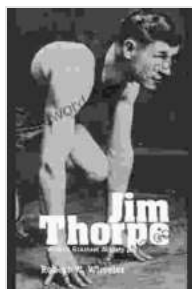
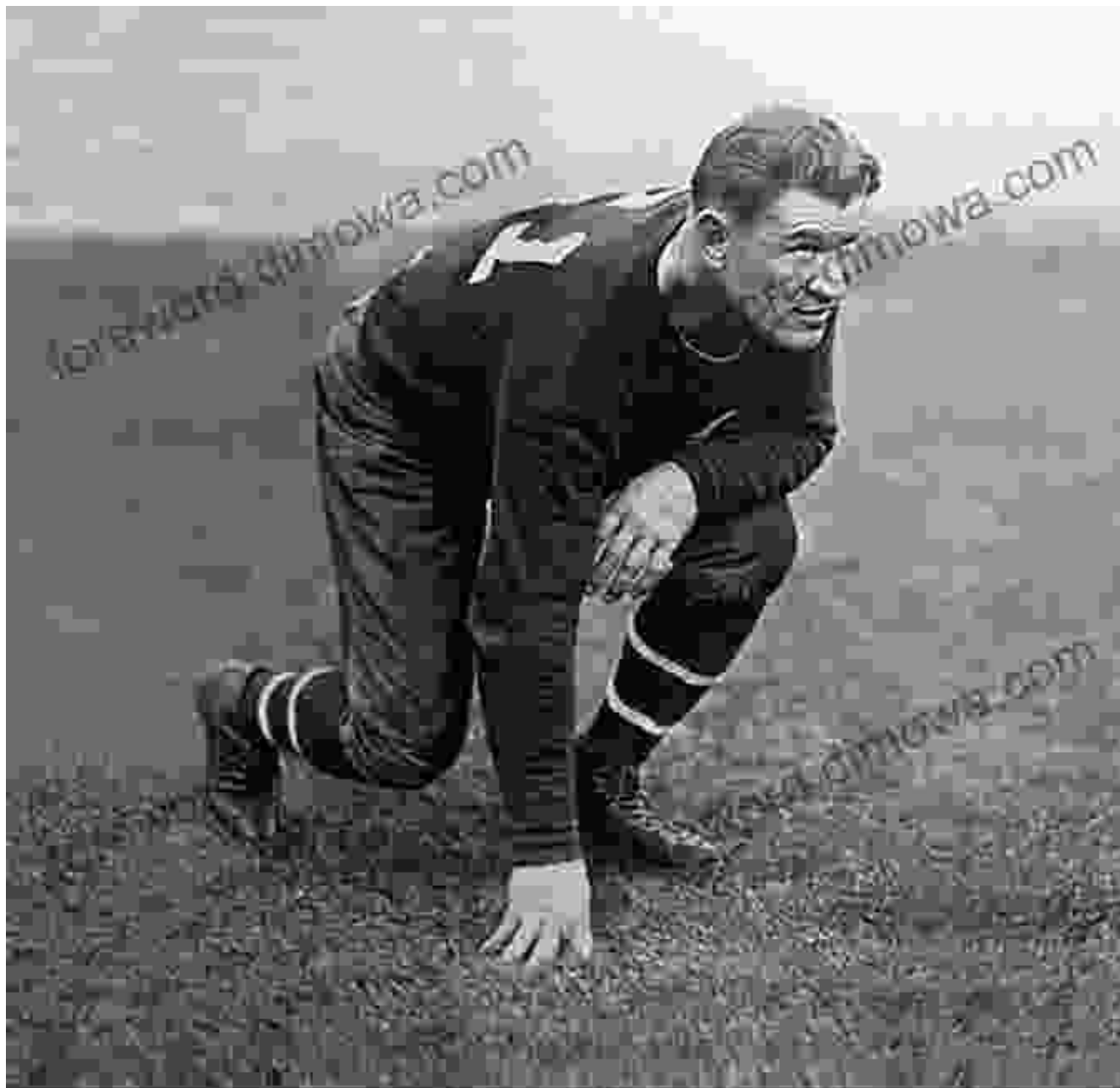


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James Francis Thorpe (May 28, 1887 – March 28, 1953) was an American athlete and Olympian. A member of the Sac and Fox Nation, Thorpe is considered one of the most versatile and accomplished athletes of the early 20th century and the greatest athlete of all time by many.

Thorpe excelled in a wide range of sports, including American football, baseball, basketball, lacrosse, and track and field. He played professional football for the Canton Bulldogs, the Oorang Indians, and the New York Giants. He also played professional baseball for the New York Giants, the Boston Braves, and the Cincinnati Reds.

In 1912, Thorpe represented the United States at the Olympic Games in Stockholm, Sweden. He won gold medals in the pentathlon and decathlon, becoming the first Native American to win an Olympic gold medal.

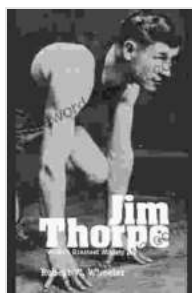
However, Thorpe's Olympic medals were later revoked due to a ruling by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) that he had played professional baseball before the Olympics, which was against the rules at the time. Thorpe's medals were reinstated in 1982, 30 years after his death.

Early Life and Education

Thorpe was born on May 28, 1887, in the Sac and Fox Nation reservation in Oklahoma. His father was a Sac and Fox chief, and his mother was a white woman. Thorpe was raised in the traditional Sac and Fox way of life, and he learned to hunt, fish, and track at a young age.

In 1904, Thorpe enrolled at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania. Carlisle was a boarding school for Native American children, and it was there that Thorpe began to develop his athletic skills. He played football, baseball, basketball, and track and field, and he quickly became one of the best athletes at the school.

In 1907, Thorpe was recruited to play football for the University of Pennsylvania. He played for the Quakers for two seasons, and he was named an All-American both years. In 1910, Thorpe was named the captain of the Penn football team.



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