

Owens Finally Breaks Down, Signs With New York Mets

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NEW YORK (UPI)—If Jesse Owens only knew what he's getting into, he wouldn't walk, he'd run—faster than he ever did in his life.

For two years now, the New York Mets have tried to coax the one-time world's fastest human to sign on with them as a special running instructor for spring training. Owens always had the presence of mind to beg off in the past.

But they finally broke down his resistance and in a moment of weakness he agreed to take the job, which he will start at St. Petersburg, Fla., in two weeks.

Owens doesn't know it yet, but he has been booby-trapped. The man who won four gold medals during the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin says he "knows a little about baseball." Unfortunately for him, he doesn't know a thing about the lead-footed Mets.

Waste Of Time
Owens plans to give the Mets some tips on running in the hope they'll gain a step going down to first base.

In theory, that's fine. In practice, it's a complete waste of time because you still have to hit the ball before you can start running. And that's where Jesse will lose the Mets.

"I don't expect to make a man out of any of the players," said Owens, referring to the man who is rated the

world's fastest human at the moment.

Technical advice. That's only time the average Met player ever runs is when they tell him his house is on fire. And he shows a tendency to become winded each time he walks across the dugout for a drink from the water cooler.

Then Owens gets a little more technical.

"If the knee is higher and the arm is carried forward when a player runs," he pointed

out, "it can make the difference between a base hit and being called out."

Now he's talking the Mets' language because no matter what they do, they somehow manage to look all arms and legs.

Owens has still another talking point.

"A lot of baseball and football players come up with hamstring muscle injuries," he said. "That's because their muscles are not warm when they use them. They're cold."

"It's the same with a rubber band," Owens went on. "If it's cold and you pull it, it will snap. But when the rubber band is warm, you can expand it all the way."

Not Too Slappy
That's the way it worked out with the Mets also. They came into being as part of baseball's expansion three seasons ago and they haven't snapped out of 10th place yet.

Owens undoubtedly will do a good job. He has some excellent theories about running, he

knows how to explain them and he can still pick 'em up and lay 'em down even though he's 31.

But in the end, he'll probably discover what everyone else in baseball knows. Namely you can't steal first base. Steal it? Sometimes the modded Mets can't even find it.

Owens claims Bob Feller was the only pitcher he knew who conditioned himself properly.

Owens now will try to help the Mets. We leave him with two words: Good Luck!

University Of San Francisco Gets Title On Silver Platter

By United Press International
University of San Francisco has apparently been handed the West Coast Athletic Conference basketball title on a silver platter.

Its most persistent challenger, University of Pacific, fell two games off the pace Wednesday night when Santa Barbara took an 82-69 decision from the 'Horns.

The Dons are thus in the same position as the UCLA Bruins, who are two games in front of everybody in the Pacific Athletic Conference race. Either team might be upset once by another conference foe, but just does not figure to happen twice.

over Hawaii. Tom Workman had 21 and Charlie Williams 21 in leading the Chiefs to their 15th win in 21 tries.

San Francisco State took its most severe drubbing yet in its ambitious run up the Southern Illinois rolled over the Gators, 90-37.

Looking ahead to this weekend's action, UCLA and Southern California invade Washington and Washington State with Friday's Bruin-Husky battle at Seattle a rough test for the nationally second-ranked UCLA cagers. Oregon and Oregon State are in the Bay Area to play California and Stanford.

Friday's WCAC action finds Pepperdine at USF, Loyola at

Santa Clara, and San Jose State at Pacific.

A big interconference Friday brings Oklahoma State to Portland.

Oregon Will Meet Sooners

EUGENE (UPI)—Oregon will meet Oklahoma in a football game at Norman, Okla., on Sept. 23, 1972, Athletic Director Leo Harris said today.

The two teams have played once before, Oklahoma winning 6-0 in 1958. They also have a game scheduled in 1966 at Norman.

Sports Briefs

SEATTLE (UPI)—Seattle University picked up its eighth straight win with an easy 98-40 victory over Hawaii in a basketball game Wednesday night.

Six Chieftains were in double figures, led by forward Tom Workman with 21 points and guard Charlie Williams with 20. Guard Roy Walker had 20 for Hawaii.

MOSCOW (UPI)—With Olympic champion Manfred Schnelldorfer of Germany missing from the lineup, Alain Calmat of France is skirting to retain his European ice skating title at the five-day championships which open here today.

ABERDEEN (UPI)—Grays Harbor Junior College topped Peninsula 65-49 here Wednesday night for the Chokers' 12th

Pro Cage Standings

National Basketball Association		Eastern Division	
By United Press International		Western Division	
W. L. Pct.		W. L. Pct.	
Los Angeles		Boston	
32 26 .552		49 11 .817	
St. Louis		Cincinnati	
29 28 .509		38 22 .631	
Baltimore		Philadelphia	
26 29 .473		33 26 .559	
Detroit		New York	
25 37 .403		29 28 .545	
San Francisco		Wednesday's Results	
13 46 .226		New York 115 Cincinnati 112	
		Boston 117 Detroit 106	
		Philadelphia 110 Los Angeles 99	

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THE HARD WAY — California Champion Roger Rischer, bottom photo, and challenger Willie Richardson, top, had to be restrained by fans and officials as things got out of hand at Oakland Championship fight Wednesday night. Words led to premature scrapping by the pair, and the scrapping ended up outside the ring. The press viewed the fight from inside the ring. — UPI Telephoto

Hornet Wrestlers Put Streak On Line

HENLEY—Coach Bob Creed's hornet wrestling team faces its toughest assignment of the season Friday and Saturday when the team tangles with two top flight opponents from the A-1 classification.

Henley has posted a season record of six wins and no losses, and has a second place finish to its credit in the KUHS Invitational Tournament, which was won by the Pellicans.

Teams who have felt the sting of the Hornets are Lakeview, Burns, Crater, Ashland, Medford and KUHJS JV.

On the schedule this weekend are the teams from Medford and Prineville. Friday at 2:30 p.m., the Hornets host the Medford JV's in a return engagement which earlier found the Hornets victorious 97-97. On Saturday the opponent will be the Crook County Cowboys at Prineville.

The Cowboys are boasting their finest wrestling team in the school's history. They are not a newcomer to the Hornets. Henley grapplers have faced the Cowboys four times, and lost four times.

Coach Creed's matmen still remember last year's 44-11 drubbing, and would like revenge on Saturday.

Three Hornets have met the challenge in every match so far this season. They are Pete Milanovich with a 7-0 record, Bob Farmer at 6-0, and Lyle Bergstrom, the most successful Hornet with a 9-3 state. Their

College Scores

College Basketball Results
By United Press International

West
Seattle 80 Hawaii 62
East
Penn St. 73 Bucknell 61
Kutztown 60 Kearsburg 76
St. Joseph 74 Wash. 77 (at)
St. Jos. (Pa) 52 Albright 71
Springfield 59 Clark U. 71
Assumption 59 Amer. Int'l 75
Gannon 85 Grove City 55
Swarthmore 88

Washington (Md) Col. 88
Lycorning 85 Wilkes 76
Carnegie Tech 74 Wm. Resv 63
Worcester Tech 51 Coast Grd 78
Drury (Calif) 52 RPI 77
Rochester 92 Alfred 70
Brookport St. 63 Roch. Tech 56
Elizabethtown 59 Susquehanna 81
NYAC 119 St. Anselm's Col. 104
Pace 72 Queens 67
NYU 64 Holy Cross 73
LaSalle 91 Gettysburg 68
Adelphi 69 Fair-Dick 67
St. Bonaventure 74 Iona 63
Rutgers (Nwk) 74 Brklyn Ply 70
Army 80 Colgate 51

South
High Point 69 Western Car. 68
Maryland 67 Wm. Virginia 78
Fla. St. 97 Jacksonville U. 24
Vir. Mil 61 Wm & Mary 57
Louisiana St. 89 Loyola (La) 74
Car. Swinn 61 Tusculum 60
Norfolk St. 113 Vir. St. 85
Alabama St. 108 Morehouse 65
Catholic U. 72 72 Howard U. 70
Fisk 75 Clark 74
Birmingham Sra 97 Geo. St. 76
Florence St. 87 Mid. Tenn. 81
S. Carolina 59 Erskine 57 (at)
Eion 79 Appalachian 52
Tex. Col. 109 Miss. Indust. 91

Midwest
Evansville 103 St. Jos. (Ind) 73
Calvin 97 Adrian 81
Ohio U. 103 Marshall 85
Cin. St. 89 Villa Madonna 71
Winnington 70 Defiance 64
Ohio Nrn 51 Ashland 50
Bluffton 75 Findlay 73
Rio Grande 111 Cin. Bible 77
Muskingum 78 Marietta 70
San Mich. 77 Case Tech 75
Davenport (Mich) 82 Hlsd. Col. 75
Albion (Mich) 77 Alma 70
Calvin (Mich) 97 Adrian 81
Memphis St. 82 Marietta 70
Drury 84 Westminster 67
Vincennes 79 Wilberforce 70
Indiana St. 81 Zen Illinois 70
Butler 85 Valparaiso 60
Marian 88 St. Fran. (Ind) 82
Bal. St. 65 De Pauw 73
St. Anselm 88 Dubuque 82
Kent St. 77 Bowling Green 67
Noire Dame 62 De Paul 58
Toledo 97 Wm. Michigan 80
Hope 82 Olivet 82
Kalamazoo 89 Elmhurst 77

CARDS SIGN TWO
ST. LOUIS (UPI)—The St. Louis football Cardinals Wednesday signed free agents Steve Regan, a 6-foot-3, 200-pound end from Northeast Louisiana State, and Office Holder, a 6-foot, 210-pound defensive back from Fisk.

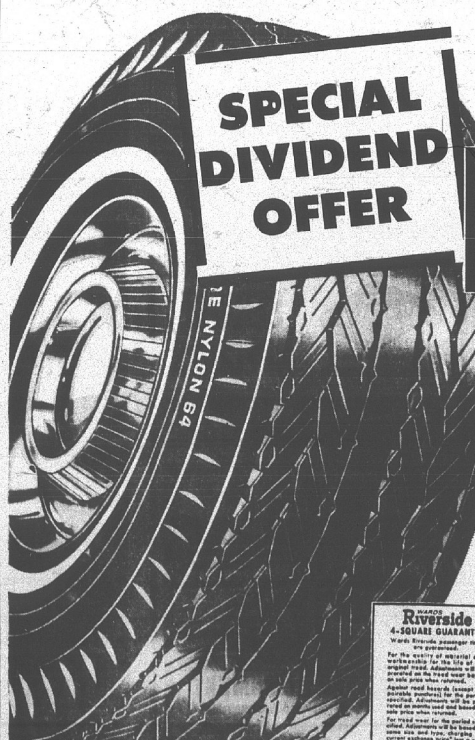
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