



Edwin Moses, gold medalist in the 400 meter hurdles in 1976 and a potential participant in the '84 games.

Another gold medal winner who has made it in the business world is Hayes Jones, hurdler, who is currently manager of Market Development for Stroh Beer Company, working out of Detroit, Mich. Jones has been in his new post for more than a year, but prior to that served with American Airlines.

Jones was a third place finisher (bronze medal) in the Rome Olympics in 1960 when his parents cheered him from the stands. Four years later, Jones won the gold in his specialty—the 110-meter hurdles—in Tokyo.

Edwin Moses, the 1976 400-meter hurdling champion, is still competing and is expected to be an important cog in the 1984 United States Olympic team. Moses now has a degree in physics and works as an athletic consultant and spokesman for a film firm doing promotions and publicity for the Olympic Games.

George Rhoden, a gold medal winner in the 400 meters in 1952, is still involved in the Masters Track Program. He is a podiatrist and resides in Oakland, California. Rhoden a former Morgan State College track star under Coach Eddie Hurt in Baltimore, MD, ran in the Olympics for Jamaica, his native home.

Mal Andrews, a 1956 Olympic broad jumper, is now a teacher at Cal-State at Hayward, California, and George Brown, 1952 teammate of Rhoden's is living in Sacramento.

Dave Albritton, who has been a coach, a 16-year legislator and a businessman in his home town of Dayton, Ohio, won a silver medal in the high jump in the Berlin Games in 1936. Albritton and the late Conny Johnson, then of Compton College in California, dueled inch by inch with Johnson getting the edge. Johnson, incidentally, died in 1947.

Perhaps the biggest winners in post-Olympic careers are the athletes who win gold medals in boxing. At least two of them have become millionaires and scores of others have gained economic security through turning their boxing talent to the professional field.

The two who gained millionaire status in the boxing ranks after Olympic triumphs are Mohammad Ali (known as Cassius Clay when he won the Olympic gold medal in Rome in 1960) and Sugar Ray Leonard, then of Palmer Park, MD, who won a gold medal in the boxing ring at Montreal in 1976. Both are on the sidelines as far as their fighting careers are now, but there is little doubt that Olympic boxing provided their pathway to pro boxing's highest spot and economic security.

Ali, who has a street named for him in his native Louisville, Kentucky, began his pro boxing career shortly after winning the title at Rome. Ali is a two-time winner of the world heavyweight championship and has been a participant in several of the richest fight purses in history.

He is in retirement now but keeps active and on the trail of the gold by commercializing his fame, appearing in television advertisements and making personal appearances. He travels around the world with his promotional work but resides in Chicago.

Sugar Ray Leonard, who became the darling of the Olympic crowd in Montreal where he won a gold medal in the lightweight division, turned pro several years later and quickly moved into the big-time class. He gained millionaire status when he fought Tommy Hearns in a match that was hailed as the "richest purse" in fight history. Leonard's pro career came to a brilliant height with the 14th round technical knockout of Hearns.

Five world heavyweight champions have been graduates of the Olympic experience: Mohammad Ali (Cassius Clay as an Olympian), 1960; Joe Frazier, 1964; George Foreman, 1968; Leon Spinks, 1976; and Floyd Patterson, 1952 who won an Olympic championship as a middleweight but moved into heavyweight class when he turned pro.

Since Frazier's retirement he has been acting as trainer for his son, Marvis Frazier. Marvis, seeking to emulate his father's ring prowess, was stopped by Larry Holmes in his first bid for the heavyweight title in November, 1983.

Patterson is retired and residing in New York while George Foreman, also retired from the ring, is a preacher in Houston, Texas.

The Spinks Brothers are still battling for the cash in the pro ranks while, for the most part, the others have retired or just called it quits after a brief stint as a professional.

Ray Seales, who won a gold medal in the 1972 Olympics and attained the North American Boxing Federation middleweight title in 1981, has had probably the worst luck of any ex-Olympic boxer. A former middleweight champion, he is now legally blind with no vision in his left eye and only 10 percent in his right eye, according to his ophthalmologist in Tacoma, Washington. Only thirty, Seales early last year announced his retirement because of his vision problems. He had three operations for detached retinas before making the decision to call it quits.



Cassius Clay now known as Muhammad Ali in training for the 1960 Olympics. Ali won the gold medal in 1960 and subsequently won the world heavyweight championship twice.



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