

## **#11: Patrick featured on NBC for being the First SCI Quadriplegic to Complete the Hawaiian Iron Man Triathlon**

December, 1992: Patrick was featured on NBC for being the first SCI Quadriplegic to run/participate and complete one of the world's most grueling physical events, the world renowned Hawaiian IronMan Triathlon, again as a fundraiser for SCI research.

Held yearly in Kailua - Kona, Hawaii, the world - class Ironman Triathlon race of champions is a torturous 2.4-mile ocean swim, 112-mile bike and a 26.2-mile foot marathon-all to be completed within 17 hours.

Patrick was thrilled with the opportunity to take part in this prestigious competition, finishing 1,292 out of 1,433 entrants. His 16 hour plus race was grueling, but his will power and never-give-up attitude carried the day.

**"It took him three years to learn how to walk again. Seventeen years after the accident, he was running. But not just around the block, Rummerfield was running triathlons including the most grueling of all - the IronMan in Hawaii."**

**-- Pete Peterson, FOX sports Director, St. Louis (Host/Contributing Editor Motor Sports Weekly)**

