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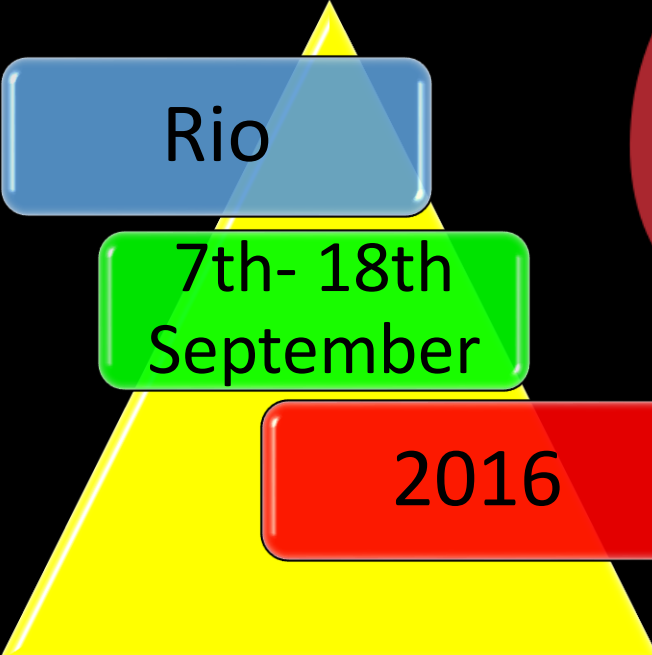
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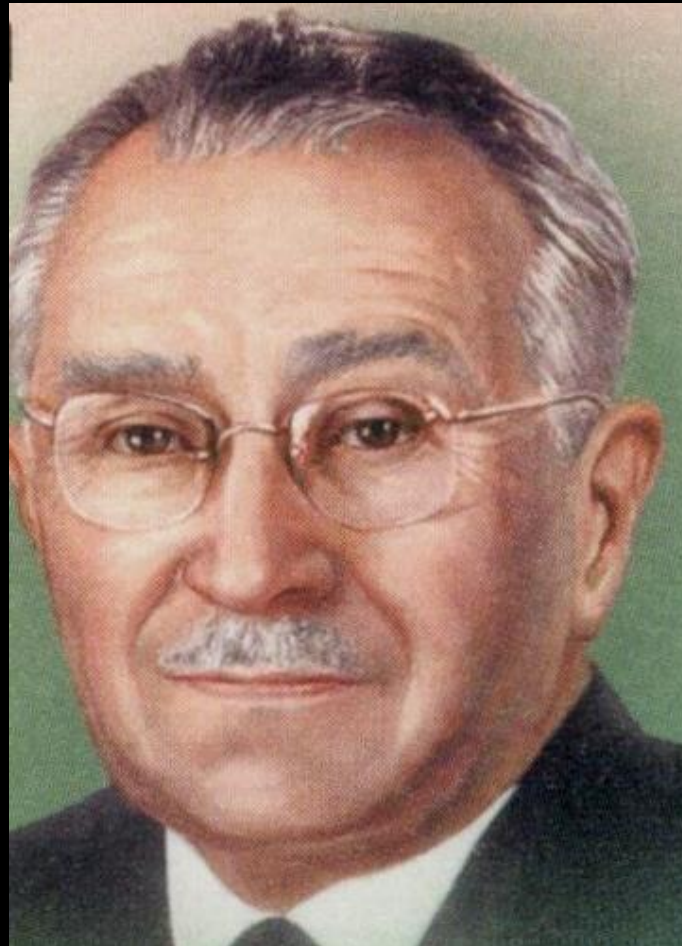
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In 1944 Doctor Ludwig Gutmann, a German doctor, worked at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Great Britain with injured soldiers who had damaged their spine.

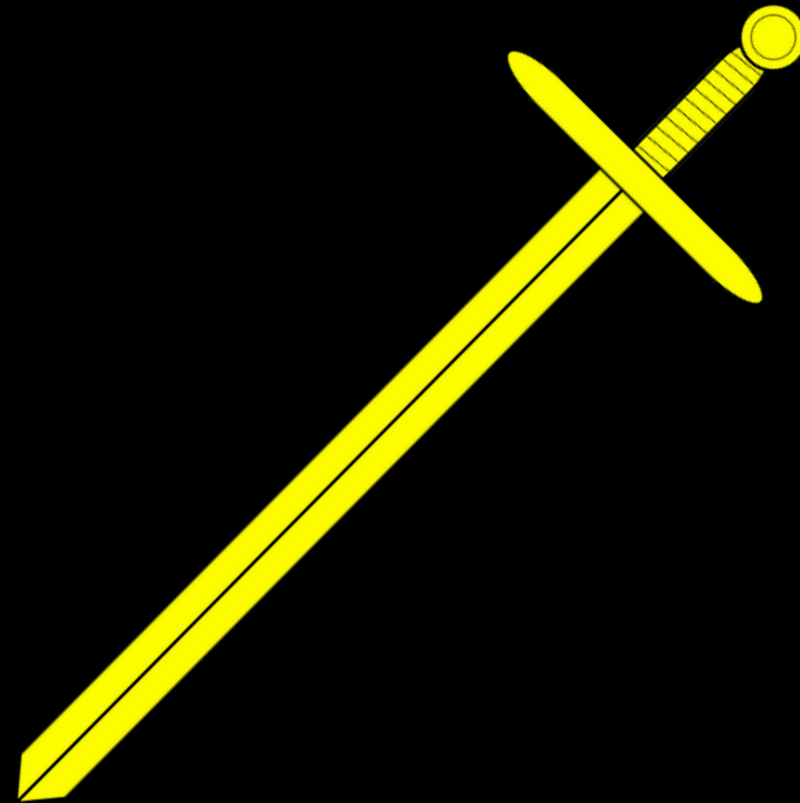


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He thought that sport was a good way to help people with damaged spines. He helped them to take part in wheelchair archery and fencing.



Every year more and more wheelchair users joined in the sports and more sports were included.



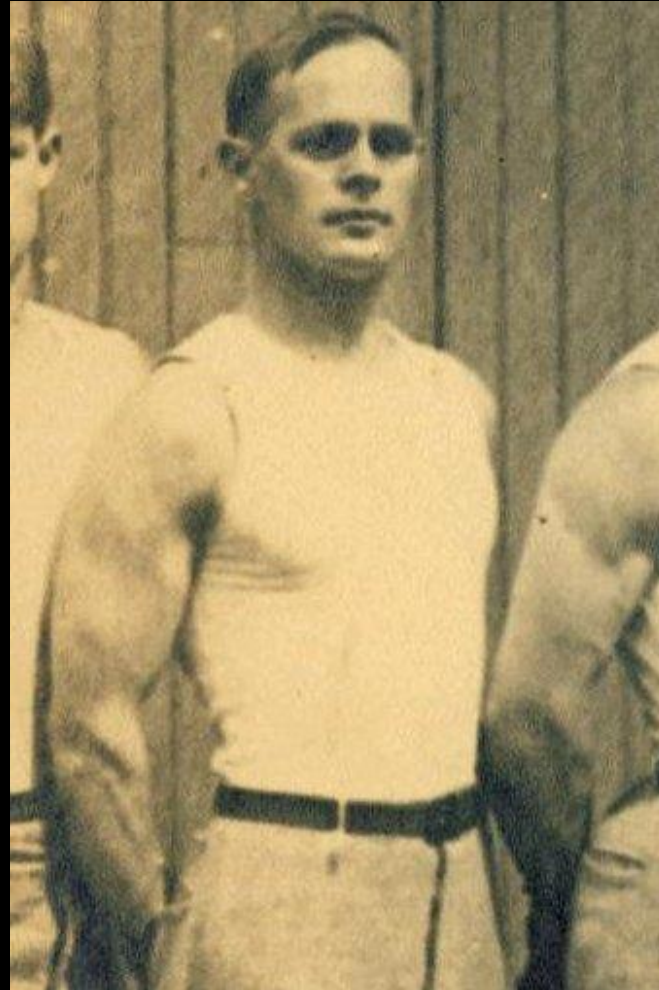
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Some people with disabilities have taken part in the Olympic Games. German-American gymnast, George Eyser, had one artificial leg after being run over by a train.



Olivér Halassy, from Hungary lost his left foot after an accident at the age of eight. He became a water polo player and swimmer and took part in the 1928, 1932 and 1936 Olympics.



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The Paralympic song is played when the Paralympic flag is raised.  
Click on the flag to hear it.



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Esther Vergeer is a Dutch wheelchair tennis player. She won 7 gold medals between 2000 and 2012.



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Ellie Simmonds, at the age of 13, was the youngest person in GB's team in the Beijing 2008 Paralympics.

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Sarah Storey is a GB cyclist and swimmer. She has won eleven gold medals.

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David Lee Pearson has won ten gold medals for horse riding.



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Cycling takes place on bicycles, tricycles, tandems or hand cycles.



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Sitting volleyball has been a sport since 1980.



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Wheelchair fencing was one of the first sports at the Stoke Mandeville Games. It was in the Rome Paralympic Games in 1960.



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Wheelchair tennis became a Paralympic sport in Barcelona in 1992.  
The ball is allowed to bounce twice.



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