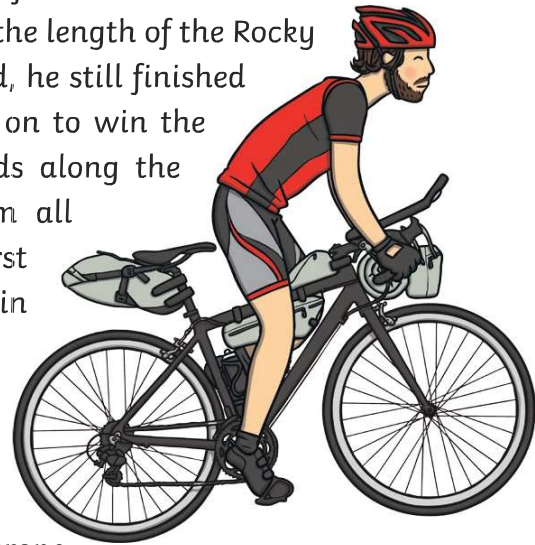


Mike Hall

Have you ever come back tired from a bike ride? Imagine if your bike ride was around the world! That's the sort of ride Mike Hall used to do. Mike was born on 4th March 1981 in Harrogate, North Yorkshire. He began to compete in long distance races - over 24 hours - when he was about 28 years old. He soon made the step up to ultra-distance racing. These are races that cover thousands of miles and last for weeks.

Mike's first ultra-distance race took him from Canada to the Mexican border, through the USA. He raced the length of the Rocky Mountains and, even though he was injured, he still finished the race in 11th place. He would later go on to win the race two times, setting new course records along the way. He also completed races taking him all over the world and in 2012, he won the first World Cycle Race, racing around the globe in just 91 days and 18 hours.



He was also a race organiser and fundraiser. He set up the Transcontinental Race, which takes place in Europe. Riders travel from the UK to the far edge of Europe in Turkey. Throughout his racing career, he raised thousands of pounds for a charity supporting newborn children in Vietnam, Asia.

Heartbreakingly, Mike Hall died after a collision with a car during the Indian Pacific Wheel Race in Australia in March 2017. He was in 2nd place and had warned others that cars were driving too close to riders. He will be remembered as one of Britain's greatest distance riders.



Questions

1. What year was Mike born?

1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
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2. What mountain range did he travel through in his first race?

Rocky Mountains	Himalayas	Alps	Pyrenees
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3. What race did he win in 2012?

4. Mike raised money for families in which country?

Turkey	Australia	The UK	Vietnam
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5. What was the name of the race he set up?

6. What warning did he give other riders in Australia?

7. What is an ultra-distance race?

8. Write two words that would best describe Mike Hall?

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