

Clues for Jim Thorpe

1. Born in 1888 in Oklahoma, a member of the Sac and Fox nation who was given the name Wat Tho Huck which in English translates to Bright Path
2. When he and his four brothers and sisters were not working on the farm, they loved the outdoors playing “Follow the Leader,” swimming rivers, climbing trees, and dashing among the livestock.
3. At age ten, he could handle a lasso and liked to rope wild horses so they could be tamed.
4. His father, a stern man, enrolled him at age six in a school just for Indian children where he was forced to follow a rigid schedule, live in a dormitory, and play only games chosen by the school.
5. He ran away from school so frequently his father, in an attempt to discourage him, sent him to a different Indian school three hundred miles away in Haskell, Kansas.
6. His father, a hot-tempered man, often bullied him, so at age 13 and weighing not quite 100 pounds and less than five feet tall, he ran away but returned two months later with a gift of two horses for his father.
7. In 1904 he was sent across the country to his last school in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where over a thousand Indian children.
8. After he broke the school high jump record on his first try, Pop Warner, Carlisle’s legendary coach, invited him to join the track and football team.

9. By 1912 he won medals for dashes, hurdles, hammer throws, and the shot put, and his track team defeated much larger schools while his football team beat the best college teams in the country like Harvard, Syracuse, and Princeton.

10. As a member of the 1912 United States Olympic Team, he won a gold medal in the pentathlon, a grueling contest of jumping, javelin throwing, a 200-yard sprint, discus throwing, and a race of nearly a mile. A week later, he won the gold in the decathlon, a ten event more punishing than the pentathlon.

11. Left Carlisle in 1913 and played professional baseball, basketball, and football until his retirement in 1928.

12. The first name starts with a J and ends with an M. the Last name starts with a T, has six letters, and ends with an E.