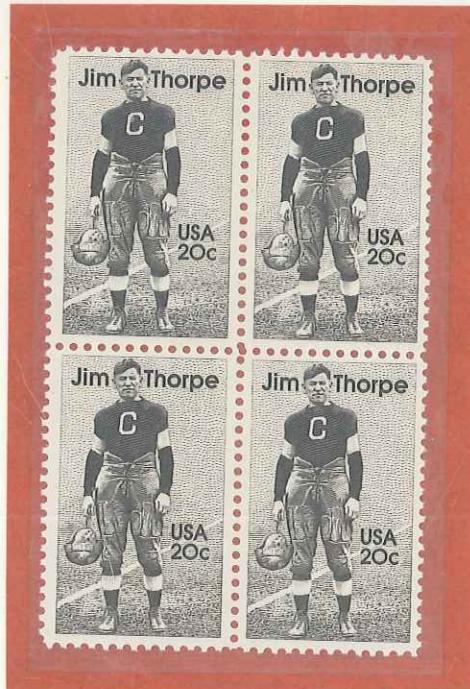




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him the greatest all-around athlete of the 20th century. And in 1984, Thorpe was completely vindicated when the International Olympic Committee returned replicas of his 1912 medals to his family.

James Francis Thorpe was born on May 28, 1888, near Prague, Oklahoma. He was of American Indian, Irish and French descent, and attended the Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania. Thorpe excelled in every sport he undertook — football (a two-time All-American), baseball, and track.

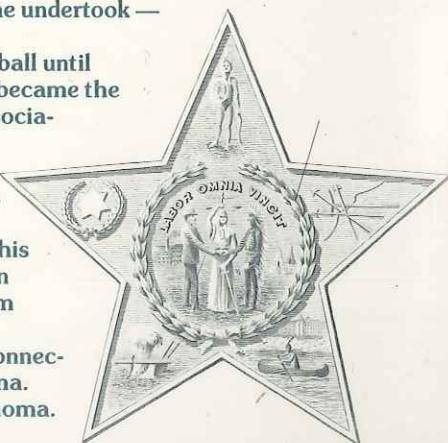
After the Olympics, Thorpe played major league baseball until 1919. He also played professional football, and in 1920, became the first president of the American Professional Football Association. He retired from sports in 1929 at age 41.

During the unveiling ceremony for the Jim Thorpe stamp, Postmaster General William F. Bolger remarked, "Indeed, Jim Thorpe left a legacy for all to cherish. His fierce competitive drive, his sportsmanlike conduct and his perseverance, even against incredible odds, made him an exceptional role model for future American athletes." Jim Thorpe died in Lomita, California, March 28, 1953.

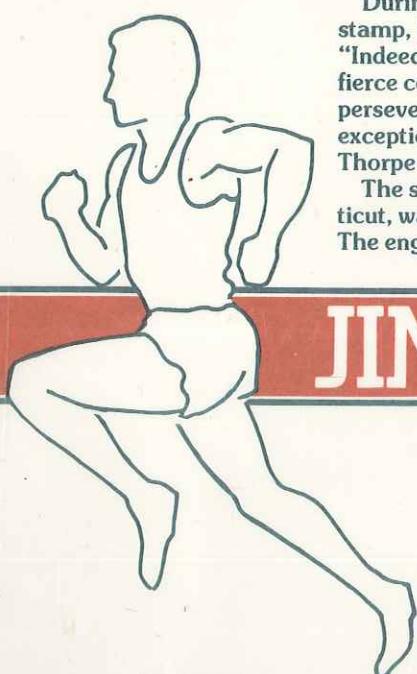
The stamp, designed by Richard Gangel of Weston, Connecticut, was issued on May 24, 1984, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The engraving seen to the right is the state seal of Oklahoma.

In 1912, when Jim Thorpe became the first man to win Olympic gold medals for the decathlon and pentathlon, King Gustav V of Sweden presented to Thorpe not only the medals but also a fitting tribute: "You sir, are the greatest athlete in the world."

Yet one year later, Thorpe was forced to return the medals when it was learned he had played semi-professional baseball two years prior to the 1912 Games. However, in 1950, Thorpe received his due when an Associated Press poll named



JIM THORPE



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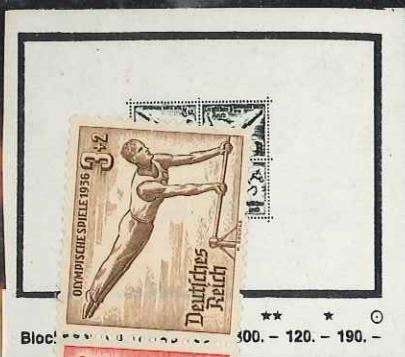


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