

## Jesse Owens May Lower Dash Mark To 9.3 Some Day Says His Coach

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CLEVELAND (U.P.)—The coach who "found" Jesse Owens believes the hero of the Berlin Olympics yet may pull down the 100-yard dash record to 9.3 seconds.

If the Buckeye Bullet can balance his stride better, what phenomenal time may be possible, in the opinion of Charley Riley, Cleveland's "grand old man of track." Nevertheless, Riley, who has groomed Jesse since he was a barefoot lad in Fairmount junior high, believes he is almost a perfect runner.

He takes personal pride in him because he taught him to "push" and not "pull," to keep his head down when sprinting, while other coaches scoffed at this method.

Riley crouched against a post to demonstrate his theories. "Jumping Alters Style" "Jesse, of course, is at a slight disadvantage because he broad-jumps," he explained. He told how he had put a tape measure across approach steps to Owens' broadjump takeoff.

"Because he does broadjump, Jesse reaches out seven inches more with one foot than the other because he is a jumper as well as a sprinter."

Riley calculates that if Owens could cut the seven inches difference in stride to four it would make a difference of five feet in 20 strides, thus giving him more speed.

"Awkward At First" "That boy is a made runner. He was as awkward as any when I first got him. He was quick and eager to learn and I even had to hold him back. It was hard to keep him from training too hard."

"Most afternoons, we'd work only to cast off his weaknesses. Then one day I let him exert himself and checked his time."

Riley twinkled. "That way, he came to his peak gradually."

As soon as Owens returned to Cleveland from Europe, he spent much time with his old coach, going over pictures of his Olympic experiences and talking of old times.

Friends had rather promised Riley a chance to "go over" to the Olympic Games. But plans fell thru. The last thing Riley told Jesse in New York was "keep your head down, son."

And Riley's formula worked at Berlin as it had in the United States.

"Coached Owens Eight Years" Riley first spotted Jesse as a champion in 1929 when he coached him in junior high. He worked on him over the years—eight of them.

"He's mechanical now. But we surely worked a long time to make him the flash he is. He's a perfect example of my type of running. He never tires easily because his running is just a speeded-up walk. He's relaxed at all times."

"Another important thing I taught him was to run with his toes open. When they're open, you get leverage and snap, which add to the speed. Then, by keeping the chin down, not

## Giants Are Cut Down

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count in the fifth. They were out in front for the second time with a run in the sixth when Fraley went to the showers and Carter took on the job of holding down the hits.

The Giants tied it up in the seventh while the Merchants went scoreless. The eighth inning brought the break and victory for the home boys with two runs on three hits.

Hamilton eased the colored boys out in their half of the ninth and the Merchants for the first time in many months found themselves on the long end of the score against this stellar opposition.

Benny Markham was the scoring prima donna of the game with three runs and three hits to his credit. Patalano and Eppley matched Benny for hits with Pat getting a double to make his clouting more impressive.

Joe Venable's only safety in four trips to the plate was the long hit of the day, a triple.

Shelby Venable relieved League of the catching duty after a couple of innings and did a fine job.

Rowe is back in the line-up at second base and handled four chances nicely, and at bat clouted out one hit for two bases, driving the pill clear to the left field fence.

Next Sunday afternoon's game with the Whippet Gasoline team has been cancelled and instead the May Company nine, an all-professional outfit, will be here. Line-up for the May Company includes such well known artists as Burley Horne, pitcher

last season for San Diego; Fresnell, pitcher, Owens, catcher, and Wilbert, second baseman, formerly with the Milwaukee American Association team; Daro, pitcher, and Tom Holly, shortstop, formerly with Birmingham; Durst, first baseman, and Aubert, third, formerly of the Angels; Almada and West, outfielders, formerly with the Missions; DiMaggio, outfielder, formerly with San Diego. This looks like some line-up and the home boys will probably have a job on their hands.

Box score:

COLORED GIANTS				
	AB	R	H	E
Wade, 2b.	5	1	2	
Hines, 3b.	4	2	1	
Mathew, ss.	4	0	2	
McCowan, c.	4	0	0	
Savage, lf.	4	0	0	
Simpson, cf.	4	0	0	
Bryant, rf.	3	0	1	
Johnson, c.	4	1	2	
Farley, p.	4	1	0	
Carter, p.	1	0	0	
Totals	37	5	8	

LOMITA MERCHANTS				
	AB	R	H	E
Rowe, 2b.	5	1	1	
Palica, cf.	4	0	1	
J. Venable, lf.	4	0	1	
Weddle, ss.	3	1	0	
S. Venable, 1b.c.	4	1	1	
Markham, 3b.	4	3	3	
Patalano, 1b.	3	0	3	
Hamilton, p.	4	1	1	
Eppley, rf.	4	0	3	
League, c.	1	0	0	
Totals	36	7	13	

Summary: Three-base hit—J. Venable. Two-base hits—Rowe, Patalano, Hamilton. Sacrifice hit—Palica. Bases on Balls—Off Hamilton, 2; Farley, 1. Struck out—By Hamilton, 3; by Carter, 3. Hit by pitched ball—Hines. Stolen bases—Johnson, Mathew. Double plays—Weddle, Rowe, Patalano; Mathew, Wade, McCowan.

## Smallest Park in World



This is all of the smallest park in the world. It is located on the main street of Visalia, Cal., and, according to City Engineer Norman Hath, measures 50.98 square feet. It is known formally as "Lone Oak Park."

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The Torrance baseball girls are coming along fine in their tri-weekly workouts, but hardly enough girls are turning out to form a team for outside competition. Come on out, girls, and show your ability. Practice is held after school hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Boys who wish to get in the Saturday Softball League at the park are advised to hurry as the league is ready to open. See Mr. Chambers at the ball park Saturday at 9:30 a. m. Play will start Saturday, Oct. 3, at 10 a. m.

Roy Chambers' baseball school held on Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 p. m. at 1918 Border, is getting into swing and all boys and girls are invited to attend. Hard ball on Tuesday nights and soft ball on Friday nights.

The Torrance Horseshoe Club is organizing a local league at Torrance city park. See Jack Modesitt at Torrance city park. Match game Sunday, Oct. 4, at 10 a. m. Torrance vs. Gardena.

Twins Born 4 Days Apart LONDON (U.P.)—Mrs. Ellen Abraham of London is the proud mother of twin daughters—born at an interval of four days—in different nursing homes. Both children are healthy and the mother is doing well.

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