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IT'S EASY TO SEE WHY...



BASEBALL 91 runs in 6 MLB seasons



TRACK & FIELD2 gold medals
at 1912 Olympics



BASKETBALL
headed World Famous
Indians travel team



11 feet = **POLE VAULT**

163 feet = JAVELIN

136 feet = **DISCUS**

STATS

10 seconds = 100-YARD DASH

47 feet, 9 inches = **SHOT PUT**

4 minutes, 35 seconds = 1-MILE RUN
23 feet, 6 inches = LONG JUMP
6 feet, 5 inches = HIGH JUMP

BALLROOM DANCING 1912 intercollegiate champion

ALSO EXCELLED IN:

FOOTBALL

52 games on

6 NFL teams













5000

Swimming

1912

1st American Indian to win Olympic gold for the U.S.

named 20th century's "greatest athlete," Associated Press (AP)

1963

Pro Football Hall of Fame charter member

1998

commemorated on U.S. Postal Service 32¢ stamp

voted Greatest Athlete of the Twentieth Century, ABC Sports

1911-12

2-time college All-American 1920

1st president of organization now known as the NFL

1951

played by Burt Lancaster in the movie *Jim Thorpe – All-American* 1973

President Nixon proclaims April 16 as Jim Thorpe Day 1999

3rd place, Top 100 Athletes of the 20th Century, AP 2007

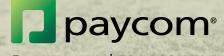
7th place, Top North American Athletes of the Century, ESPN

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