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HAPPY 100th ANIVERSARY

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July 15, 1912

Hello Again....Just a reminder that it was 100 years ago today, July 15, 1912, that native American Jim Thorpe of the Sac and Fox tribe and the Carlisle (PA) Indian Industrial School won the first Olympic Games decathlon in Stockholm, Sweden. Because of the large field (29 athletes from a dozen nations) the Olympic Games organizers conducted the first decathlon on *three* days (July 13-14-15) and altered the order of events slightly. Here are Thorpe's marks for the ten events:

July 13

100 meters	11.2	3t
Long jump	6.79m/22-3½	3
Shot Put	12.89m/42-3½	1

July 14

High Jump	1.87m/6-1½	1
400 meters	52.2	4
Discus	36.98m/121-4	3
110m Hurdles	15.6	1

July 15

Pole Vault	3.25m/10-8	3t
Javelin	45.70m/149-11	4
1500 meters	4:40.1	1

Score: **8412.955** a world record on 1912 A Tables



Thorpe on infield of Stockholm's Olympic Stadium.(from Swedish Olympic Committee Report)

