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## Tim Prendergast

### World and Paralympic Medallist in Athletics

Tim Prendergast is a middle distance runner from New Zealand who won Gold in the T13 800 metres at the Paralympic Games in Athens. Tim still competes and aims to race at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games. Tim competes regularly against fully sighted athletes and finished 7<sup>th</sup> at the 2007 New Zealand National Athletics champs in the open men's grade.

At the age of eight Tim began to lose his vision. Over a period of ten years Tim lost 95% of his sight and at times struggled to come to terms with it refusing to use equipment that would help him in school.

Finishing last in his first 800 metre race set Tim on a fourteen year journey of highs and lows on his way to becoming the fastest partially blind 800 metre runner in the world.

