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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:03,493
[TONE]

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00:00:03,493 --> 00:01:01,700

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00:01:01,700 --> 00:01:04,640
Marty, I'd like you to begin
by telling me your name, where

4
00:01:04,640 --> 00:01:07,200
you were born, date of birth.

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00:01:07,200 --> 00:01:09,770
My name is Martin
Irvin Glickman.

6
00:01:09,770 --> 00:01:12,320
I'm usually referred
to as Marty Glickman.

7
00:01:12,320 --> 00:01:13,580
I was born in the Bronx.

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00:01:13,580 --> 00:01:15,840
At the age of six,
I moved to Brooklyn.

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00:01:15,840 --> 00:01:17,540
I was raised in Brooklyn.

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00:01:17,540 --> 00:01:18,870
And what year were you born?

11
00:01:18,870 --> 00:01:20,780
I was born in 1917.

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00:01:20,780 --> 00:01:23,350
My parents came from Romania.

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00:01:23,350 --> 00:01:25,700
They came over about 1912.

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00:01:25,700 --> 00:01:27,560
I don't remember exactly when.

15
00:01:27,560 --> 00:01:29,210
I wasn't around
when they got here.

16
00:01:29,210 --> 00:01:33,534
But I was born in 1917, lived
originally in the Bronx.

17
00:01:33,534 --> 00:01:36,660
Could you tell me a little
bit about your childhood

18
00:01:36,660 --> 00:01:38,680
and your family?

19
00:01:38,680 --> 00:01:42,840
My father was not an
extremely religious person.

20
00:01:42,840 --> 00:01:45,660
As a matter of
fact, he was Jewish.

21
00:01:45,660 --> 00:01:47,850
We observed the high holy days.

22
00:01:47,850 --> 00:01:51,780
Occasionally on Shabbos,
we'd go to synagogue, only

23
00:01:51,780 --> 00:01:52,860
occasionally.

24
00:01:52,860 --> 00:01:56,940
My grandfather and grandmother
on my mother's side

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00:01:56,940 --> 00:02:01,260
kept a kosher home with the two
sets of dishes and silverware

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00:02:01,260 --> 00:02:02,850
and things like that.

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00:02:02,850 --> 00:02:04,020
I was a bar mitzvahed.

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00:02:04,020 --> 00:02:05,580
I went to Hebrew school.

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00:02:05,580 --> 00:02:09,030
And I raised my own children
in the Jewish faith.

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00:02:09,030 --> 00:02:11,400
And my two sons
were bar mitzvahed.

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00:02:11,400 --> 00:02:14,340
My two daughters were
not bat mitzvahed.

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00:02:14,340 --> 00:02:17,520
But we have a Jewish
background, a Hebrew background.

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00:02:17,520 --> 00:02:20,040
Was that very important
to you as a boy?

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00:02:20,040 --> 00:02:26,970
It wasn't very important in
terms of my grand feeling

35

00:02:26,970 --> 00:02:28,510
about Judaism.

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00:02:28,510 --> 00:02:30,210
I was like any other kid.

37
00:02:30,210 --> 00:02:32,640
I was brought up in
Jewish neighborhoods,

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00:02:32,640 --> 00:02:34,590
mixed neighborhoods actually.

39
00:02:34,590 --> 00:02:36,810
We lived amongst
Italians and Irish.

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00:02:36,810 --> 00:02:39,340
Why don't you start that
again, because you sort of

41
00:02:39,340 --> 00:02:42,210
conflicted yourself?

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00:02:42,210 --> 00:02:43,710
What kind of a
neighborhood were you

43
00:02:43,710 --> 00:02:45,270
brought up in, demographically?

44
00:02:45,270 --> 00:02:47,400
I was brought up in
a mixed neighborhood.

45
00:02:47,400 --> 00:02:51,120
I was brought up in a
mixed Irish, Italian,

46
00:02:51,120 --> 00:02:52,530
and Jewish neighborhood.

47
00:02:52,530 --> 00:02:55,380
There certainly were
as many Jewish boys

48
00:02:55,380 --> 00:02:57,660

around with whom
I played as there

49
00:02:57,660 --> 00:03:00,420
were people of other faiths.

50
00:03:00,420 --> 00:03:04,800
And I didn't feel unusual
about being a Jew.

51
00:03:04,800 --> 00:03:07,620
Many of my friends went
to Hebrew school with me.

52
00:03:07,620 --> 00:03:11,040
And many of my classmates
in school were Jews.

53
00:03:11,040 --> 00:03:13,680
It was nothing out
of the ordinary

54
00:03:13,680 --> 00:03:15,660
being Jewish in my neighborhood.

55
00:03:15,660 --> 00:03:18,990
And you didn't feel
any antisemitism

56
00:03:18,990 --> 00:03:21,060
from the non-Jewish kids?

57
00:03:21,060 --> 00:03:24,660
Occasionally, we'd
get into a fight.

58
00:03:24,660 --> 00:03:28,200
I had an older cousin, , who
was a big strong young man.

59
00:03:28,200 --> 00:03:29,970
And he fought with
an Italian boy

60
00:03:29,970 --> 00:03:32,670
one day because he was
called a Jew bastard.

61
00:03:32,670 --> 00:03:34,650
And he got into a fight.

62
00:03:34,650 --> 00:03:38,520
And I'm pleased to say, that
my cousin won the fight.

63
00:03:38,520 --> 00:03:41,250
But I never actually
struck a blow

64
00:03:41,250 --> 00:03:45,600
because I was called a Jew
bastard or anything like that.

65
00:03:45,600 --> 00:03:49,710
As I say, I was amongst
Jews most of the time.

66
00:03:49,710 --> 00:03:50,910
I want to fix this Band-Aid.

67
00:03:50,910 --> 00:03:53,742
Would you stop for a second.

68
00:03:53,742 --> 00:03:54,686
Five seconds.

69
00:03:54,686 --> 00:03:59,420

70
00:03:59,420 --> 00:04:06,290
So you really never
felt in any way slighted

71
00:04:06,290 --> 00:04:11,360
because you were Jewish or you

never saw that as something

72

00:04:11,360 --> 00:04:14,210
that you have to rally against?

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00:04:14,210 --> 00:04:16,790
I never felt as though
I had to overcome

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00:04:16,790 --> 00:04:19,010
the fact that I was a Jew.

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00:04:19,010 --> 00:04:22,820
I was aware, however,
that I was Jewish.

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00:04:22,820 --> 00:04:27,290
And the great athletes
of the day, Benny Leonard

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00:04:27,290 --> 00:04:28,850
was my father's hero.

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00:04:28,850 --> 00:04:32,540
Another great prizefighter
named Leach Cross was a man

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00:04:32,540 --> 00:04:34,400
that he admired greatly.

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00:04:34,400 --> 00:04:37,670
And Hank Greenberg was
one of my early heroes.

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00:04:37,670 --> 00:04:41,510
So I was aware of Jewish
athletes and Jewish competitors

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00:04:41,510 --> 00:04:42,530
who did well.

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00:04:42,530 --> 00:04:46,130

I wanted to do well also to
show that a Jew could do just

84
00:04:46,130 --> 00:04:49,620
as well, perhaps better,
than anybody else.

85
00:04:49,620 --> 00:04:51,830
So there was that distinction.

86
00:04:51,830 --> 00:04:53,090
How important were sports?

87
00:04:53,090 --> 00:04:55,940
And how did you get
involved in sports?

88
00:04:55,940 --> 00:04:59,270
I got involved in sports
because I was always

89
00:04:59,270 --> 00:05:01,460
the fastest kid on the block.

90
00:05:01,460 --> 00:05:04,430
I could run faster than
anybody else could run.

91
00:05:04,430 --> 00:05:09,380
And I found this true until
I ran against Jesse Owens.

92
00:05:09,380 --> 00:05:12,080
He was the one fellow I couldn't
beat, never did beat him.

93
00:05:12,080 --> 00:05:16,530
But other than that, I was, as
I say, the fastest kid around.

94
00:05:16,530 --> 00:05:19,100
And because of that I had
an advantage in any sport

95
00:05:19,100 --> 00:05:19,910
I played.

96
00:05:19,910 --> 00:05:24,650
So I played punch ball and
box ball and ringolevio,

97
00:05:24,650 --> 00:05:27,650
the games kids played in
the Bronx and Brooklyn

98
00:05:27,650 --> 00:05:28,640
in those days.

99
00:05:28,640 --> 00:05:31,400
And when I started playing
basketball or baseball

100
00:05:31,400 --> 00:05:35,160
or football, because I had
the speed, I had an advantage.

101
00:05:35,160 --> 00:05:38,300
And so I could be perhaps better
than some of the other guys.

102
00:05:38,300 --> 00:05:40,715
I could almost steal
first base in baseball.

103
00:05:40,715 --> 00:05:43,450

104
00:05:43,450 --> 00:05:47,250
So you started sports
at a fairly early age?

105
00:05:47,250 --> 00:05:49,680
I started sports, I
started my first running

106

00:05:49,680 --> 00:05:53,370
when I was five years
of age, I think.

107
00:05:53,370 --> 00:05:55,380
We used to run around the block.

108
00:05:55,380 --> 00:05:59,040
And we'd start in
opposite directions.

109
00:05:59,040 --> 00:06:02,280
I and my opponent would
run off around the block.

110
00:06:02,280 --> 00:06:04,170
And we'd come back
to the same spot.

111
00:06:04,170 --> 00:06:07,470
And the first one returned
to that spot was the winner.

112
00:06:07,470 --> 00:06:10,260
And the older guys
in the neighborhood

113
00:06:10,260 --> 00:06:12,480
would match me against
some of the older boys

114
00:06:12,480 --> 00:06:15,870
there, because I could beat the
fellows my age rather handily.

115
00:06:15,870 --> 00:06:17,520
And I almost never lost.

116
00:06:17,520 --> 00:06:21,450
I don't remember losing a race,
until I ran against Jesse.

117
00:06:21,450 --> 00:06:25,530

Now when did this running and
sort of neighborhood sports

118
00:06:25,530 --> 00:06:29,070
become sports in a
more organized fashion?

119
00:06:29,070 --> 00:06:31,110
Sports for me became
more organized

120
00:06:31,110 --> 00:06:34,050
when I went to junior high
school, Montauk Junior High

121
00:06:34,050 --> 00:06:35,520
School in Brooklyn.

122
00:06:35,520 --> 00:06:39,450
And I played on four
different teams.

123
00:06:39,450 --> 00:06:41,760
I was a catcher on
the baseball team.

124
00:06:41,760 --> 00:06:43,590
I played on the basketball team.

125
00:06:43,590 --> 00:06:46,050
We won a city championship
in basketball,

126
00:06:46,050 --> 00:06:48,840
also won a city
championship in baseball.

127
00:06:48,840 --> 00:06:52,290
I ran on a track team, and I
was the field day champion.

128
00:06:52,290 --> 00:06:54,180
I was the fastest

runner in the school.

129

00:06:54,180 --> 00:06:57,360

And of all things, I swam
on the swimming team.

130

00:06:57,360 --> 00:07:01,290

And in those days, athletes
played all sports in season.

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00:07:01,290 --> 00:07:03,510

In the spring and summer,
you played baseball.

132

00:07:03,510 --> 00:07:05,160

In the fall, you
played football.

133

00:07:05,160 --> 00:07:07,200

In the wintertime,
you played basketball.

134

00:07:07,200 --> 00:07:09,960

And all year round, you ran.

135

00:07:09,960 --> 00:07:14,700

I don't ever remember
walking as a young person.

136

00:07:14,700 --> 00:07:17,280

I always ran.

137

00:07:17,280 --> 00:07:21,330

It was just my nature to run.

138

00:07:21,330 --> 00:07:24,240

So sports were very
important to you it seems.

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00:07:24,240 --> 00:07:26,280

Sports were critical to me.

140

00:07:26,280 --> 00:07:28,860
My life was built around sports.

141
00:07:28,860 --> 00:07:30,600
And I think it
began when I started

142
00:07:30,600 --> 00:07:32,550
reading the Merriwell books.

143
00:07:32,550 --> 00:07:36,210
Now, those of you who
are my age may well

144
00:07:36,210 --> 00:07:38,040
remember the Merriwell books.

145
00:07:38,040 --> 00:07:39,900
They were written
by Burt L. Standish.

146
00:07:39,900 --> 00:07:44,200
And Frank Merriwell
was the premiere hero.

147
00:07:44,200 --> 00:07:46,260
He had a younger brother
named Dick Merriwell,

148
00:07:46,260 --> 00:07:48,310
who also was a great athlete.

149
00:07:48,310 --> 00:07:51,000
And Frank Merriwell
married and had

150
00:07:51,000 --> 00:07:55,140
a son named Frank Merriwell Jr,
who also was a great athlete.

151
00:07:55,140 --> 00:07:58,740
And I wanted to be like Frank
Merriwell, junior or senior,

152
00:07:58,740 --> 00:07:59,940
or Dick Merriwell.

153
00:07:59,940 --> 00:08:03,150
And the exploits of the book I
started reading them, I guess,

154
00:08:03,150 --> 00:08:04,680
when I was 12 years of age.

155
00:08:04,680 --> 00:08:07,320
And I wanted to
duplicate those exploits.

156
00:08:07,320 --> 00:08:10,290
He ultimately went to Yale,
became an All-American football

157
00:08:10,290 --> 00:08:12,540
player, basketball
player, a champion

158
00:08:12,540 --> 00:08:14,490
in all the sports
he participated in,

159
00:08:14,490 --> 00:08:18,720
and a well-rounded
All-American type person.

160
00:08:18,720 --> 00:08:20,670
I wanted to be Frank Merriwell.

161
00:08:20,670 --> 00:08:24,030
I still remember his
girlfriend's name whom

162
00:08:24,030 --> 00:08:26,460
he married, her name was Inez.

163
00:08:26,460 --> 00:08:28,500

I married a person
named Marjorie,

164
00:08:28,500 --> 00:08:29,940
but I met her in high school.

165
00:08:29,940 --> 00:08:35,760
So it was my goal to be
like Frank Merriwell,

166
00:08:35,760 --> 00:08:37,650
this fictional character.

167
00:08:37,650 --> 00:08:40,470
And your goal was to be this
quintessential All-American

168
00:08:40,470 --> 00:08:41,070
guy?

169
00:08:41,070 --> 00:08:41,909
Yes that's right.

170
00:08:41,909 --> 00:08:46,200
I wanted to be the as good as
I possibly could be in sports

171
00:08:46,200 --> 00:08:50,070
and also be a good student,
because Frank Merriwell was

172
00:08:50,070 --> 00:08:51,430
a good student.

173
00:08:51,430 --> 00:08:56,430
I wound up being, I
would say, a B student.

174
00:08:56,430 --> 00:08:59,970
I never had problems
passing courses in school.

175

00:08:59,970 --> 00:09:01,365
I was a fair student.

176
00:09:01,365 --> 00:09:04,690

177
00:09:04,690 --> 00:09:09,130
So there is actually one
story I'm curious about.

178
00:09:09,130 --> 00:09:11,290
When you talk about how
active you are in sports

179
00:09:11,290 --> 00:09:14,950
and how they really were
your life at that point,

180
00:09:14,950 --> 00:09:19,090
did you think that you
had a future in sports,

181
00:09:19,090 --> 00:09:22,900
that you might be thinking
in terms of Olympics

182
00:09:22,900 --> 00:09:25,420
or an athletic career?

183
00:09:25,420 --> 00:09:28,720
I never thought in terms of
having a future in sports.

184
00:09:28,720 --> 00:09:32,080
I never aspired, for example,
to be a sports announcer.

185
00:09:32,080 --> 00:09:36,610
That came through the good day,
I had the best day I ever had,

186
00:09:36,610 --> 00:09:38,230
on a football field.

187
00:09:38,230 --> 00:09:40,840
But the only
reference I recall as

188
00:09:40,840 --> 00:09:46,420
to having aspirations in sports
was in my junior high school

189
00:09:46,420 --> 00:09:50,810
graduating year when I was
all of 14 years of age.

190
00:09:50,810 --> 00:09:55,180
My homeroom teacher, a
man named Hugh Brown, who

191
00:09:55,180 --> 00:09:58,540
is an alumnus of Yale,
wrote in my yearbook,

192
00:09:58,540 --> 00:10:01,810
"Be seeing you in
the 1936 Olympics."

193
00:10:01,810 --> 00:10:03,400
And I thought that
was very nice.

194
00:10:03,400 --> 00:10:05,560
I was a fast runner in school.

195
00:10:05,560 --> 00:10:07,930
But I was only 14.

196
00:10:07,930 --> 00:10:10,120
I didn't think in terms
of the Olympic games.

197
00:10:10,120 --> 00:10:12,130
But he predicted it.

198

00:10:12,130 --> 00:10:15,070
After you read that, did
you think, aha, maybe

199
00:10:15,070 --> 00:10:17,590
that is where I'm going
or is that something I

200
00:10:17,590 --> 00:10:19,180
should aspire to?

201
00:10:19,180 --> 00:10:21,040
I didn't think in terms
of the Olympic games

202
00:10:21,040 --> 00:10:24,250
until I was well
into my freshman year

203
00:10:24,250 --> 00:10:25,990
at Syracuse University.

204
00:10:25,990 --> 00:10:28,270
I was a schoolboy champion.

205
00:10:28,270 --> 00:10:29,110
I was a sprinter.

206
00:10:29,110 --> 00:10:32,050
I was the city champion,
the state champion,

207
00:10:32,050 --> 00:10:34,090
the national sprint champion.

208
00:10:34,090 --> 00:10:36,820
But I didn't think in
terms of the Olympic games,

209
00:10:36,820 --> 00:10:38,740
because I was still a kid.

210

00:10:38,740 --> 00:10:40,510
I was 17.

211
00:10:40,510 --> 00:10:43,510
And only in my
freshman year when

212
00:10:43,510 --> 00:10:46,660
I began to win against
important competition

213
00:10:46,660 --> 00:10:49,240
did I realize I had a
chance to make the team.

214
00:10:49,240 --> 00:10:51,370
And when I won the
Metropolitan Championships

215
00:10:51,370 --> 00:10:54,370
in New York City and then
the Eastern Olympic trials

216
00:10:54,370 --> 00:10:56,560
up at Harvard against
a great sprinter

217
00:10:56,560 --> 00:11:00,850
named Ben Johnson,
when I beat Ben--

218
00:11:00,850 --> 00:11:04,570
he was the world's record
holder at 60 yards indoors--

219
00:11:04,570 --> 00:11:07,690
and when I beat him I
realized then, just,

220
00:11:07,690 --> 00:11:09,550
a month before
the Olympic games,

221

00:11:09,550 --> 00:11:11,887
that I had a chance to
make the Olympic team.

222
00:11:11,887 --> 00:11:14,470
I want to ask you to repeat one
sentence about the whole thing

223
00:11:14,470 --> 00:11:16,970
when you said something about
not until I was in my freshman

224
00:11:16,970 --> 00:11:17,890
year.

225
00:11:17,890 --> 00:11:22,330
Can you say not until I was in
my freshman year in college?

226
00:11:22,330 --> 00:11:25,570
Not until my freshman
year in college

227
00:11:25,570 --> 00:11:27,190
did I realize that
I had a chance

228
00:11:27,190 --> 00:11:28,780
to make the Olympic team.

229
00:11:28,780 --> 00:11:32,710
I was a high school champion,
New York City sprint

230
00:11:32,710 --> 00:11:36,340
champion for several years,
and New York state champion.

231
00:11:36,340 --> 00:11:39,220
I was also the National
interscholastic schoolboy

232
00:11:39,220 --> 00:11:40,950

champion.

233

00:11:40,950 --> 00:11:42,850
And I knew I could
run fast, but I

234

00:11:42,850 --> 00:11:46,540
didn't know how fast until I
ran against some of the better

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00:11:46,540 --> 00:11:48,850
sprinters in America and
was able to beat them,

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00:11:48,850 --> 00:11:50,500
particularly a
fellow from Columbia

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00:11:50,500 --> 00:11:53,380
named Ben Johnson, an
outstanding sprinter.

238

00:11:53,380 --> 00:11:56,890
He was the world's record
holder at 60 yards indoors.

239

00:11:56,890 --> 00:11:59,860
And when I beat Ben, beat
him a couple of times,

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00:11:59,860 --> 00:12:02,290
I realized I had a shot
for the Olympic team.

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00:12:02,290 --> 00:12:05,170
And that was at the end of
my freshman year at Syracuse.

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00:12:05,170 --> 00:12:11,900
Now having all of a sudden
this thought or goal,

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00:12:11,900 --> 00:12:14,900

was there anything
different about being

244
00:12:14,900 --> 00:12:17,030
a Jewish American
athlete than just

245
00:12:17,030 --> 00:12:21,010
being another great athlete?

246
00:12:21,010 --> 00:12:23,830
In my high school years and
my junior high school years,

247
00:12:23,830 --> 00:12:26,110
there was nothing
different about being

248
00:12:26,110 --> 00:12:29,860
a Jewish high school athlete,
certainly not in New York City.

249
00:12:29,860 --> 00:12:31,750
I competed against everyone.

250
00:12:31,750 --> 00:12:36,670
And I felt no different than
other athletes in school.

251
00:12:36,670 --> 00:12:40,780
It was only in my freshman
year at Syracuse University

252
00:12:40,780 --> 00:12:43,630
that I became aware of the fact
that I might have been a little

253
00:12:43,630 --> 00:12:46,360
bit different when at
my first training table

254
00:12:46,360 --> 00:12:50,950
meal as a freshman, I asked,

at lunch, the very first meal,

255

00:12:50,950 --> 00:12:53,560

please, pass the lamb chops.

256

00:12:53,560 --> 00:12:55,240

And everyone laughed

at the table,

257

00:12:55,240 --> 00:12:57,260

because they weren't lamb chops.

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00:12:57,260 --> 00:12:59,610

They were pork chops.

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00:12:59,610 --> 00:13:02,970

So I realized then I was a

little bit different than most

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00:13:02,970 --> 00:13:06,030

of the other guys on

the football squad.

261

00:13:06,030 --> 00:13:09,160

Did it motivate you differently?

262

00:13:09,160 --> 00:13:12,150

Did you think about it

differently when you competed?

263

00:13:12,150 --> 00:13:14,310

I was always aware

of the fact that I'm

264

00:13:14,310 --> 00:13:19,680

a Jew, never unaware of it under

virtually all circumstances.

265

00:13:19,680 --> 00:13:24,300

And even in the high school

competitions and certainly

266

00:13:24,300 --> 00:13:26,760
at college and for
the Olympic team,

267
00:13:26,760 --> 00:13:30,390
I wanted to show that
a Jew could do just

268
00:13:30,390 --> 00:13:33,300
as well as any other
individual, no matter what

269
00:13:33,300 --> 00:13:36,990
his race, creed, or color,
and perhaps even better.

270
00:13:36,990 --> 00:13:41,280
And it wasn't until the
circumstance developed

271
00:13:41,280 --> 00:13:44,040
in the Olympic games when I
was refused the opportunity

272
00:13:44,040 --> 00:13:48,370
to run in the games because
of the fact I'm Jewish.

273
00:13:48,370 --> 00:13:52,800
Now at this time, you're
a little bit older,

274
00:13:52,800 --> 00:13:54,540
you're a little bit
smarter about what's

275
00:13:54,540 --> 00:13:56,730
going on in the
rest of the world.

276
00:13:56,730 --> 00:14:00,450
Were you more aware of the
restrictions applied to Jews?

277

00:14:00,450 --> 00:14:03,660

I mean, in your community
growing up, it was very mixed.

278

00:14:03,660 --> 00:14:05,230

It didn't seem to be an issue.

279

00:14:05,230 --> 00:14:08,790

But were you aware that there
was antisemitism in America,

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00:14:08,790 --> 00:14:11,740

that you couldn't go
everywhere you wanted to,

281

00:14:11,740 --> 00:14:13,440

and that sort of thing?

282

00:14:13,440 --> 00:14:14,970

I was certainly
aware of the fact

283

00:14:14,970 --> 00:14:17,160

that there was antisemitism.

284

00:14:17,160 --> 00:14:20,820

My grandfather and
my father, my uncles,

285

00:14:20,820 --> 00:14:24,360

told me about the pogroms
in Europe, in Romania.

286

00:14:24,360 --> 00:14:26,310

They'd heard about
the pogroms in Poland

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00:14:26,310 --> 00:14:29,100

as well and in other parts
of Europe and Russia.

288

00:14:29,100 --> 00:14:32,280

And I was aware of antisemitism.

289

00:14:32,280 --> 00:14:35,310

In New York City, I was
also aware of the fact

290

00:14:35,310 --> 00:14:39,120

that there were certain
places I was not welcome.

291

00:14:39,120 --> 00:14:41,040

I might go into a
hotel, for example,

292

00:14:41,040 --> 00:14:46,065

and see a small sign where
you registered, which read,

293

00:14:46,065 --> 00:14:51,030

"restricted clientele," which
meant in effect no Jews,

294

00:14:51,030 --> 00:14:53,010

no Blacks allowed.

295

00:14:53,010 --> 00:14:55,830

There were certain areas
around New York City

296

00:14:55,830 --> 00:14:58,510

where you couldn't live,
like Darien, Connecticut,

297

00:14:58,510 --> 00:15:01,440

for example, was a place
where Jews were not permitted

298

00:15:01,440 --> 00:15:03,870

to own homes in Darien.

299

00:15:03,870 --> 00:15:06,540

And I was aware of that.

300

00:15:06,540 --> 00:15:09,960

My folks would tell
me, my in-laws later on

301

00:15:09,960 --> 00:15:13,080

told me about the reservations
they made at hotels.

302

00:15:13,080 --> 00:15:16,320

And my father in
law's name was Dorman,

303

00:15:16,320 --> 00:15:19,680

and neither Jewish
nor Gentile, he

304

00:15:19,680 --> 00:15:23,190

would try to check into a
hotel having made a reservation

305

00:15:23,190 --> 00:15:26,970

at some resort and being
turned away when they found out

306

00:15:26,970 --> 00:15:27,750

he was Jewish.

307

00:15:27,750 --> 00:15:30,810

He might check in as Jack
Dorman, which he was.

308

00:15:30,810 --> 00:15:34,770

But his friends and
associates might

309

00:15:34,770 --> 00:15:37,710

have names like Golberg
or Cohen or Goldstein,

310

00:15:37,710 --> 00:15:42,220

and the group was turned
away upon occasion.

311
00:15:42,220 --> 00:15:43,600
So I was aware.

312
00:15:43,600 --> 00:15:46,400
I was aware of
antisemitism in New York

313
00:15:46,400 --> 00:15:50,430
and throughout the
country as well.

314
00:15:50,430 --> 00:15:52,380
How much in the
early '30s did you

315
00:15:52,380 --> 00:15:57,500
know about what was going
on in Europe and Germany

316
00:15:57,500 --> 00:15:59,210
in particular?

317
00:15:59,210 --> 00:16:01,310
I knew practically
nothing about what

318
00:16:01,310 --> 00:16:05,780
was going on in Germany
specifically and in Europe

319
00:16:05,780 --> 00:16:09,920
generally, except that I'd heard
about the pogroms in Eastern

320
00:16:09,920 --> 00:16:12,080
Europe, basically,
as I mentioned,

321
00:16:12,080 --> 00:16:15,770
in Romania and
Poland and Russia.

322

00:16:15,770 --> 00:16:19,430
But I was not specifically
aware until my freshman

323
00:16:19,430 --> 00:16:23,480
year at Syracuse when, as
a political science major,

324
00:16:23,480 --> 00:16:27,620
I began to learn
of the antisemitism

325
00:16:27,620 --> 00:16:30,230
that some of the
fascist countries

326
00:16:30,230 --> 00:16:34,220
were subjecting Jews to,
particularly in Nazi Germany.

327
00:16:34,220 --> 00:16:38,450
There was antisemitism
in Germany, I knew that.

328
00:16:38,450 --> 00:16:41,090
And there was
antisemitism in America.

329
00:16:41,090 --> 00:16:44,450
The Nuremberg laws,
as I understand it,

330
00:16:44,450 --> 00:16:46,910
were passed in 1933.

331
00:16:46,910 --> 00:16:48,824
I was aware that there--

332
00:16:48,824 --> 00:16:51,776
I think '35.

333
00:16:51,776 --> 00:16:53,620
There were

restrictions from '33--

334
00:16:53,620 --> 00:16:54,280
I'm sorry.

335
00:16:54,280 --> 00:16:55,720
I'll let you start over.

336
00:16:55,720 --> 00:16:56,560
Yes.

337
00:16:56,560 --> 00:16:59,480
I was aware of the
Nuremberg laws,

338
00:16:59,480 --> 00:17:03,110
which were passed in 1935.

339
00:17:03,110 --> 00:17:06,460
Hitler had come
to power in 1933.

340
00:17:06,460 --> 00:17:09,430
As a political science major
at Syracuse University,

341
00:17:09,430 --> 00:17:13,810
I was aware of those
antisemitism laws.

342
00:17:13,810 --> 00:17:18,430
But these were
merely on the books,

343
00:17:18,430 --> 00:17:22,660
like the laws perhaps of
not going to certain hotels,

344
00:17:22,660 --> 00:17:26,770
not going into certain areas,
the unwritten laws, or the law

345

00:17:26,770 --> 00:17:29,750
about not crossing
against a red light

346
00:17:29,750 --> 00:17:31,900
if you're crossing the street.

347
00:17:31,900 --> 00:17:37,090
They were not seriously
spoken of nor seriously taken

348
00:17:37,090 --> 00:17:38,860
in the States.

349
00:17:38,860 --> 00:17:40,930
We were aware of it.

350
00:17:40,930 --> 00:17:45,400
But how they affected
individuals, I didn't know.

351
00:17:45,400 --> 00:17:48,540
And you didn't have any
family in Europe still?

352
00:17:48,540 --> 00:17:51,930
At that time, the
family I had in Europe

353
00:17:51,930 --> 00:17:56,070
were my father's brothers,
who lived in Romania

354
00:17:56,070 --> 00:17:57,690
and were still there.

355
00:17:57,690 --> 00:18:01,630
But I didn't know how they
were affected by it at all.

356
00:18:01,630 --> 00:18:02,130
OK.

357

00:18:02,130 --> 00:18:05,670

It's just interesting
to know what you knew

358

00:18:05,670 --> 00:18:09,000

before going over to Germany.

359

00:18:09,000 --> 00:18:11,340

Tell me about qualifying
for the Olympics.

360

00:18:11,340 --> 00:18:14,100

How did that come about?

361

00:18:14,100 --> 00:18:15,840

I qualified for
the Olympic games

362

00:18:15,840 --> 00:18:18,720

by winning a series
of races to qualify

363

00:18:18,720 --> 00:18:22,200

for the final trials, which are
held at Randall's Island in New

364

00:18:22,200 --> 00:18:25,830

York City, the first use of
that Randall's Island stadium

365

00:18:25,830 --> 00:18:27,840

for track and field
championships.

366

00:18:27,840 --> 00:18:30,780

I qualified by winning the
Metropolitan Championships

367

00:18:30,780 --> 00:18:33,060

and then the Eastern
qualifying round

368

00:18:33,060 --> 00:18:35,490
up at Harvard stadium in Boston.

369
00:18:35,490 --> 00:18:38,640
There were Eastern, Near
Midwestern, Western,

370
00:18:38,640 --> 00:18:40,360
and Far Western trials.

371
00:18:40,360 --> 00:18:43,320
And I was the winner of
the sprint in the East.

372
00:18:43,320 --> 00:18:45,570
So I qualified for
the final round.

373
00:18:45,570 --> 00:18:47,610
It was a series of
qualifying rounds.

374
00:18:47,610 --> 00:18:52,020
And I and about, I would
guess, 14 other sprinters

375
00:18:52,020 --> 00:18:54,090
qualified for the final round.

376
00:18:54,090 --> 00:18:56,640
And in that final round, I
qualified and made the team.

377
00:18:56,640 --> 00:19:00,240

378
00:19:00,240 --> 00:19:02,040
How did you place
in final rounds?

379
00:19:02,040 --> 00:19:05,070
What happened there.

380

00:19:05,070 --> 00:19:08,460

The placement in the final
round, in the actual finals,

381

00:19:08,460 --> 00:19:13,230

I qualified by finishing
second in that semifinal heat

382

00:19:13,230 --> 00:19:14,580

at Randall's Island.

383

00:19:14,580 --> 00:19:20,310

And I'd like to tell the
story of my first race

384

00:19:20,310 --> 00:19:23,430

against Jesse Owens
and Ralph Metcalf.

385

00:19:23,430 --> 00:19:26,580

These were the two great
Black sprinters of the day.

386

00:19:26,580 --> 00:19:31,290

We drew marbles,
which were numbered,

387

00:19:31,290 --> 00:19:33,250

for the lanes in which you ran.

388

00:19:33,250 --> 00:19:35,550

I drew lane number 5.

389

00:19:35,550 --> 00:19:38,190

Jesse Owens was
in lane number 4.

390

00:19:38,190 --> 00:19:41,250

Ralph Metcalf was
in lane number 6.

391

00:19:41,250 --> 00:19:42,570

And I'm in number 5.

392

00:19:42,570 --> 00:19:46,830

So here is Owens the world's
champion alongside of me,

393

00:19:46,830 --> 00:19:50,880

Metcalf who'd run and
won a silver in the 1932

394

00:19:50,880 --> 00:19:52,690

Olympic games on the other side.

395

00:19:52,690 --> 00:19:56,880

These two magnificent athletes
on either side of me, and I'm

396

00:19:56,880 --> 00:19:58,380

scared stiff.

397

00:19:58,380 --> 00:20:02,280

I mean I was shaking so that
when the starter called us

398

00:20:02,280 --> 00:20:06,690

to our marks, to put our
feet in the starting holes--

399

00:20:06,690 --> 00:20:08,760

we didn't use starting
blocks in those days.

400

00:20:08,760 --> 00:20:10,650

You dug holes with the trowel.

401

00:20:10,650 --> 00:20:15,060

When I started to put my front
foot my left foot in the hole,

402

00:20:15,060 --> 00:20:18,720

my foot was shaking so,
I could not put my foot

403

00:20:18,720 --> 00:20:20,070
in that starting hole.

404

00:20:20,070 --> 00:20:21,750
It was just vibrating so.

405

00:20:21,750 --> 00:20:23,760
I couldn't put it down.

406

00:20:23,760 --> 00:20:27,060
And all six additional
sprinters on either side of me

407

00:20:27,060 --> 00:20:30,390
were on their marks
getting ready to go.

408

00:20:30,390 --> 00:20:32,970
And I'm still standing
there shaking.

409

00:20:32,970 --> 00:20:37,080
And the starter called everyone
up and called me over to him.

410

00:20:37,080 --> 00:20:38,580
I knew the man.

411

00:20:38,580 --> 00:20:41,250
He started me in some of the
high school races I had run.

412

00:20:41,250 --> 00:20:43,720
And he said, Marty,
walk up and down a bit,

413

00:20:43,720 --> 00:20:47,140
take a few deep breaths,
relax, jog up and down, relax,

414

00:20:47,140 --> 00:20:48,750
and we'll try to start again.

415
00:20:48,750 --> 00:20:53,070
And after several minutes, I
was calmed down sufficiently

416
00:20:53,070 --> 00:20:56,340
to get my foot into that
starting hole, both feet in,

417
00:20:56,340 --> 00:20:58,080
and we raced.

418
00:20:58,080 --> 00:21:00,990
I don't remember
the gun going off.

419
00:21:00,990 --> 00:21:04,430
We were set, terribly tense
of course, on a marks,

420
00:21:04,430 --> 00:21:05,310
and then set.

421
00:21:05,310 --> 00:21:07,140
And then I was running.

422
00:21:07,140 --> 00:21:10,650
And there was Owens on my
left and Metcalf on my right.

423
00:21:10,650 --> 00:21:14,040
And for 40 yards, I'm
running even with them.

424
00:21:14,040 --> 00:21:17,920
And then suddenly, as though
they were on an escalator

425
00:21:17,920 --> 00:21:22,140
and I was not, they were
pulling ahead and moving ahead.

426

00:21:22,140 --> 00:21:24,360
And I fought as best I could.

427
00:21:24,360 --> 00:21:26,430
And I kept dropping back.

428
00:21:26,430 --> 00:21:28,350
And then I realized
I wasn't going

429
00:21:28,350 --> 00:21:29,670
to catch either one of them.

430
00:21:29,670 --> 00:21:33,120
And I thought I finished
third in the race.

431
00:21:33,120 --> 00:21:37,290
So much so that, Ted Husing--
he was broadcasting the race

432
00:21:37,290 --> 00:21:38,700
on the infield in the track.

433
00:21:38,700 --> 00:21:42,270
He was the leading track and
field broadcaster at the time.

434
00:21:42,270 --> 00:21:44,790
Ted called me over after
the race and said here's

435
00:21:44,790 --> 00:21:47,400
Marty Glickman, the kid from
Brooklyn who finished third.

436
00:21:47,400 --> 00:21:48,780
Oh, wait a second, he said.

437
00:21:48,780 --> 00:21:51,090
I see they've placed
Frank Wykoff third.

438

00:21:51,090 --> 00:21:52,530

Marty finished fourth.

439

00:21:52,530 --> 00:21:53,767

And he interviews Frank.

440

00:21:53,767 --> 00:21:56,100

And then he says, now, here's
Mart-- oh-- just a moment,

441

00:21:56,100 --> 00:21:57,570

he says.

442

00:21:57,570 --> 00:22:00,510

They've placed Foy Draper
in the fourth place.

443

00:22:00,510 --> 00:22:01,830

Marty finished fifth.

444

00:22:01,830 --> 00:22:04,140

So interviewed Foy
Draper and then he

445

00:22:04,140 --> 00:22:08,920

interviewed me finishing fifth,
which is where I was placed.

446

00:22:08,920 --> 00:22:11,630

I was a bit upset about that.

447

00:22:11,630 --> 00:22:15,250

Films of the race
indicate that I

448

00:22:15,250 --> 00:22:20,170

beat Foy Draper by a foot, very
little question about that.

449

00:22:20,170 --> 00:22:22,913

As for Frank and
myself, you could

450

00:22:22,913 --> 00:22:24,580

choose the winner
between the two of us,

451

00:22:24,580 --> 00:22:29,170

but I didn't know whether I
beat Frank or not, nor did he.

452

00:22:29,170 --> 00:22:31,180

Later in Paris, in
a post-Olympic meet,

453

00:22:31,180 --> 00:22:31,870

I beat Frank.

454

00:22:31,870 --> 00:22:37,010

But we were virtually in a
dead heat for third place.

455

00:22:37,010 --> 00:22:42,940

So I do remember Dean
Cromwell finishing--

456

00:22:42,940 --> 00:22:44,660

it's too long already.

457

00:22:44,660 --> 00:22:47,600

Yeah, I guess I'm asking
like was there something

458

00:22:47,600 --> 00:22:50,900

that happened there that was--

459

00:22:50,900 --> 00:22:54,110

Well, Dean Cromwell
leads to another story,

460

00:22:54,110 --> 00:22:57,200

which has to do with
the selection, my oyster

461

00:22:57,200 --> 00:22:59,040
from the team.

462
00:22:59,040 --> 00:23:03,800
So if you can fit this in--

463
00:23:03,800 --> 00:23:08,330
As we finish the race, I
noted that Dean Cromwell,

464
00:23:08,330 --> 00:23:11,240
the assistant head track coach
of the American Olympic team

465
00:23:11,240 --> 00:23:13,490
and the head track coach at
the University of Southern

466
00:23:13,490 --> 00:23:16,610
California was in
amongst the officials,

467
00:23:16,610 --> 00:23:20,460
arguing with them that Frank
Wykoff had finished third

468
00:23:20,460 --> 00:23:23,300
and Foy Draper had
finished fourth,

469
00:23:23,300 --> 00:23:25,880
because he was the
coach of Southern Cal

470
00:23:25,880 --> 00:23:29,900
and Wykoff and Draper ran for
Southern Cal, or had run--

471
00:23:29,900 --> 00:23:32,810
Wykoff was graduated--
had run for Southern Cal.

472
00:23:32,810 --> 00:23:34,310

These were his boys.

473

00:23:34,310 --> 00:23:38,480

And he pushed them
amongst the officials

474

00:23:38,480 --> 00:23:40,280

as finishing third and fourth.

475

00:23:40,280 --> 00:23:41,960

And I was placed fifth.

476

00:23:41,960 --> 00:23:45,530

I don't know whether I finished
third, fourth, or fifth.

477

00:23:45,530 --> 00:23:46,860

I just don't know.

478

00:23:46,860 --> 00:23:49,580

But I do know that
Dean Cromwell had

479

00:23:49,580 --> 00:23:52,640

a hand in the placement
of the order of finish.

480

00:23:52,640 --> 00:23:56,180

And you think it was clearly
favoritism, not the fact

481

00:23:56,180 --> 00:23:57,740

that you were a Jew?

482

00:23:57,740 --> 00:23:59,600

I think it was
clearly favoritism

483

00:23:59,600 --> 00:24:04,340

that he wanted his boys
placed third and fourth.

484

00:24:04,340 --> 00:24:05,960
The fact that I
was Jewish I think

485
00:24:05,960 --> 00:24:07,640
did not matter at that time.

486
00:24:07,640 --> 00:24:09,710
He wanted his boys in there.

487
00:24:09,710 --> 00:24:13,760
And I had made the team
anyhow, because the first seven

488
00:24:13,760 --> 00:24:15,620
men were to make the team.

489
00:24:15,620 --> 00:24:18,140
The first three finishers
running the 100 meter

490
00:24:18,140 --> 00:24:22,460
run, and the next four finishers
making up the 400 meter relay.

491
00:24:22,460 --> 00:24:23,990
So I had made the team.

492
00:24:23,990 --> 00:24:26,240
Any other Jews on the team?

493
00:24:26,240 --> 00:24:30,890
The other Jew on the track team,
one other Jew, was Sam Stoller.

494
00:24:30,890 --> 00:24:34,850
Stoller was placed sixth
in the 100 meter final.

495
00:24:34,850 --> 00:24:36,890
He finished behind me.

496

00:24:36,890 --> 00:24:38,750
He ran a poor race.

497
00:24:38,750 --> 00:24:42,530
Later Sam beat me in the
Olympic Village in a trial race

498
00:24:42,530 --> 00:24:44,510
we had amongst the three of us.

499
00:24:44,510 --> 00:24:48,350
Sam Stoller finishing first,
I was beaten by a shoulder

500
00:24:48,350 --> 00:24:49,410
by Sam.

501
00:24:49,410 --> 00:24:51,770
And we both beat Foy Draper.

502
00:24:51,770 --> 00:24:54,680
Foy Draper wound up
running on the team.

503
00:24:54,680 --> 00:24:55,430
We'll get to that.

504
00:24:55,430 --> 00:24:55,930
OK.

505
00:24:55,930 --> 00:24:58,690

506
00:24:58,690 --> 00:25:01,450
Now, after you qualify
for the Olympic team,

507
00:25:01,450 --> 00:25:04,360
what sort of preparation
was there between those

508
00:25:04,360 --> 00:25:11,140

qualifying rounds at Randall's
Island and going to Berlin?

509
00:25:11,140 --> 00:25:16,900
We qualified for the
Olympic team on a Friday.

510
00:25:16,900 --> 00:25:20,470
And we were on board the
ship, I believe, on Tuesday

511
00:25:20,470 --> 00:25:23,230
heading for Berlin.

512
00:25:23,230 --> 00:25:24,790
It was almost immediate.

513
00:25:24,790 --> 00:25:27,410
We were measured
for our uniforms.

514
00:25:27,410 --> 00:25:30,370
There were several
events we attended,

515
00:25:30,370 --> 00:25:32,350
several ceremonies we attended.

516
00:25:32,350 --> 00:25:35,200
And we were aboard
ship within three days

517
00:25:35,200 --> 00:25:36,640
after making the team.

518
00:25:36,640 --> 00:25:38,120
It was very quick.

519
00:25:38,120 --> 00:25:40,370
There was no training period
or anything like that.

520

00:25:40,370 --> 00:25:42,440
We stayed in shape, of course.

521
00:25:42,440 --> 00:25:44,140
We kept working out
every day to make

522
00:25:44,140 --> 00:25:45,610
sure we were in good condition.

523
00:25:45,610 --> 00:25:49,820
And we took the SS
Manhattan for Berlin.

524
00:25:49,820 --> 00:25:52,180
I mean this sounds
pretty exciting.

525
00:25:52,180 --> 00:25:54,880
I don't know how much
you traveled before then.

526
00:25:54,880 --> 00:25:57,400
But winning these rounds
and then a few days later

527
00:25:57,400 --> 00:26:02,260
being on a boat going to
Europe sounds like a big deal.

528
00:26:02,260 --> 00:26:04,910
This was quite an
experience for me.

529
00:26:04,910 --> 00:26:08,800
I had been no farther
north than Boston.

530
00:26:08,800 --> 00:26:13,930
I'd been no farther South than
Philadelphia until that time.

531
00:26:13,930 --> 00:26:17,300

I was this 18-year-old
kid from Brooklyn.

532
00:26:17,300 --> 00:26:21,080
I was the second youngest kid
on the team, on the track team.

533
00:26:21,080 --> 00:26:25,000
And here I was aboard
this magnificent liner

534
00:26:25,000 --> 00:26:26,560
heading for Europe.

535
00:26:26,560 --> 00:26:30,110
And it was a most exciting time.

536
00:26:30,110 --> 00:26:31,130
It was wonderful.

537
00:26:31,130 --> 00:26:32,080
It was thrilling.

538
00:26:32,080 --> 00:26:33,070
It was great.

539
00:26:33,070 --> 00:26:36,970
It was fulfilling my Frank
Merriwell dream partially.

540
00:26:36,970 --> 00:26:40,300

541
00:26:40,300 --> 00:26:43,450
What was it like on the boat?

542
00:26:43,450 --> 00:26:45,910
The boat was informal.

543
00:26:45,910 --> 00:26:47,650
It was fun.

544

00:26:47,650 --> 00:26:50,680

We trained aboard the ship.

545

00:26:50,680 --> 00:26:55,630

It was a 5-day crossing and a sixth day getting to Hamburg

546

00:26:55,630 --> 00:26:58,420

and then down to
Berlin by train.

547

00:26:58,420 --> 00:27:02,390

But we had no opportunity to
really sprint aboard ship.

548

00:27:02,390 --> 00:27:03,850

So we did calisthenics.

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00:27:03,850 --> 00:27:05,380

We jogged up and down.

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00:27:05,380 --> 00:27:07,870

We did a good deal of
walking aboard ship.

551

00:27:07,870 --> 00:27:11,890

We watched our diet
fairly carefully.

552

00:27:11,890 --> 00:27:14,710

There was no specific
training regimen,

553

00:27:14,710 --> 00:27:17,740

because we were all
pretty good athletes, had

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00:27:17,740 --> 00:27:20,200

our own different coaches
and coaching techniques

555

00:27:20,200 --> 00:27:23,950

applied to us for months
and years beforehand.

556
00:27:23,950 --> 00:27:26,830
So we were not
concerned with being

557
00:27:26,830 --> 00:27:29,860
directed by the coaches
who were on the team.

558
00:27:29,860 --> 00:27:31,220
It was a fun time.

559
00:27:31,220 --> 00:27:36,280
It was a time that was
loose and easy and pleasant

560
00:27:36,280 --> 00:27:39,130
and we look forward
with great anticipation

561
00:27:39,130 --> 00:27:43,300
to getting to Europe and
getting in competition.

562
00:27:43,300 --> 00:27:45,450
Change the tape.

563
00:27:45,450 --> 00:29:45,000