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Olympic Sports: An Ancient Beginning #420

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The first Olympic games were held in 776 B.C. They ended about eleven hundred **(years)** later in A.D. 393. The ancient **(Olympic)** games were held once every four **(years)** to honor the Greek god Zeus. **(All)** war in Greece was stopped during **(this)** time so the athletes could attend **(the)** games safely.

The first games had **(only)** a foot race. As time went **(on)**, more games were added. The games **(lasted)** about five days and were held **(in)** June or July. The games tested **(skills)** and strength. On the first day, **(sacrifices)** were held to the gods. On **(the)** second day, footraces were held. The **(most)** famous was the 220-yard race. Only **(men)** were in the races. Women were **(not)** allowed to watch the games because **(the)** runners did not wear clothes during **(many)** of the events. There was one **(race)** in which the contestants wore armor **(however)**. On other days, there were wrestling **(and)** boxing matches.

The Olympic games were **(important)** in Greece. It was like a **(great)** festival with much singing and dancing. **(The)** winners were given an olive crown **(to)** wear on their heads and were **(invited)** to lots of parties. Olympic winners **(were)** treated like movie and sports stars **(of)** today. Our modern Olympic games began **(in)** 1896, just over one hundred years ago.



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The first games had **(treated, like, only)** a foot race. As time went **(on, god, sacrifices)**, more games were added. The games **(or, held, lasted)** about five days and were held **(stopped, in, there)** June or July. The games tested **(other, days, skills)** and strength. On the first day, **(sacrifices, a, could)** were held to the gods. On **(the, every, just)** second day, footraces were held. The **(most, day, wore)** famous was the 220-yard race. Only **(given, winners, men)** were in the races. Women were **(not, wrestling, once)** allowed to watch the games because **(the, olympic, this)** runners did not wear clothes during **(foot, many, safely)** of the events.

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Olympic winners **(were, runners, parties)** treated like movie and sports stars **(skills, of, attend)** today. Our modern Olympic games began **(in, all, ended)** 1896, just over one hundred years ago.