

# OWENS 'TAKES' OLYMPICS

*World's Sports King*

## U. S. SPRINT STAR EQUALS WORLD MARKS

Debate Hitler's Attitude;  
His Salute Of Ohio  
Flash Is Issue

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BERLIN, Germany, Aug. 7.—Jesse Owens is the god of the sports fans here. He has effectively demonstrated his superiority in winning the finals in the 100-meter event in which he equaled the world's record and by blasting the Olympic mark of Eddie Tolan, another Race star, set back in 1932 over the 200-meter route.

Owens' time in the 100-meters was 10 and 3-10 seconds. He qualified in the 200 meters in the record-breaking time of 21 and 1-10 seconds.

Then, as this is written, Jesse is fighting desperately to add a third first place, the broad jump, an event in which he now leads the field. Owens has been the crowning glory of a magnificent showing by the American athletes with three Race boys.

Johnny Woodruff of Pittsburgh, victor in the 800 meters and Cornelius Johnson of California, winner of the high jump, showing the way.

Owens is the mainstay of the American Olympic team but he is not the whole show. Where he leaves off other Americans, and interestingly enough Americans of his race, take up.

Johnny Woodruff, unknown freshman halfmiler of the University of Pittsburgh, upset the stadium Tuesday when he gave the United States a first place in the 800 meter event for the first time in the modern Olympic series.

In spite of his youth and inexperience in big time competition he shoved the veteran Phil Edwards of Canada and others who were rated above him into a wake of dust from his flying feet.

Cornelius Johnson of Compton Junior college, California, and David Albritton, teammate of Jesse Owens from Ohio State university established new records in the high jump with the former taking first

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JESSE OWENS

Ohio State's brilliant athlete is without a doubt the most outstanding athlete ever to represent any country in the Olympics. In Berlin as a member of the U. S. team he has, by his unprecedented performance, become the hero to all visiting nations. One world's record has been broken and two others equaled by the king of sprint. He has captured everyone in Germany but Hitler who has very conveniently avoided congratulating Owens.

## *They Stay Out In Front*



HELEN STEPHENS AND JESSE OWENS

Two outstanding American athletes who lived up to high expectations by brilliant performances in the eleventh Olympiad in

Berlin, Germany, this week. Miss Stephens set a new world's mark in the 100 meters, for women, while Owens unofficially clipped

one-tenth of a second off the 100-meter record and equalled the old mark in the finals for the event in the mens' division.



**JOHNNY WOODRUFF**

Freshman athlete at University of Pittsburgh, scored a sensational victory in the 800-meter run, whipping Phil Edwards of Canada who ran third, and Lash of Italy. Woodruff's victory marked the first time the U. S. has triumphed in this particular event since 1912.

## JESSE OWENS EQUALS WORLD TRACK RECORD

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place with a phenomenal leap of 3 feet, 7 and 15-16 inches.

Awaiting their turn to bring glory to the stars and stripes are other members of the Race: Jimmy Lu-Valle, Mack Robinson and Archie Williams in the 400 meters; John Brooks in the broad jump; Ralph Metcalfe in the 200 meters.

But back to Owens. Of the several thousand athletes here from 52 nations, there is no one with the personal following of Owens. He is the feature of the meet and as many of the 100,000 people here daily turn out to see him as to see the entire meet.

In qualifying for the other two events which he expects to take to be the meet's only three-event winner, Owens showed Tuesday morning that barring accidents, he's a sure bet.

In qualifying for the 200-meter finals, he lopped one-tenth of a second off Eddie Tolan's Olympic record for the event but failed to reach his own world record time of 21. His time was 21.1.

Qualifying with him was Mack Robinson of Pasadena Junior college, who won his heat with the time of 21.6 seconds. Another American, Bobby Packard, white, also qualified with the time of 21.2 equalling the Olympic time.

Without a letup Owens reported next for the broad jump and almost eliminated himself because of a misunderstanding with officials. He made the grade, however, with a leap of 24 feet, 5 1/4 inches. John Brooks of Chicago and Bob Clark, white, of San Francisco, were the only other Americans to qualify for the event with 11 others from European countries.

After reporting for the broad jump, Owens took a practice run without jumping just to get the feel of the runway. This was counted as a trial by the officials. In his next try, Owens overstepped the take-off which left him with but one more chance to qualify.

At this stage, Avery Brundage, president of the American Olympic committee, rushed to the broad jump pit to argue with officials about 'counting Owens' warm up run as a trial.

Owens, however, jumped and qualified with a leap of 24 feet, 5 inches which made further protest unnecessary.

**BERLIN, Aug. 7—(Special)—**Officially, Jesse Owens, U. S. dash luminary received the Nazi Swastika from Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler Monday.

Ohio State university's flying marvel came down the stretch in the 100 meters to tie Olympic and world records of 10.3 seconds while 110,000 eyes—peering through a steady downpour of rain—looked on.

Jesse Owens is really the Olympic hero—at least to the fans. Even the fact that Herr Hitler, ruler of the Nazi, has found reasons to avoid adding his personal salutations to the whirl of Owens' popularity has failed to dim fandom's appreciation for the greatest Olympic athlete who ever lived. Twice Owens has been led toward Hitler's private box, hoping against fate that the ruler would receive him. His attempt has failed, however, for Hitler was usually on the eve of making his departure as King Owens approached. He did find time and convenience to raise his hand in salute to the little bronze Ohio boy after the world's record run of Monday, however.

Chicago's Ralph Metcalfe, grizzled veteran of many a cinderpath, was second and Martin Osendarp of Holland nosed out Frank Wykoff of California for third.

### Takes Lead

Owens edged into the lead after breaking from his holes in fourth position. Wykoff was off first with Metcalfe and Osendarp second and third. Jesse's blinding speed ushered him out in front at 40 meters and he pulled away to nudge Wykoff into the rear by a yard. He blasted the water-soaked cinders with flying spikes as he perpetrated a "speed stampede" five meters from the finish and maintained the advantage of a meter (39.37 inches) to clip Metcalfe's "express train down the mountain" whirlwind finish.

To their feet came the thousands in the concrete stadium. To a

brownskinned boy, to one whose race is winning battle after battle in his homeland against tremendous odds, they accorded an ovation seldom equaled in these days of mighty ovations. They acknowledged sterling ability and peerless performance.

Surrounded by his Nazi comrades and officials from visiting countries, Hitler raised his hand in what the white press correspondents—trying to sell the German attitude to the world for the duration of these 1936 games at least—interpreted as the official Nazi salute to the winded Owens, walking thru the rain to the American quarters under the stands.

Owens raised his hand to the chancellor and that was that.

The chancellor with the crowd had watched every move of the two Race members of the American team in the 100 meters. So much advance publicity, so much deference showed Owens and Metcalfe by the thousands who are visiting Berlin could have done no less in creating interest on the part of Hitler whose contact and dealings with black people has been little or nothing and whose respect for them has been revealed in his various utterances.

### Makes Radio Talk

After the swastika, Owens went to the radio beneath the stands where he made a brief talk in which he extended greetings to his folks back home in America. Owens had shaken many German hands at the fringe of the stands and it was thought that Hitler had beckoned for him to come into his box by the salute.

In fact, the Ohio flash, after bowing acknowledgment to the chancellor's wave, had started upstairs to the reichsfuehrer's box, escorted by German officials, when the band started playing "Deutschland Uber Alles" in praise of the German victory in the hammer throw. Owens was then taken to the box of U. S. official Avery Brundage, wreathed with an Olympic laurel.

They said Owens may be officially greeted by Hitler when medals are awarded for the 100 meter triumph. Metcalfe and Osendarp went out of the stadium after the race, but Owens remained.

In due fairness to Hitler, it can be said that despite the fact that Owens was given no more formal recognition than the salute, there was no actual evidence of racial discrimination as the chancellor did not receive any of the winners including the German, Hein, who won the hammer throw.