

America Must Train Distance Team for Next Olympic Games

Los Angeles Looms as Ideal Place for 1924 World Olympic Battles.

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NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—"America is through. The athletic crown worn so long by the United States is destined for another head in the Olympic games of 1924."

This boast was made in Antwerp by the Finns and the Swedes following the late Olympic contest, while the Americans were overwhelmingly victorious.

The failure of the Americans to "clean up" in the track events above the sprints set the foreign experts to draw the conclusion that the new generation of Yankee athletes lacks endurance and tenacity.

It is a matter of record that the Americans did fail to take any of the distance events with the exception of the 2000-metre team race, won on the last day of the games.

But the conclusion of the European critics that the poor showing was the result of a decline in the physical powers of the new school of American athletes is wrong.

NOT FAULT OF MEN THEMSELVES.

The American distance runners did not sweep the tracks as did the sprinters, because they had no opportunity to train.

The time was so short between the opening of the games and the conditions as disagreeable as their trip to Antwerp and the weather so abominable that they were the victims of unavoidable circumstances.

The Swedes and the Finns, whose power was not up to the distance events, had the advantage of two weeks in Antwerp previous to the opening of the games, during which they were able to use the facilities much daily and to accustom themselves to the peculiar weather conditions.

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clusion that she will have much stiffer competition in 1924.

Based upon the showing made by the American distance men, the foreign nations, especially Sweden, Finland and Norway are destined to develop new talent in the field and track events in which the Americans were able to make the cleanup that gave them victory.

OLD SCHOOL MEN THROUGH.

America's task before the next games will be to develop a new school of distance runners and to find youngsters to take the place of Pat McDonald, Paddy Ryan, Mattie Smith, Dan O'Leary, Jim O'Conor, Red McDonald and many others of the "old school" who showed in the last games what they are through.

England, strong in the field events, will turn its attention to the development of hurdlers and field stars. The Swedes feel the necessity of developing the talents of the sprinters. The American superstar in the javelin will set out to develop other field stars and sprinters to help balance the team strong in long distance power.

American athletic officials have already started a campaign to encourage athletics in high schools. Their hope is to have the schools take charge of the affairs of athletics who can discourage young athletes from "burning themselves out" in trying to win every event on the program.

The Swedes, under the direction of Ernle Hjertberg, have gone into "systematization" with the greatest success.

They hold that it is better to excel in one event than to be half-good in a dozen.

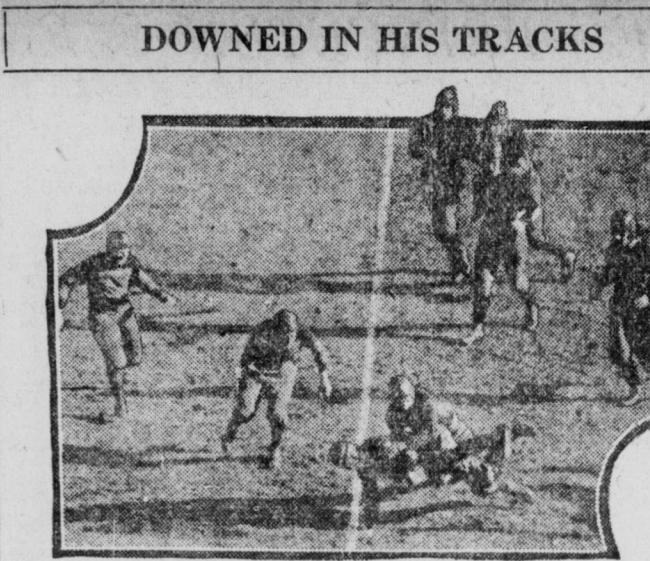
Europeans probably will be held in Los Angeles. The International Olympic Committee meets in Lucerne next spring and will decide between the Caucasus and Rome, which has been making a strong bid for the games.

EUROPEANS WANT TO COME OVER.

The Swedes, Finns, English and French, who were the best in the field events, the games were contested in Antwerp, have demanded that the games be given to America, not only because they believe an American team can make them better, but because they are anxious to get the "joy ride trip" to the Pacific coast.

Hold in America, the next games would not present as many problems for the Americans as they would be faced by the necessity of another long trip to a foreign country. The weather conditions in California would be ideal for the Americans.

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The Princeton-Harvard game at Cambridge last Saturday, which ended in a 14-to-14 tie, was replete with thrills of sorts. The picture, taken after receiving a Harvard punt in the first half of the contest.

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leans, the short trip would insure the good condition of the men and more talent could be made available for final selection.

The powers directing amateur ath-

letism in the United States can interest

young athletes more in the mile, two mile

and the longer events and shatter the

idea of a sprinter being a great athlete,

and the time much will be had to make

a 1924 team better balanced than the one

which carried the shield this year.

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Yank Decathlon Man Deserves Right to Dispute Title Claim

Gave Norwegian Winner at Olympic Games Hot Battle All the Way.

A boy from Missouri has shown American athletes the way in all-round ability. He was right to go to the Olympics with a Norwegian army captain the claim to the title of greatest all-round athlete in the world.

Then we speak of is Britton K. Hamilton, student at the University of Missouri.

Hamilton and Capt. Helge Loveland of Norway finished the decathlon—the test of all-round ability—in the Olympic games with averages so close that it requires in the coming test system of the big games that was necessary.

Loveland won out in this record.

Hamilton has a right to question Loveland's supremacy. The American was far behind in the test of all-round ability included in the test of all-round ability.

Hamilton failed to capture one event.

Loveland won out by a score more consistent in the

decathlon, jumping, vault, 1500-meter run, shot put and discus throw.

While Hamilton won the shot put and 100-meter dash and it is fair in

the discus throw, Loveland was

poorly in the distance events and the high jump.

The defeat of the Missouri student was a huge disappointment to him and his teammates. With the title of all-round champion athlete of the world, which Loveland deserved, went the cup donated by the late czar of Russia. The American stars hoped to capture this cup and bring it to the United States, the Ironbpy at Stockholm in 1912, but the great Indian had to forfeit the cup because his amateur standing was questionable.

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