

Tom Longboat

A. Reading

Tom Longboat was a championship long-distance **runner** from the Onondaga Nation in Canada. He grew up on Six Nations of the Grand River reserve near Brantford, Ontario. His Indigenous name was Cogwagee ("Everything").

He attended a **residential school**. During his running career, he broke many long-distance running **records**. He won the Boston Marathon in 1907. In 1909, he won the World's Professional Marathon Championship.

Tom Longboat gave up his running career and joined the **army** in 1916. He joined running contests in the army. After the **war**, Tom Longboat came back to Canada. Canadians placed him in the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame and the Indian Hall of Fame. He died on January 9, 1949.



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B. Questions

1. What was his name?

2. What Indigenous community was he part of?

3. What type of athlete was he?

4. What was his Indigenous name?

5. What type of school did he attend?

6. What happened in 1907?

7. What did he do in 1916?

8. What did he do in the army?
