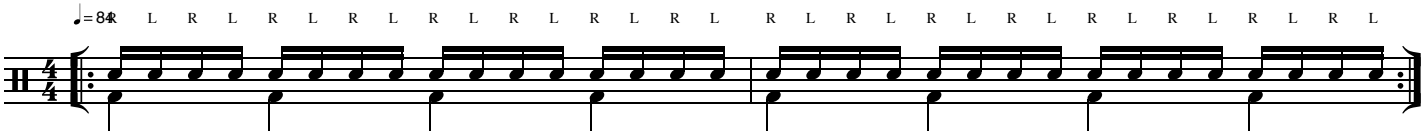
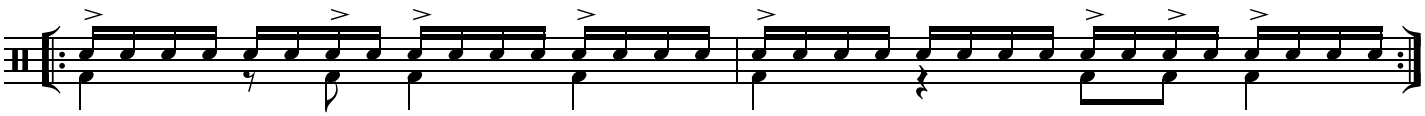
September Monthly Beat- Buddy Rich

Born September 30, 1917

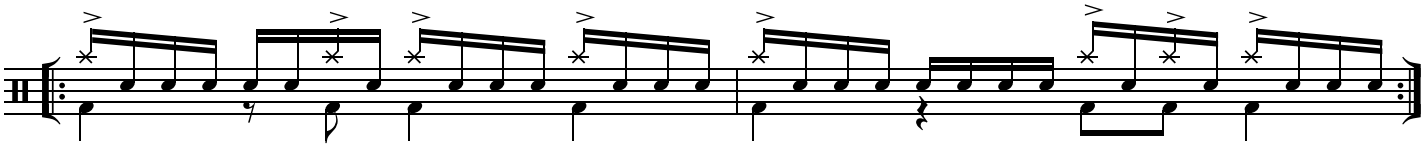
Buddy Rich is widely regarded as the best drum-set player ever. His career began at a young age performing with his parents traveling vaudeville show when he was known as 'Baby Traps, The Drum Wonder'. He led his own bands at age 11 and his popularity and skill continued to grow throughout his life.



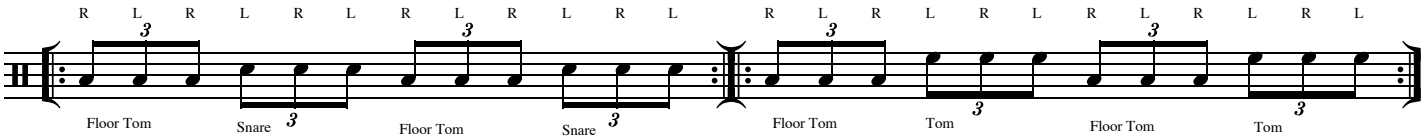
Buddy Rich was best known for his solos. His speed, technique and power made him perhaps the most influential drummer of all time. Practice playing the above pattern as fast as you can. Then try adding accents with the bass drum following along



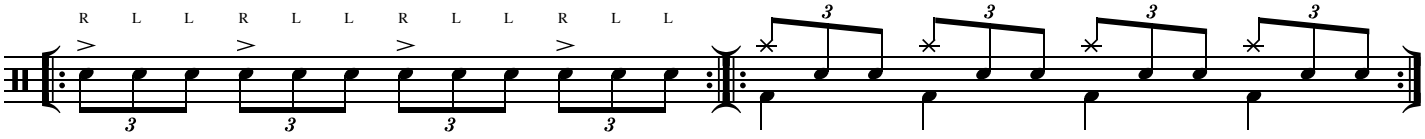
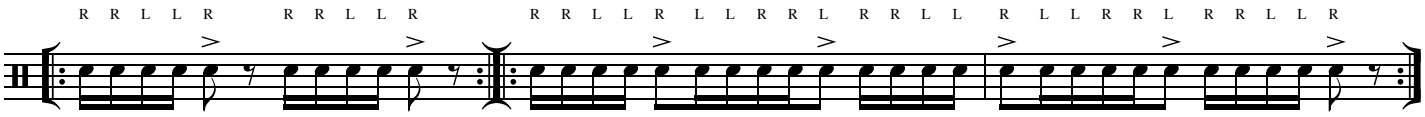
This time move the accents to the cymbal.



Now lets try some triplet patterns. First play 3 notes on the floor tom starting with Right hand then move to the snare starting with Left



Now change the sticking to RLL for all triplets. Next add a bass drum to accents and move accented notes to the cymbals.



Buddy is famous for a lot of things but his ability to keep the snare drum playing what sounds like a roll while accenting the toms is one of my favorite. Lets practice a 5 stroke roll. First with an eighth rest between then by taking that away. Last, move the accents to toms: R on floor tom, L on high tom.