

# Let's Rock n Roll June 19



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ROLLING  
RAMPAGE  
10K WHEELCHAIR  
ROADRACE**

## Rolling Rampage II now part of international circuit – world's best to compete in Toronto

With a total purse once again of \$30,000, the Second Annual Rolling Rampage, now Canada's premier 10K Wheelchair Road Race, is expected to attract the best wheelchair athletes from around the world in thrilling competition.

Will the finish of the 10K be as heart-stopping as the inaugural Rampage on Thanksgiving Monday last year? We'll see.

A joint venture of the Canadian Foundation for Disabled Persons (CFDP), the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) and the Rotary Club of Toronto-Don Valley, the first Rolling Rampage made a spectacular debut on Monday, October 13, 2003 at Queen's Park Circle in Toronto.

With \$30,000 in total prize money, the race drew some of the biggest names in road racing today – and the finish was truly unforgettable.

South African Ernst Van Dyk, three-time Boston Marathon wheelchair champion, won in a time of 21:17.2, maintaining a one-tenth-of-a-second margin over Canadian Paralympian Jeff Adams in a breathtaking sprint to the finish line.

Like a classic stretch duel between two finely conditioned thoroughbred racehorses, Van Dyk dug in during the final 100 yards and refused to let the game Canadian pass. The final margin was a scant chair-length.

Kamloops native and Canadian record holder Kelly Smith was third.

### Rampage now part of the American Series circuit

More good news! Because of its initial success and fine organization, The Rolling Rampage will now be part of the America Series Circuit of competitions which includes the Peachtree Road Race in Atlanta, one of the biggest draws in wheelchair sports today.

"Our goal was to build the Rolling Rampage into one of the premier road races on the international circuit," says Vim Kochhar, Chair of the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons.

Joining the America Series is a tremendous boost for the race's credibility in just our second year." The Americans agree.

"We really looked at what

Toronto organizers did with the event last year and we were impressed" says United States Paralympian Scot Hollonbeck, a series spokesperson and veteran of the international road race circuit.

"Their collateral material, the statement they were making, the way that they conducted themselves – they really did a great job," he added.

### New date, new event

Rolling Rampage officials have moved up the date of this year's race to Saturday, June 19, to fit in with the U.S. tour schedule.

In addition to the headline 10K event, this year's Rampage will feature a Festival of Wheels, a fundraising wheelathon where the public can cycle, skateboard, rollerblade – do anything on wheels to earn pledges.

There will also be wheelchairs available for participants who want to try wheeling the Queen's Park circuit.

"If you're a charitable organization that specializes in serving people with disabilities and your team comes out to raise pledges, 50% of that money will go back to your organization," says Rolling

Rampage event manager Brian McLean.

Entry forms for the Festival of Wheels will be distributed through the Bloorview MacMillan Centre and Variety Village. Forms are also available at [www.rollingrampage.com](http://www.rollingrampage.com).

Running Room Canada will distribute pledge forms through its 35 Running Room stores across Ontario. McLean and other organizers will also be promoting the Festival of Wheels through local running clubs and schools in the Toronto area.



### Events to mark on your calendar

- ♥ Rolling Rampage 10K Wheelchair Road Race & Festival of Wheels Roll-a-thon and 1K Corporate Challenge  
Saturday, June 19, 2004, Queens Park Circle, Toronto
- ♥ Terry Fox Hall of Fame Luncheon, Wednesday, November 3, 2004  
Fairmont Royal York Hotel. Keynote Speaker: W. Edmund Clark, President & CEO, TD Financial Group
- ♥ 21st Great Valentine Gala: Saturday, February 12, 2005  
Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto