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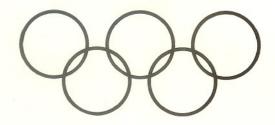


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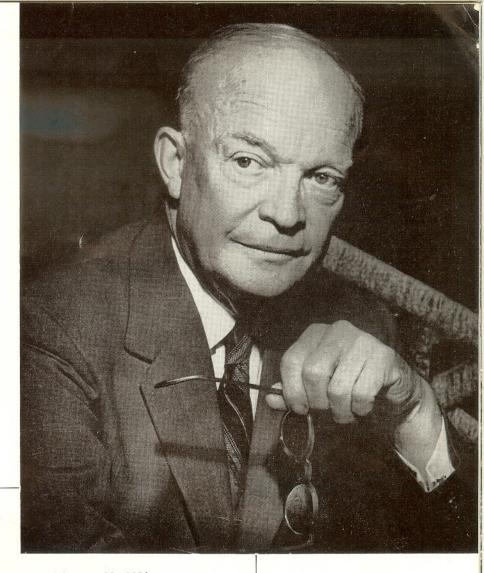
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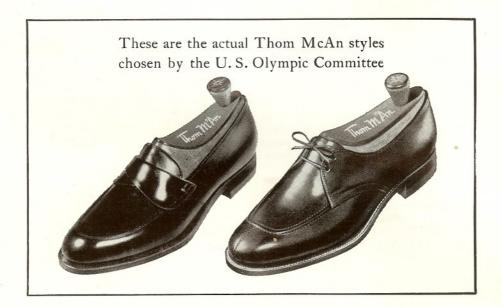
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Gustavus Town Kirby 1874 - 1956



Gustavus Town Kirby, known internationally through his long affiliation with amateur athletics and often referred to as the "Elder Statesman" of amateur athletics in the United States, died at his home in Bedford Hills, New York, on February 27, 1956, after a long illness.

Mr. Kirby was born in Philadelphia on January 22, 1874, the son of Thomas E. and Isabelle Catharine Town Kirby. Early in his childhood his family moved to New York.

Mr. Kirby was graduated as an electrical engineer from the Columbia University School of Engineering in 1895 and from the Columbia Law School in 1898. In 1932, Springfield College of Massachusetts gave him a Bachelor of Physical Education degree. During his Columbia career Mr. Kirby competed in numerous sports including football, fencing, track and cycling. After his college days he continued as a contestant in tennis, golf, squash racquets, riding and yacht-racing events.

Mr. Kirby was a lawyer by profession. His interest in the Olympic Games dated from his attendance as a spectator at their revival in Athens in 1896. He was a member of every American Olympic Committee since 1895 and for almost a decade served as Treasurer. He also served as President and was President Emeritus of the United States Olympic Association at the time of his death. From 1900 on, he attended all of the Games as a representative of the United States. For his activities in International amateur sports Mr. Kirby was decorated by the Governments of Sweden, France, Belgium, Germany and Finland.

Mr. Kirby was a past president of the Amateur Athletic Union of the U. S., Chairman of the Advisory Committee and past president of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America, an organizer and past treasurer and director of the National Recreation Association of America and an organizer and past president of the Public Schools Athletic League of New York. He was also active in the Boys Athletic League and the Sportsmanship Brotherhood.

The uppermost and constant urge that shaped Mr. Kirby's career was twofold: first, to protect the young amateur athlete against the evil influence of the professional gambler and the exploiter of youth; second, to enlarge the opportunity of athletic recreation for underprivileged youth. In these efforts he exhibited the ideals and the aggressive fighting spirit of a crusader. One of our great American gentlemen was Gustavus Town Kirby.



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The Main Stadium, locale for all track and field events, undergoing enlargement.

DOWN UNDER

THE selection of Melbourne, Australia as the scene for the 1956 Olympic Games is both symbolic and unique. It is symbolic because it exemplifies the growth of the modern Olympiad as an all-encompassing international movement. It must be called unique since the Olympic Games will take place in the Southern Hemisphere and Western Pacific Region for the first time in the history of the Games.

Melbourne, a modern city of 1,500,000 people, was founded in 1835 and is British by origin. The city is an important financial and trading center with its busy seaport and industrial metropolis. Melbourne is also the capital of Victoria, the smallest Australian mainland state.

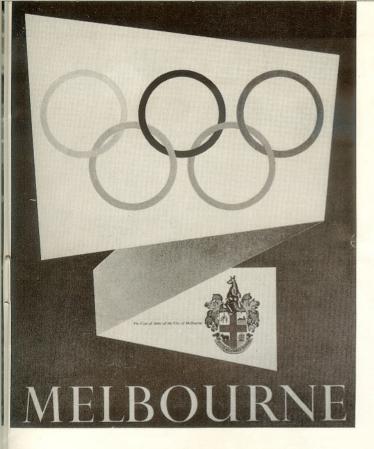
A very colorful aspect of the 1956 Games concerns the traditional carrying of the Olympic torch. The flaming symbol will originate in Athens and be flown to Cairns on the Northeastern coast of Australia, 2,750 miles north of Melbourne. From this point, a relay team of runners—one for each mile—will carry the torch down the coast into Melbourne.

The Duke of Edinburgh will open the Games of the 16th Olympiad on November 22nd at the Main Stadium, a five acre arena on the Melbourne Cricket Ground. This triple decked grandstand seating 110,000 is located just outside the city. In addition to the opening ceremonies, the Main Stadium will be the scene of all track and field events plus the hockey and soccer finals.

Just a few hundred yards away is Olympic Park where 80,000 spectators, seated in three new sports arenas and the ultra-modern swimming stadium, will watch the hockey and soccer preliminaries, swimming, water polo and cycling events. The other events will be held in and around Melbourne.

In addition to the hotel facilities, accommodations for 15,000 visitors will be available in private homes in Melbourne. For the housing of 6,000 athletes, Olympic Village, located in Heidelberg and seven and one-half





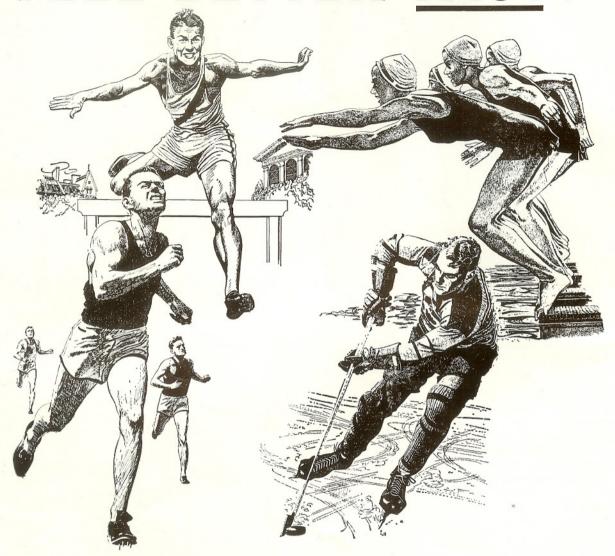
miles from Main Stadium, includes 700 brick and concrete houses and apartments. Athletes from each country will have an opportunity to mix freely with others, but each nation will have its own section of houses. In Olympic Village are laundry, medical and dental facilities, a restaurant, a concert hall, barber shop, canteen, bank and post office. Ten dining and kitchen units will feed the athletes and meals will be planned so that each athlete will receive the same quality and type food they are accustomed to in their homelands. Athletes at the peak of condition will not be upset by unfamiliar diets.

Tackling the tremendous task of staging the Olympic Games is a national undertaking. The Australian Government is contributing one-half the cost of capital construction work while the Victoria State Government and Melbourne City Council will share the remaining costs. The Organizing Committee, composed of 50 political, civic, business and sports leaders, is directing the planning and preparation for the 1956 Olympic Games.





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ORIGIN OF MODERN OLYMPIC GAMES

By J. LYMAN BINGHAM Executive Director



NTERNATIONAL athletics were created by a French boy, Pierre de Coubertin. At the age of seventeen he began to scrutinize the weaknesses of his people who were trying to recover hope and self respect following the Franco-Prussian War. He concluded that three monarchies, two empires, and three republics during a single century were not indicative of stability in the French character. The solution, he believed, rested in the development of the individual.

Coubertin had sufficient means to travel. He visited England and America where he studied organized athletics conducted by students. He observed that competing for a place on an athletic team developed qualities of character whereas the attitude in French schools was that games destroyed study. He was convinced that he should devote his entire time and energy to securing a pedagogical reform in his country. He decided to start at the bottom because, as he expressed it, "The foundation of real human morality lies in mutual respect—and to respect one another it is necessary to know one another."

Coubertin was not an athlete, but he chose athletics as his field. The first major sport with which he associated himself was rowing, but when he attempted to bring the British oarsmen to France or send the French oarsmen to compete at Henley, he found the British and French conceptions of amateurism were not the same. This gave him the idea of bringing together educators, diplomats, and sports leaders for the purpose of developing a universal understanding of amateurism so that the athletes of all nations might meet on an equal basis.

He realized that to capture the attention of disinterested persons he would have to originate something spectacular. He began to dream of a revival of the Olympic Games. At a meeting of the Athletic Sports Union at the Sorbonne in Paris in 1892 he first publicly announced the Olympic Games idea. Speaking at the conference, Coubertin said, "Let us export oarsmen, runners, fencers; there is the free trade of the future—and on the day when it shall take its place among the customs of Europe the cause of peace will have received a new and powerful support." He proposed reviving the Olympic Games, but at this meeting his auditors failed to grasp the significance of the idea.

His next opportunity came in the spring of 1894 at an international congress which he had assembled for the purpose of studying the questions of amateurism. At this meeting official delegates from France, England, the United States, Greece, Russia, Sweden, Belgium, Italy, and Spain were in attendance, and Hungary, Germany, Bohemia, Holland, and Australia sent proxies or letters. Seven questions concerning the problem of amateurism were on the agenda and Coubertin took the liberty of adding an eighth, "Regarding the possibility of the revival of the Olympic Games." The Olympic Games overshadowed the other items on the agenda, and the decision to revive the Olympic Games was made.

After many disappointments and near failure, Coubertin succeeded in launching the first Modern Olympic Games at Athens, Greece in 1896, and from this beginning the world's greatest athletic spectacle was established.

Following the pattern of the Ancient Olympic Games, it was agreed that the Modern Games would be held during the first year of a four year period called an Olympiad. Under the regulations, the Games must be held in the year scheduled or they must be cancelled. They cannot be postponed until the following year nor can they be held in any year prior to the first year of the next Olympiad. Each Olympiad is numbered whether the Games are held or not.





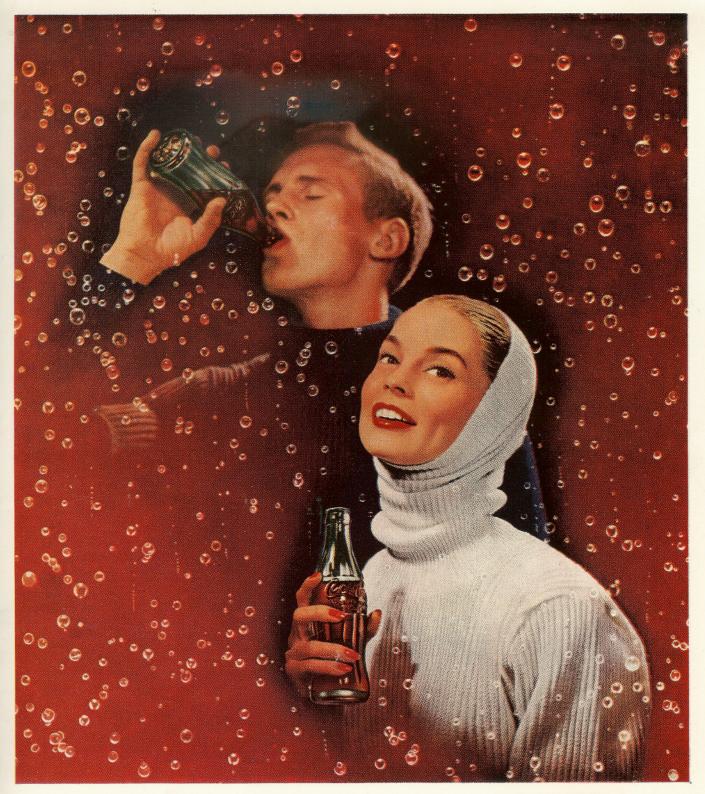


Bob Mathias, brilliant U. S. all-around athlete, winning '52 Decathlon championship to become only person to take this title twice. His total of 7887 points broke the previous Olympic record and his own world record. The Tulare, California, athlete won his first Decathlon in 1948.

Scenes of Mathias in 4 of the 10 event Decathlon.

High Jump—top left Pole Vault—top right Broad Jump—at left 400 Meters—below





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OLYMPIC CIRCLES

The Olympic symbol, recognized throughout the world, consists of five different colored circles on a field of white. Representative of the five continents, these circles are linked together to denote the sporting friendship of the peoples of the earth, whatever their creed or country. The colors of the rings are Blue, Yellow, Black, Green, and Red—colors chosen because at least one of them appears in the flag of every nation in the world. The words "Citius, Altius, Fortius", which frequently appear under the circles, mean "quicker, higher, more strongly", and are indicative of the competing athlete's endeavor to run faster, jump higher, and throw more strongly.





Norman C. Armitage, fencer, leads the United States Olympic Team as it pays tribute to Finland's President Juho K. Passikivi at Helsinki in 1952.

OPENING DAY CEREMONY

THE opening ceremony of the Olympic Games is prescribed by the Olympic rules. The ceremony begins when the King or President of the host nation is received at the entrance of the stadium by the President of the International Olympic Committee and by the President of the Organizing Committee. The two Presidents conduct the King or President and the persons accompanying him to the arena, where he is greeted with the national anthem of his country, either played or sung.

The President of the I.O.C. and the President of

the Organizing Committee then present their colleagues to the King or President. The parade of the athletes follows. Each contingent, dressed in its official uniform, is preceded by a shield bearing the name of its country and is accompanied by its national flag. Except for Greece, which is given the lead, and the host country, which brings up the rear, the countries march in alphabetical order. Only those participating in the Games and officials not exceeding ten per cent of their competitors take part in the parade.

As the marchers pass the reviewing stand they salute the King or President of the country by executing "eyes right." Each contingent, after completing its march around the stadium, lines up in the center of the arena in a column behind its shield and flag facing the

Tribune of Honor.

The International Olympic Committee and the Organizing Committee line up on either side. The President of the Organizing Committee mounts the Tribune of Honor and delivers a brief speech, after which he asks the King or President to proclaim the Games open. The latter rises and says, "I declare open the Olympic Games of . . . celebrating the . . . Olympiad of the modern

era." A fanfare of trumpets is then sounded, during which the Olympic flag is slowly raised; pigeons, emblematic of doves of peace, are released, followed by a salute of guns. The Olympic flame is brought by a courier who, after circling the track, lights the sacred

fire which must burn throughout the games.

If there is a religious ceremony, it takes place at that time. The Olympic hymn is then sung during which members of the I.O.C. and Organizing Committee return to their seats. Immediately afterwards a representative of the host country advances to the foot of the Tribune of Honor accompanied by the flag bearer of his country. He then mounts the Tribune and, holding the flag in his right hand and surrounded by bearers of the flags of all the other countries arranged in a semi-circle around him, pronounces the following Olympic Oath on behalf of all of the assembled athletes: "We swear that we will take part in the Olympic Games in fair competition, respecting the regulations which govern them and with the desire to participate in the true spirit of sportsmanship for the honor of our country and for the glory of sport." The choir sings the national anthem; the athletes leave the stadium by the shortest route.

A victory ceremony is held during the Games for the first three winners of each event. They mount a specially constructed victory platform and the medals are presented by the President of the I.O.C. or his representative, another member of the committee. The flag of the country of the winner is hoisted on the central flag pole and those of the second and third on adjoining flag poles on the right and on the left as they face the arena. Meanwhile the abbreviated national anthem of the

country of the winner is played.









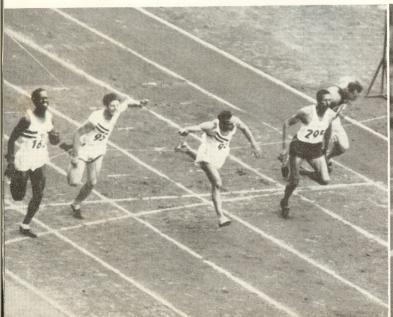
Top left—Harrison Dillard, leading the field as he breaks Olympic record in the 110-meters high hurdles. He became unique in Olympic annals by being first to achieve gold medals in both this event and the 100-meters sprint.

Top center—With tape in sight, Mal Whitfield steps up the pace and wins his second 800-meters run championship. Top right—Charley Moore, son of an Olympic hurdler of the 1924 team, wins the 400-meters hurdle race on a rain-soaked track and establishes a new Olympic mark.

Left—Andy Stanfield, anchor man, brings baton home first in 400-meters relay for the seventh straight United States triumph in this event.

Bottom left—The photo-finish 100-meters triumph for Lindy Remigino is one of the most surprising and inspirational victories for the United States.

Bottom right—Horace Ashenfelter wins 3,000-meters steeplechase, and is first United States victor in this event in Olympic history.











AMERICAN WINNERS IN 1952

Top left—Jerome Biffle leaps 24 feet 10 inches to win gold medal.

Top center—Sim Iness shatters the Olympic record with a discus throw of 180 feet 61/2 inches.

Top right—Parry O'Brien becomes new Olympic shot put champion with record toss of 57 feet 11/2 inches.

Right—With the high jump bar set at 6 feet 81/4 inches, Walt Davis clears greatest height in Olympic Game's history.

Bottom left—Bob Richards soars to Olympic heights with a 14 feet 111/4 inch record vault.

Bottom right—Cy Young about to get off winning toss to become first American victor in javelin event.

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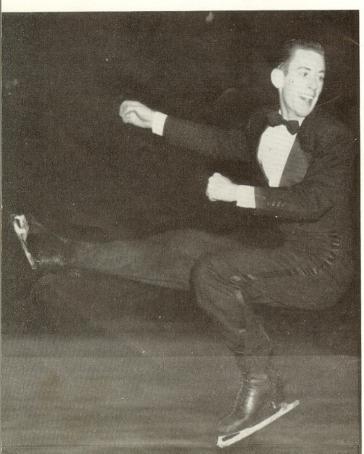




Tenley Albright, Newton Center, Massachusetts

FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONS

Hayes Alan Jenkins, Colorado Springs, Colorado



THE VII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, ITALY

N spite of the fact that the United States sent the finest team we have ever entered since the beginning of winter competition, we only won two gold medals, both in figure skating, at the Cortina Games.

The Soviet Union won six of the twenty-four first places plus a hands down victory in the unofficial team competition by dominating speed skating, long distance skiing and hockey.

Austria, Sweden, Switzerland and Finland were the biggest challengers, with the United States placing sixth in unofficial team ratings.

America's individual standouts were the figure skaters, who won five of the six medals in men's and women's individual competition.

Hayes Alan Jenkins of Colorado Springs, Colorado, won the men's figure skating gold medal. Behind him came Ronnie Robertson of Long Beach, California, and brother Dave Jenkins. Carol Heiss of Ozone Park, New York, gave Tenley Albright of Newton Center, Massachusetts, quite a run for the women's crown, but Tenley won by a narrow margin.

In men's skiing America's best was Brooks Dodge of Gorham, New Hampshire, fourth in the special slalom. Hopes were held for the bob-sledders, but only Art Tyler of Rochester, New York, and his crew gained medals, getting third place in the four-man event. America's two-man sleds finished fifth and sixth.

Few expected the United States hockey team to win. But after beating the favored Canadians 4-1, expectations were built up only to be dashed in the 4-0 loss to Russia. The Americans earned silver medals for second place.

The sharpest disappointment from the American standpoint came in women's skiing. Mrs. Andrea Mead Lawrence of Parshall, Colorado, a double gold medalist in the 1952 Games at Oslo, was far below form, and Katy Rodolph from Reno, Nevada, fractured a neck vertebra in pre-Olympic training.

America has never been first in team scoring, but if the total unofficial scores for all the Games since the first ones in 1924 are averaged out, we rank second behind Norway. The unofficial score, including the 1956 Games is: Norway, 677½; United States, 420; Finland, 347; Sweden, 301.

In the Winter Games our best showing has been bobsledding where we have taken six out of fourteen titles. Our next best showing is in speed skating, six of twenty-seven championships going to the United States. However, four of those six titles were won at Lake Placid in 1932 when the championships were conducted under American rules. This system puts as great a premium on racing strategy and tactics as upon speed. Foreign skaters, unfamiliar with the jostling and the elbowing, were shut out. They prefer the international rules, which are the equivalent of solo races against time.

In the comparatively new competition of women's skiing we have taken three Olympic championships, once



Willard Ikola does some tight goal tending as U. S. team upsets favored Canadian sextet 4-1 in second match of the 1956 Winter Games. The U. S. team placed second in the final standings.

with Gretchen Fraser and twice with Andrea Mead Lawrence. We have won four of twenty-seven figure skating titles, by Dick Button, Hayes Jenkins and Tenley Albright. Of eight hockey championships America's winnings amounted to zero, a record equalled in men's skiing competition.

On his return to this country, Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee, cited the strong showing of Sweden, Finland, Switzerland, Austria and other comparatively small nations as one of the finer aspects of the VII Olympic Winter Games.

In commenting on the outcome at Cortina, Mr. Brundage said, "It is against the Olympic idea to throw one nation against another. But we cannot ignore the fact that Russia is putting tremendous emphasis on the development of its athletes.

"In this country, we make heroes of our professional athletes but not our amateurs. In Russia, a successful amateur athlete is put on a pedestal as a national hero.

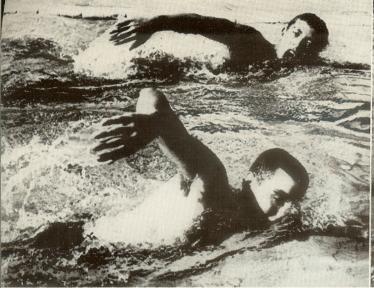
"The Russians make more of amateur sport than we do. Their athletes don't have the same distractions as ours do. And they train harder. So they will always be difficult to beat.

"But, thankfully, the big nations can never completely monopolize the Olympics. The small countries always will do well in some event."

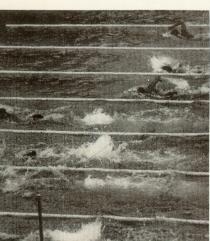


Silver medal winners in the figure skating event were Carol Heiss of Ozone Park, New York, and Ronnie Robertson of Long Beach, California.



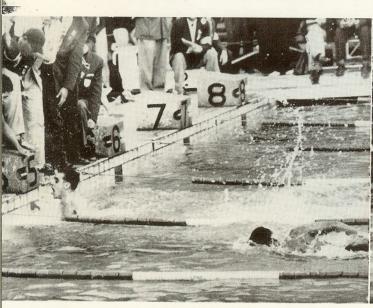














Top—Jimmy McLane, nearest camera, and Ford Konno show great form as they get off to a fast start in the 1952 1,500-meters free style event . . . Konno (right), however, wins gold medal with amazing time of 18 minutes 30 seconds. The champion erased 42.4 seconds from previous Olympic mark.

Center—(1) Winner Clarke Scholes shown out in front (in lane four) is just 10 meters from finish in the 100-meters free style event . . . (2) Yoshio Oyakawa (left) at the end of his record

breaking win in the 100-meters backstroke race with teammates Gilbert Bozon (rear) who took second and Jack Taylor (right foreground) who finished third . . . (3) Frank Dooley, United States swimming team member, turning in the 800-meters relay free style event.

Bottom left-Jim McLane, at finish line, beating T. Tanikawa of Japan in the 800-meters relay in 1952. Bottom right—Jacqueline Lavine in the 400-meters relay race at Helsinki.

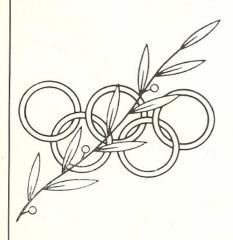
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IIIrd Olympiad St. Louis, Mo., U. S. A	1904						
IVth Olympiad London, England	1908						
Vth Olympiad Stockholm, Sweden	1912						
VIth Olympiad Berlin, Germany	1916						
(Not celebrated, because of World War I)							
VIIth Olympiad Antwerp, Belgium	1920						
VIIIth Olympiad Paris, France	1924						
IXth Olympiad Amsterdam, Holland	1928						
Xth Olympiad Los Angeles, Cal., U.S.A	1932						
XIth Olympiad Berlin, Germany	1936						
XIIth Olympiad Helsinki, Finland	1940						
(Not celebrated, because of World War II)							
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XIVth Olympiad London, England	1948						
XVth Olympiad Helsinki, Finland	1952						
XVIth Olympiad Melbourne, Australia	1956						
WINTER GAMES							
Ist Olympic Winter Games							
Chamonix, France	1924						
Hnd Olympic Winter Games	1924						
St. Moritz, Switzerland	1928						
IIIrd Olympic Winter Games	1920						
Lake Placid, N. Y., U. S. A.	1932						
IVth Olympic Winter Games	1904						
Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	1936						
Vth Olympic Winter Games	1700						
St. Moritz, Switzerland	1948						
VIth Olympic Winter Games Oslo, Norway	1952						
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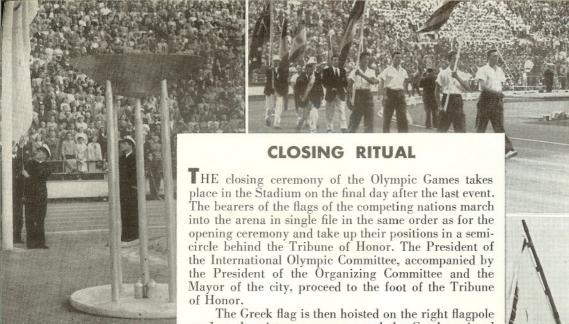
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used at the victory ceremony and the Greek national anthem is played. Then the flag of the country organizing the Games is hoisted on the middle flagpole and its national anthem is played. Thereupon the flag of the country selected to organize the next Olympic Games is hoisted on the remaining flagpole and its national an-

them is played.

The President of the International Olympic Committee mounts the Tribune and pronounces the closing of the Games in these words: "In the name of the International Olympic Committee I offer to the . . . and to the people . . . (name of the King or President and name of the country), to the authorities of the city of . . . and to the organizers of the Games, our deepest gratitude. I declare the . . . Olympic Games closed and, in accordance with tradition, I call upon the Youth of every country, to assemble in four years at . . . (in case the city has not been chosen, the name of the city is replaced by the words 'the place to be chosen') there to celebrate with us the Games of the . . . Olympiad. May they display cheerfulness and concord so that the Olympic Torch may be carried on with ever greater eagerness, courage, and honor for the good of humanity throughout the ages.'

The Mayor of the city joins the President of the International Olympic Committee on the Tribune of Honor and is handed by him the Olympic Flag of embroidered satin presented in 1920 by the Belgian Olympic Committee which has been handed to him by a representative of the city where the previous Olympic Games had been held. This flag must be kept in the principal municipal building until the following Olympiad.

Then the trumpets sound, the Olympic Fire is extinguished, the Olympic Flag is slowly lowered from the flagpole in the arena, followed by a salute of five guns, and the choir sings an anthem. The standard bearers march out to appropriate music by the bands.



CLOSING SCENES

As flame is extinguished and

five circles are lowered from

the flagpole in Helsinki, ath-

letes from 67 nations prepare

to disperse for another four

year period.



THE ANCIENT GAMES

THE Olympic Games are divided into two periods, the Ancient and the Modern. The Ancient Games, the origin of which is unknown, were held in a sacred valley at Olympia in Elis near the western coast of Greece. The earliest recorded Olympic competition was in 776 B. C. They were celebrated without interruption for nearly 1200 years. So important were these contests that time was measured by the four year interval between the Games. This four year period was called an "Olympiad." It is a well established fact that religious festivals in honor of Olympian Zeus had been observed in the sacred valley for several centuries previous to that remote date. The Greek Games were celebrated in the belief that the shades of the dead were gratified by such spectacles as delighted them during their earthly life.

During the Homeric age, these festivals were simply sacrifices followed by games at the tomb or before the funeral pyre. Gradually they grew into religious festivals observed by an entire community and celebrated near the shrine of the god in whose honor they were instituted. The idea then developed that the gods themselves were present but invisible and delighted in the services and contests. It was not until the fourth century that they were held in honor of a living person. Later these festivals lost their local character and became Pan-Hellenic. Four of these festivals, Olympian, Pythian, Nemean, and Isthmian, had attracted world wide attention, but the one held at Olympia was by far the most important consecrated to the Olympian Zeus.

The Olympic Games became the greatest festival of a mighty nation. Once every four years trading was suspended, the continuously warring states and the fighting tribes laid down their arms and all of the people went forth in peace to pay tribute to the manhood of its nation.

The immediate site of the Games, the Stadium of Olympia, lay towards the northeast of the Altis beyond Mount Kromion. It was an oblong area of about 643 feet in length and about 97 feet wide. It consisted of four sloping heights, two at the sides and two at the ends. The one at the north had been cut in a hill, while the other had been artificially formed by earth that had been taken from the arena. The spectators sat on the grassy slopes which accommodated more than 40,000.

For the first thirteen Olympiads the competition consisted of a single race of 200 yards, approximately the length of the stadium. The race was called the "Stade" from which our word "stadium" was derived. The first recorded victor in 776 B. C. was Coroebus of Elis, a cook. The athletes of Elis maintained an unbroken string of victories until the fourteenth Olympiad, at which time a second race of two lengths of the stadium was added. In the fifteenth Olympiad an endurance event was added in which they went twelve times around the stadium, about four-and-one-half kilometers. The athletes competed in groups of four, which were determined by drawing lots with the winners meeting the other winners until a final race was run. The soil was composed of shifting sand which gave way under the athletes' feet.

In 708 B. C. the pentathlon and wrestling events were introduced. In 688 boxing, in 680 the four-horse chariot race, in 648 the pancratian, and in 580 the



Harry Hillman, right, of the U. S. team, captures the 400-meters crown in the 1904 Olympic Games.

armed race where the men traversed the stadium twice heavily armed. In the pentathlon, those who jumped a certain distance qualified for the spear throwing; the four best sprinted the length of the stadium, the three best threw the discus, with the two best engaging in a wrestling match to the finish.

The early rewards were simple crowns of wild olive, but by the sixty-first Olympiad the victors were permitted to erect statues in their honor in Olympia. They had to win three times before the statues could be made in their likeness. Later it was often the practice to make a breach in the walls of the city through which the victorious athletes returned.

During the fifth century before Christ, the Games reached their climax, in fact, they were already showing the first signs of decay. Trying for records and specialization claimed the interest of the crowd. From there on to professional sport was only a step and it was quickly taken. The invasion of the Macedonians put an end to the Greek City-States. Relieved of the political controversies, they devoted themselves entirely to the Olympic Games. Instead of training their growing youth, they merely hired athletes and nationalized them.

During the middle of the second century before Christ, Greece came under the domination of the Romans, who permitted the Games to continue, but they had little interest in them. Centuries passed, the Games still continued, but the high Olympic ideals were entirely discarded and profit alone provided the incentive. In 393 A. D. the Emperor Theodosius forbade the Games altogether, but they had survived a period of nearly 300 Olympiads or approximately 1200 years.

Paul Pilgrim, U. S. 400 and 800-meters victor of 1906, when the games were held in Athens.











Top left—Freiberger (10) and Pippin leaping for rebound as U. S. beats Russia 36-25 in final game. Note scoreboard indicates Uruguay has just placed third and Argentina fourth in final 1952 basketball standing.

Top center—Vebell, U. S., engaging Mangiarotti, Italy (left), in epee match.

Top right—Edward Scrobe, of U. S. Gymnastics team, in a handstand on the bars at Helsinki, 1952.

Left—Members of U. S. basketball squad pose for photographers after victory over Russia.

Left—Edson Brown, U. S. featherweight, outpoints Bose, India.

Bottom left—Action with weights: Peter George, middleweight, captures weightlifting gold medal with an 8811/2 pounds performance.

Bottom center—Bill Smith is carried from ring at Helsinki after his welterweight wrestling win for the U.S.

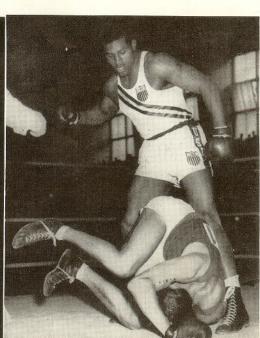
Bottom right—Eddie Sanders stands over Hans Jost, Switzerland, after knocking him out in first round of their heavyweight bout in 1952.



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U. S. OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS

	TRACK AND FIELD-MEN		1,600-METERS RELAY	JAVELIN THROW
	60-METERS DASH	Year 1908	Champion Time Hamilton, Cartmell, Taylor,	Year Champion Distance 1952 C. Young 242'34"
Year 1900	A. E. Kraenzlein 0:7	1912	Sheppard	DECATHLON
1904	Archie Hahn 0:7	1924	Reidpath 3:16.6 Cochran, Helffrich, McDonald,	1924 H. M. Osborn 7710.77
1896 1900	T. E. Burke	1928	Stevenson 3:16 Baird, Alderman, Spencer, Barbuti 3:14.2	(old point system used 1912-1932)
1904	Archie Hahn 0:11	1948	Bourland, Harnden, Cochran, Whitfield	1936 Glenn Morris 7900 1948 Robert Mathias 7139
1906 1912	R. C. Craig 0:10.8		POLE VAULT Height	1952 Robert Mathias 7887
1920 1932 1936	C. W. Paddock	1896 1900	W. W. Hoyt 10'9%" I. K. Baxter 10'9.9"	United States teams won in 1900 and 1904
1948 1952	Harrison Dillard 0:10.3 Lindy J. Remigino 0:10.4	1904 1908	C. E. Dvorak 11'6" A. C. Gilbert 12'2"	TRACK AND FIELD-WOMEN
1772	200-METERS DASH	1912	E. T. Cook, Jr	100-METERS DASH Time
1900 1904	J. W. B. Tewksbury 0:22.2 Archie Hahn 0:21.6	1920 1924	Frank K. Foss	1928 Elizabeth Robinson 0:12.2 1936 Helen Stephens 0:11.5
1912 1920	R. C. Craig	1928 1932	Sabin W. Carr 13'9 % " William Miller 14'1 % "	400-METERS RELAY 1932 United States 0:47
1924 1932	J. V. Scholz 0:21.6 Eddie Tolan 0:21.2	1936 1948	Earle Meadows	1936 United States 0:46.9
1936 1948	Jesse Owens	1952	Robert Richards 14'11 ¼"	80-METERS HURDLES
1952	Andrew W. Stanfield 0:20.7	1896	E. H. Clark 5'11'4"	1932 Mildred Didrikson 0:11.7
1896	400-METERS DASH T. E. Burke 0:54.2		I. K. Baxter 6'24'6" S. S. Jones 5'11"	RUNNING HIGH JUMP Height
1900 1904	M. W. Long 0:49.4 H. L. Hillman 0:49.2	1912	H. F. Porter 6'3" A. W. Richards 6'4"	1932 Jean Shiley
1906 1912	Paul Pilgrim 0:53.2 C. D. Reidpath 0:48.2	1920 1924	H. M. Osborn 6'515'16"	DISCUS THROW Distance
1928 1932	Ray Barbuti 0:47.8 William Carr 0:46.2	1928 1936	Robert W. King 6'43%" C. Johnson 6'715'16"	1932 L. Copeland 133'2"
1936	Archie Williams 0:46.5	1952	W. Davis 6'8¼" STANDARD HIGH JUMP	1932 Mildred Didrikson
1904	800-METERS DASH J. D. Lightbody 1:56	1900 1904	R. C. Ewry 5'5" R. C. Ewry 4'11"	BASKETBALL
1906 1908	Paul Pilgrim 2:01.2 M. W. Sheppard 1:52.8	1906 1908	R. C. Ewry 5'1 %"	United States teams won in 1936, 1948 and 1952.
1912 1936	J. E. Meredith	1912	Platt Adams 5'4 1/8"	BOXING
1948 1952	Mal Whitfield 1:49.2 Mal Whitfield 1:49.2		RUNNING BROAD JUMP Distance	1904 George V. Finnegan
1004	1,500-METERS RUN	1900		1920 Frank De Genaro 1924 Fidel La Barba
1904	J. D. Lightbody 4:12	1904 1906	Myer Prinstein 23'7 ½"	1952 N. Brooks BANTAMWEIGHT
1908 1904	M. W. Sheppard 4:03.4 MARATHON D. N	1908 1912	Frank Irons	1904 O. L. Kirk
1908	T. J. Hicks	1924 1928	D. Hubbard 24'5 %" Edward Hamm 25'4 %"	FEATHERWEIGHT 1904 O. L. Kirk 1924 John Fields
1896	110-METERS HURDLES T. P. Curtis 0:17.6	1932 1936	Edward Gordon 25' % " Jesse Owens 26' 5 3's "	LIGHTWEIGHT
1900 1904	A. E. Kraenzlein 0:15.4 F. W. Schule 0:16	1948 1952	Willie Steele	1904 H. J. Spanger 1920 Samuel Mosberg LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT
1906 1908	R. G. Leavitt 0:16.2 Forrest Smithson 0:15	1900	STANDING BROAD JUMP R. C. Ewry	1952 C. Adkins
1912 1924	F. W. Kelley 0:15.1 D. C. Kinsey 0:15	1904 1906	R. C. Ewry 11'4 %"	WELTERWEIGHT 1904 Al Young 1932 Edward Flynn
1932 1936	George Saling 0:14.6 Forrest Towns 0:14.2	1908	R. C. Ewry 10'11 ¼"	1904 Charles Mayer
1948 1952	William Porter 0:13.9 Harrison Dillard 0:13.7	1896	J. B. Connolly 45'	1932 Carmen Barth 1952 Floyd Patterson
1900	200-METERS HURDLES A. E. Kraenzlein 0:25.4	1900 1904	Myer Prinstein 47'4 ¼" Myer Prinstein 47'	LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT 1920 Edward Eagan 1952 N. Lee
	H. L. Hillman 0:24.6	1900	STANDING HOP, STEP AND JUMP R. C. Ewry	HEAVYWEIGHT 1904 Sam Berger 1952 E. Sanders
1900	J. W. B. Tewksbury 0:57.6	1904	R. C. Ewry 34'7 ¼"	CANOEING
1904 1908	H. L. Hillman 0:53 C. J. Bacon 0:55	1896	16-Lh. SHOT PUT R. S. Garrett 36'2"	CANADIAN SINGLES-10,000-METERS
1920 1924	F. F. Loomis	1900 1904	R. Sheldon	1952 F. Havens 57:41.1
1936 1948	Glenn Hardin . 0:52.4 Roy Cochran 0:51.1	1906 1908	M. J. Sheridan 40'44'5" Ralph Rose 46'7 ½"	CANADIAN PAIRS—10,000-METERS 1948 S. Lysak, S. Macknowski 55:55.4
1952	Charles Moore 0:50.8 STEEPLECHASE	1912 1924	P. J. McDonald 50'4" Clarence Houser 49'2 ½"	
1900 1904	G. W. Orton (2,500-Meters) 7:34.4 J. D. Lightbody (2,590-Meters) 7:36.9	1928 1932	John Kuck	EQUESTRIAN THREE-DAY EVENT, TEAM
1050	3,000-METERS STEEPLECHASE	1948 1952	W. Thompson 56'2"	1932 Thompson, Chamberlin, Argo 5038.08
1952	Horace Ashenfelter 8:45.4 3,000-METERS TEAM RACE	1912	16-Lb. SHOT PUT (Both Hands) Ralph Rose 90'5%"	1948 Henry, Anderson, Thompson 161.5 marks
1912	United States		56-Lb. WEIGHT	GYMNASTICS—MEN LONG HORSE (Vaults)
1920	United States 10	1920	P. J. McDonald 36'11%"	1924 Frank Kriz 9.98
1904	United States	1896		SIDE (Pommelled) HORSE 1904 Anton Heida 42
	1,500-METERS WALK	1904 1906 1908	M. J. Sheridan 136'1/3"	HORIZONTAL BAR
1906	George V. Bonhag 7:12.6	1924 1928	C. Houser	1904 Heida and Hennig
1920		1932 1936		PARALLEL BAR 1904 George Eyser
1924	Murchison	1952	S. Iness 180'6½"	FLYING RINGS
1928	Wycoff, Quinn, Borah, Russell 0:41	1900		1904 Herman T. Glass
1932 1936	Kiesel, Toppino, Dyer, Wycoff . 0:40 Owens, Metcalf, Draper, Wycoff . 0:40 Ewell, Wright, Dillard, Patton . 0:40.3	1904 1908	J. J. Flanagan	ALL-AROUND INDIVIDUAL 1904 Anton Heida
1948 1952	Smith, Dillard, Remiglio,	1912 1920	M. J. McGrath	TEAM GYMNASTICS
	Stanfield 0:40.1	1924	F. D. Tootell 174'10¼"	1904 United States

v	ROPE CLIMB ear Champion Time	Year	400-METERS FREESTYLE Champion	Time Yea	MIDDLEWEIGHT Points
19	904 George Eyser (25 ft.) 0:7	1904	C. M. Daniels (440-yds)	6:16.2	8 F. I. Spellman 859,794
15	932 Raymond Bass (8 M) 0:6.7	1920 1924	Norman Ross	5:26.8 195 5:04.2	2 P. George 881½
	TUMBLING	1932	Clarence Crabbe	4:48.4	LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT
19	932 Rowland Wolfe	1936 1948	Jack Medica		8 S. A. Stanczyk 920.42
	INDIAN CLUB	1740	1,500-METERS FREESTYLE		MIDDLE-HEAVYWEIGHT 2 N. Schermansky 980 %
19	904 E. A. Hennig 13	1920	Norman Ross	22:23.2	HEAVYWEIGHT
15	932 George Roth 26.9	1948	James P. McLane	10.90 0	8 John Davis
. 11	nited States teams won in 1920 and 1924	1332		195	2 John Davis 1013 34
	mired States teams won in 1020 and 1024	1904	RELAY RACES United States (4 x 250 yds.)	2:04.6	ONE-HAND
	ROWING		800-METERS RELAY	190	4 0. C. Osthoff 48 pts.
	SINGLE SCULLS Time	1920	United States	10:04.4	WRESTLING
19	920 J. B. Kelly 7:35	1924 1928	United States	9:53.4 9:36.2	BANTAMWEIGHT 8 George N. Mehnert
	DOUBLE SCULLS	1948	United States	8:46 193	2 Robert E. Pearce
	920 J. B. Kelly, Paul V. Costello 7:09	1952	United States	8:31.1	FEATHERWEIGHT
	924 J. B. Kelly, Paul V. Costello 6:34 928 Paul Costello, Charles McIlvaine . 6:41.4		100-METERS BACKSTROKE		8 G. S. Dole 1924 Robin Reed
	932 K. Myers, W. E. G. Gilmore 7:17.4	1912 1920	Harry Hebner		O Charles E. Ackerly 1928 Allie Morrison
	COXSWAINLESS PAIRS	1924	Warren Kealoha		4 Russell Vis
15	952 Logg, Price 8:20.7	1928	George Kojac	1:08.2	
	PAIRS WITH COXSWAIN	1936 1948	Adolph Kiefer	1:05.9	WELTERWEIGHT 2 Jack F. Van Bebber
1	J. A. Schauers, C. M. Kieffer- Jennings	1952	Y. Oyakawa	1:05.4 193	6 Frank Lewis 1952 W. Smith
			200-METERS BREAST STROKE		MIDDLEWEIGHT
1	FOURS WITH COXSWAIN 948 United States	1924	R. D. Skelton	2:56.6 194	8 Glen Brand
-	EIGHT-OARED SHELL	1948	Joseph Verdeur		LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT
	900 United States 6:09.8	1904	C. M. Daniels	2:44.2 192 2:44.2 193	4 John Spellman
	920 United States 6:02.6	1504		194	
	924 United States 6:33.4 928 United States 6:03.2	1904	W. E. Dickey		HEAVYWEIGHT
1	932 United States 6:37.6	2504		192	4 Harry Steele
	936 United States		SPRINGBOARD DIVING	Points	YACHTING
	952 United States		L. E. Kuehn	675	SIX METER CLASS
		1924	A. C. White		8 Llanoria 1952 Llanoria
	SHOOTING	1932	Michael Galitzen	161.38	5.5 METER CLASS
	ANY RIFLE Points	1936 1948	Richard Degener	100.01	2 Complex II
	920 Sgt. Morris Fisher 997		Bruce Harlan	205.29 193	2 Angelita
1	924 Morris Fisher (600-m) 95		HIGH DIVING		STAR CLASS
1	MINIATURE RIFLE, 50-METERS 912 F. S. Hird	1904	Dr. G. E. Sheldon		2 Jupiter 1948 Hilarius
1	920 L. Nusslein	1920 1924	C. E. Pinkston	100.67 97.46	LAWN TENNIS
	ONE-MAN FIGURE TARGET WITH RINGS	1928	Pete Desjardins	08 74	MEN'S SINGLES
1	912 A. P. Lane	1932	Harold Smith	124.80	4 Beals C. Wright 1924 Vincent Richards
	FIGURE SHOOTING, 6 TARGETS	1936 1948	Marshall Wayne Dr. Samuel Lee		LADIES' SINGLES 4 Miss Helen Wills
1	924 H. M. Bailey	1952	Dr. Samuel Lee	156.28	
	ANY TARGET PISTOL, 50-METERS		SWIMMING—WOMEN	192	4 Mrs. G. Wightman and R. N. Williams
	896 S. Paine		100-METERS FREESTYLE	172	
1	912 A. P. Lane 1920 Karl Frederick	1000	E41-13- D1-94	Time 190	MEN'S DOUBLES 4 E. W. Leonard and B. C. Wright
1	912 James R. Graham 1920 Mark Arie	1920 1924	Ethelda Bleibtrey Ethel Lackie	1:15.0	
-		1928	Albina Osipowich	1:11	LADIES' DOUBLES
U	CLAY BIRD SHOOTING, TEAMS United States won in 1912, 1920 and 1924	1932	Helene Madison	1:06.8 192	4 Miss Helen Wills and Mrs. G. W. Wightman
	RUNNING DEER SHOOTING, SINGLE SHOT	1020	400-METERS FREESTYLE Ethelda Bleibtrey (300-M)	4:34	
1	924 J. K. Boles	1924	Martha Norelius	6:02.2	PAUME MEN'S SINCLES
	RUNNING DEER SHOOTING, DOUBLE SHOT	1928	Martha Norelius	5:26.4	MEN'S SINGLES 8 Jay Gould
1	908 Winans	1932	Helene Madison	0.48.0	WINTER SPORTS
-	PISTOL OR REVOLVER, NOT AUTOMATIC		400-METERS RELAY		BOBSLED—4-MAN
	896 J. Paine 908 United States	1920	United States	5:11.6 Yea	r Driver Time
1	912 United States—50-meters	1924 1928	United States		
	920 United States—30 and 50-meters	1928	United States		
	ANY RIFLE, TEAMS	1948	United States		BOBSLED-2-MAN
U	Inited States teams won in 1920 and 1924		100-METERS BACKSTROKE	193	2 Stevens 8:14.74
	ARMY RIFLE	1924	Sybil Bauer		and the second s
1	920 Osburn—300-meters standing	1932	Eleanor Holm	1:19.4	SKELETON 8 John Heaton
	ARMY RIFLE, TEAMS		SPRINGOARD DIVING		
1	920 United States-300 and 600-meters prone	1920	Aileen Riggin	Points 539.9	FIGURE SKATING—MEN Points
	ODD DISTANCES	1924	Elizabeth Becker	474.5 194	8 R. Button 191.177
1	908 United States—200, 500, 600, 800, 900 and 1,000-yards	1928 1932	Helen Meany	78.62 195 87.52 195	
1	912 United States-200, 400, 500 and	1936	Marjorie Gestring	89.27	FIGURE SKATING—WOMEN
1	920 United States—300 and 600-meters	1948 1952	Victoria Draves		6 T. Albright 169.6
		1332		111.00	500-METERS SPEED SKATING
	MINIATURE RIFLE—25-YDS. OR METERS— TEAMS	1924	Caroline Smith	33.2	Time
1	920 United States (50 meters)	1928	Elizabeth Pinkston	31.60	
	1948 and 1952 RESULTS	1932 1936	Dorothy Poynton Dorothy Poynton Hill	40.26 33.93	
1	948 Free Rifle, small bore, 50 meters—	1948	Victoria Draves	68.87	1,500-METERS SPEED SKATING
1	Arthur Cook 952 Free Pistol, 50-meters—H. Benner	1952	Pat McCormick		2 John Shea 2:57.5
70			WATER POLO	200	5,000-METERS SPEED SKATING
	SWIMMING—MEN 100-METERS FREESTYLE	1904	United States	193	2 Irving Jaffee 9:40.8
			WEIGHTLIFTING	100	10,000-METERS SPEED SKATING 2 Irving Jaffee
	Time			193	6 HVIDS JAMES 19:13.6
	906 C. M. Daniels 1:13.4		BANTAMWEIGHT	_	
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DIVING AT HELSINKI

Right—Pat McCormick showing three phases of championship form which led to her victories in highboard and springboard diving events.

Top—Sammy Lee in one of the splendid dives which led to his gold medals for highboard in 1948 and 1952.

Bottom—Skippy Browning in action during springboard competition which he won for clean sweep.











Top left—Start of the 6m Class Yachting race at Harmaja, near Helsinki. U. S. Yacht "Llanoria" (winner in 1948 and 1952) is on far right.

Top right—U. S. eight-oar crew with cox after winning the finals of the event at Meilahti, Finland, 1952.

Middle left—Huelet L. Benner, 1952 gold medal winner, com-

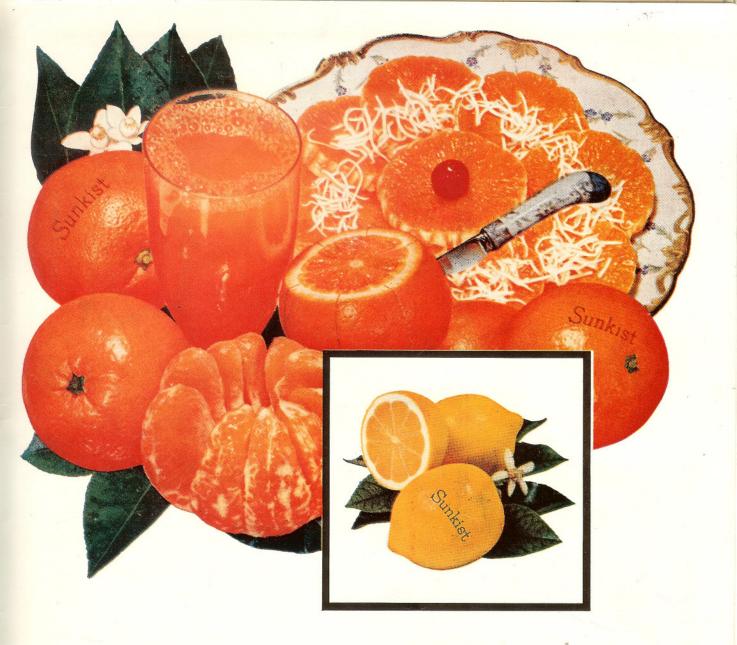
peting in free pistol shooting event.

Middle—T. S. Price (left) and C. P. Logg, American winners of

coxswainless pair race at Meilahti. Middle right—Frank Brilando crossing finish line in the 1000-meters cycle race at Helsinki.

Bottom left—Catherine Hardy, running anchor and winning women's 400-meters relay.

Bottom right—Charles Columbo of U. S. Soccer team blocking the ball during U. S. match against Italy, at Tempere, Finland,



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