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EDWARDS WINS PLACE IN THE 800 METRE EVENT

TIMING IN ATHLETES IS MENTAL STATE PREDOMINANTLY

(By GRANTLAND RICE)

NEW YORK, Aug. 4—Someone got up one day and asked, "Who is Sylvia?" Whereupon Oley Speaks wrote a melody about it. Any number of people have asked at various moments, "What is timing?" And most of the replies have been full of cobwebs.

The same query came up recently during the Randall's Island Olympic festival. "My timing was off," one athlete said. What did he mean? He didn't quite know—but the reason still stood.

There is a general belief that timing is largely a physical matter. On the contrary, it is largely mental. It must start from the brain. This is where the messages to the nerves and muscles come from. For example—put the bar at 13 feet 8 inches, and a good pole vaulter may clear it by a good foot. But tell him he is now vaulting 14 feet 8 inches, and his effort is full of knots from over-anxiety or lack of confidence. He over tries and his timing blows up.

Always Gets Share

This reminds me of Horton Smith on a practice putting green. Horton rarely puts for any cup on these occasions. He walks around stroking the ball as if it ought to be stroked—smoothly—evenly—with his entire attention focused on the right way to putt—not upon the bottom of the cup. He is out to make a habit of the right way, so his timing around the green rarely varies. He always gets his share of putts.

Then there is Dizzy Dean. In the first place, Dean knows how to pitch. In the second place, he has superb confidence in himself. When you crowd him into a hot spot—such as a World series or an all-star game—he isn't tied up with any tension. This is the sector he likes. He seems looser than ever under such conditions because his mind isn't burdened by any thought of failure. He has nothing but cherries to pick. So the harder the assignment, the more likely Dizzy's timing is to be perfect.

Makes Poor Blend

Many of Knute Rockne's Notre Dame plays were based on almost perfect timing. So he used to say to his team, "I want you to be mentally alert, but physically relaxed." He knew that timing and physical tension rarely move together. They make a poor blend. The same is true of mental tension, which leads to physical tension. But there is a big difference between mental tension and concentration or alertness.

As we have remarked before, timing becomes difficult when one is stale, tired, worried, over-eager, over-anxious, uncertain. It becomes much simpler when one thinks in terms of applying correct fundamentals, minus any great rush or hurry. As a rule, it must start with the thought that directs the action. This is at least the main answer to just what timing is—the right mental attitude at the main moment.

Ever Hear Of "Kangaroo Spin," You Golfers?

ATLANTA, Aug. 4—Golf tools of all sizes flew far, high and straight at the Druid Hills Country Club in Atlanta's first club-throwing tournament today.

Randolph Timmerman heaved a No. 1 iron, sixty-one yards against a stiff breeze, to capture the distance trophy. Ned Roberts led the southpaw distance-tossers but made only fifty yards.

Dr. Julius Hughes, one of the state's better golfers, won the altitude prize by zooming a pitching-iron over an 80-foot pine tree, and Philip Etheridge proved most accurate by dropping his mashie-niblick some seven feet from a mark at fifty yards.

Jesse Draper had a walkaway in the "form" event with his "kangaroo spin."

Harry Stephens, club professional, sponsored the unique competition and awarded prizes.

"The horse I was riding wanted to go one way and I wanted to go the other."
"Who won?"
"He tossed me for it."

Tunney Picks Braddock To Beat Schmeling

SCRANTON, Pa., Aug. 4—Gene Tunney, former heavyweight champion, today said that Max Schmeling of Germany, was hardly a "serious threat" to upset the dynasty of Jimmy Braddock when they fight September 24 in New York. Here to speak at a public outing, Tunney told his listeners that all Braddock had to do to win was "to get in condition."

Mystery at Olympics

BERLIN, Aug. 3—Mystery surrounded the entry as well as the whereabouts of the lone Jamaica entry as the eleventh Olympic games formally were launched.

Spain and Panama definitely have withdrawn from competition, but officials were unable to explain the absence of Bernard Pendergast, of Kingston, during the oath-taking ceremonies.

The German organizing committee reported that Pendergast filed an entry for the discus-throwing event, but authorities at the Olympic village said he was not quartered there and they disclaimed any knowledge of his whereabouts.

SPORT SPOTS HERE AND THERE

NEW YORK, Aug. 4—Gangway for the gals! The three ranking favorites for the Hambletonian trotting derby Aug. 12 are fillies. . . John Henry Lewis was only a 6 to 5 favorite over New Haven's Al Gainer in Pittsburgh.

The three sisters and brother of Eleanor Holm Jarrett, the swimming star, are afraid of water. . . Umpire Babe Pinelli's young son, who shows promise as a pitcher, is touring the National league circuit with his pop.

Max Baer had trouble staying on a cayuse in a rodeo parade at Ogden, Utah, the other day, and the Sacramento Bee headlined: "Even a horse makes Max Baer hold on." . . The Yankee wrecking crew is after 200 homers this season. . . Don't be surprised if the world champion isn't the underdog in the betting when Jimmy Braddock meets Max Schmeling. . . The Baltusrol Club made \$17,000 out of the national open. . . Alfred G. Vanderbilt has thrown his star juvenile, Airflame, out of training temporarily.

Al Schacht, who handled the Red Sox during Joe Cronin's trip to the coast, was plenty glad to hand the reins back to Joe. . . "I'll take clowning any day," said Al. . . Add those who picked the Yanks to win: Russ Thomas, sports ed of the Trenton Evening Times. . . Looks like the Giants are getting hot again.

Texas sports writers want to know why the Lone Star State, at or near the front in most sports, lags so badly in track. . . Only one Texas

German Air Derby Results in Catastrophe

BERLIN, Aug. 3—The Olympic Air Derby in which 150 German and 57 foreign planes are participating was marred by four fatalities and two injuries when three planes crashed enroute to Rangs-dorf.

The first crash, in which the navigator of a German plane was killed and the pilot injured, occurred at Altona.

Another German craft crashed while flying over the thickly wooded Hartz Mountains, killing its navigator and injuring its pilot.

The crash of the third machine, a Czech entry, in the same region proved fatal to both pilot and navigator.

All entries were heading towards the new sport airport at Rangs-dorf, near Berlin, which was being officially dedicated in the presence of General Erhard Milch, Under-secretary for Air, who piloted one of the German entries.

athlete made the Olympic squad, although dozens tried out. . . If you know the answers, rush 'em to Dick Freeman, sports ed of the Houston Chronicle, who is the chief want-to-knower. . . The reason the Tigers brought Salty Parker up from Toledo was to scare Bill Rogell, who is having one of his moody spells.

Jesse Owens, U.S. Flash, Equals World's Record in 100-Metres—Canadian Women Beaten.

BERLIN, August 3—While young Americans threw blazing speed across the 11th Olympiad picture and the Nazi hosts enjoyed another weight-heaving triumph, 'Old' Phil Edwards of Canada eased his way into the 800 metre finals for the third straight time. Thus the colored Montreal physician set the stage for his last stand at these blue ribbon games.

Dr. Phil's achievement was overshadowed by Jesse Owens' triumph in the 100 metres, the performance of Helen Stephens, also of the United States, in gaining a women's 100-metre final bracket after twice shattering accepted records, and the championship-winner hammer throw of Germany's Karl Hein. The stolid Teuton tossed the weight 185 feet 4 1-16 inches, adding a fraction less than five feet four inches to the Olympic record.

But Dr. Phil's performance, executed with ease despite the long years of service his nimble legs have seen was impressive. He was fourth in the 800 at the 1928 games and third in 1932. He wants to retire and he will strive courageously to land a place in tomorrow's final to cap his brilliant career.

McPhee Eliminated

Howie McPhee, Vancouver bidder in the sprints, failed in the 100 metre semi-finals. Ralph Metcalf of United States, Martinis Osendarp, Holland, and Erich Borchmeyer of Germany, led him to the tape. The 20 year old Canadian waged a titanic struggle with Borchmeyer for third place and the last qualifying berth, but the Teuton won out by inches.

Canadian Ladies Out

Aileen Meagher of Halifax, and Jeannette Dolson, Toronto youngster, hurdled their preliminary heats while Hilda Cameron, also of Toronto, was running third and out in a trial. Emmy Albus of Germany won in 12.4. In the first round, the diminutive Miss Dolson was second, 10 metres behind Miss Stephens.

The pretty Nova Scotia girl placed second to Kaethe Kraus of Germany in a trial timed at 12.1.

BOY BREAKS HIS ARM IN PILLOW-FIGHT PRACTICE

DRUMHELLER, Alta., August 3—Even pillow-fighting has its hazards. Getting into shape for a picnic pillow fighting contest, Henry Forgie, age 9 sparred with a neighboring youngster and is in hospital with a broken arm.

NOW THE BLOOD PURGE

Spain's revolt follows the usual pattern. At the outset there was a quick gathering-up of nearby opponents who were lined up against walls and shot. The next steps are the many major conflicts terminating in a final victory. Then comes the blood purge, in which the victors annihilate leaders of the opposition. The cost men always know in advance, and yet, impelled by vice or virtue, they count the cost and stand ready to pay.

Man has yet to learn to live in peace with his brothers.

In Spain it will be unfortunate if either communists or fascists are victorious. Not much good can be said of either. The Spanish leftist government obviously has been unable to control its church-burners and God-haters. For months the skies over Spain have been lighted by the fire of churches, monasteries, nunneries, hospitals, schools and orphanages. Madrid either was willing or helpless. In either event, the government stands condemned.

For Spain's good it is to be hoped that a democracy will be established. Great Britain cannot well afford to have Spain either communist or fascist. It must not be forgotten that strong as Gibraltar is, strong too is Spain's position across the waters in Morocco. It must not be fascist. It must not be communist, else Great Britain's artery to the Pacific will be cut off.

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Presented for charity, the game brought together not only a team of "Montreal's finest" but featured many of the outstanding hockey players of the present time.

Jimmy Ward, one of the most popular players ever to perform locally, was on the mound for the All Stars, which meant a banner day for the autograph hunters, who keenly delight in acquiring the signature of the genial Jimmy. His mound record in hardball is one that would do credit to many twirlers. He won a neat 3-2 victory from the War Vets last season and this year dropped a close 10-9 decision to the same aggregation. Jimmy has a steady effective delivery and keeps control of the situation at all times.

Lorne Duguid, Boston ice-star and former Maroon, was on hand Marty Barry also played for the All Stars.

Russel "Joe" Blinco, Jimmy Orlando, Desse and Earl Roche, Bert Connolly, Archie Wilcox, Eddie Fournier, Gus Marker, and other names to conjure with in the hockey world was included in the All Star line-up when the team faced the "Bluecoats" on Sunday afternoon.

The game is unique in that it attracted not only hockey and hardball fans, but a considerable following of the All Stars in their softball pursuits and also a large delegation who usually follow the police activities.

Sox Go By Air

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 1—Owner Tom Yawkey boarded an American Airlines plane with four members of his expensive Boston Red Sox, the vanguard of the first massed city-to-city flight by a ball club.

The plane carrying Yawkey and his party including Robert (Lefty) Grove and Herb Pennock, a coach, left on its regular run to Chicago shortly after 5.30 p.m. C. S.T.

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