummerfield's achievements represent one of the most incredible human comebacks of all times!"

Shav Glick: Journalist, LA Times

"Miracle Miles; Rummerfield Won't Win L.A. Race but His Path From Quadriplegic to Marathon Runner Is a Feat Few Can Match. A true role model!"

Jim Hodges: Journalist, LA Times