

# On the track at the Eleventh Olympic Games

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 "Olympiad" in and around the Olympic Village athletes' quarters and saw her arguing with propaganda minister Goebbels over the lack of footage of the "master race" as portrayed by Germany's athletes.

Canada claimed a gold medal that year for Francis Amyot's canoeing performance, three silvers for canoeing, the 400-meter hurdles and basketball and five bronzes in freestyle wrestling, canoeing, the relay, the 80-meter hurdles and of course Phil Edwards' 800-meter run.

"It was a run back in those days," Conway says. "Today 800 meters is a dash. Phil came in behind John Woodruff of the U.S. and the Italian Lenzi. He didn't run so much as he flowed. He was incredibly fast, but he couldn't sprint. Phil put his stamp on most of the people that went by in those days."

For Canada's Olympic athletes of 1936, little if any fanfare awaited them on their return home. Team members trickled back at different times, most of the runners, including Conway, taking various European track clubs up on offers to compete in smaller events.

#### FOURTH YEAR

Conway was returning home to his fourth year at the University of Toronto and enjoyed his best running during the hot summer of 1937. He "never felt lighter" working out after hours on the track at the University of British Columbia, where he was doing

some summer work. A year and a half later though, during Christmas week 1938, things just didn't come together.

"I ran extraordinarily badly at the Empire Games," he says with one of those mildly self-deprecating chuckles.

Conway competed in the 800- and 1500-metre events at the Sydney, Australia, games and was "not at all satisfied".

Athletes around the world were looking forward to the 1940 Olympics, but their nations were by then involved in an altogether different competition. Conway knew he would not likely get another chance at an Olympic medal.

He signed on with the Canadian Army's Algonquin regiment and ultimately saw action in France, Holland and Germany, but not before his fame at running caught up with him. The army brass was eager to promote sports competition among the enlisted men and Conway found himself winning a brigade meet and packing his bags to compete in the Army Games.

"I ended up third, and they followed that up by giving me a week's leave," he recalls. "On one of my days off I had to run to catch a bus. I got their alright, but my legs were all tied up, and at that point I said to myself, 'Conway, as far as track and field is concerned, you're all washed up'."

#### ROLLING HILLS

Berlin, Sydney and the Army training grounds of England were a long way from

the rolling hills of Muskoka, where the Moosejaw-born son of a banker-turned-tanner grew up.

The family lived in Huntsville for 46 years. Conway's grandfather built and ran the

Anglo-Canadian Leather Company there, the town's biggest employer. His father later ran the operation and eventually Conway was working his summers there until opting for a law education. He grad-

uated in honor law, but chose not to follow up with the required three years at Osgoode to become a lawyer.

Anglo-Canadian was a Canada Packers subsidiary, like Acton's Beardmore Tannery. In 1959, a speculative boom in the price of hides dealt a serious blow to the market and Canada Packers regrettably closed the Huntsville operation, relocating 40 of its employees, including general manager Conway, to Acton.

Conway worked at Beardmore from 1962 to 1966, latterly as assistant to current president Peter Durham. From the start, he and his family have lived in the same century-old stone farmhouse near Arkell, raising some sheep and crops and riding horses on their 100-acre property.

These days Conway and his wife Betty divide their seasons between the farmhouse and a summer home in Cornwall, England, where Betty was raised. But for a minor snag in this year's plans, Conway would be there now watching the BBC's coverage of the Olympics from Los Angeles.

"Technically, there's just no comparison between today's Games and our day in most events," he says. "These athletes are running faster and jumping higher than we could ever hope, and the bulk of the reason is their superior training methods."

Of the often phenomenal paycheques today's "amateur" athletes receive for endorsing certain products, Conway declines to "wag my head at it." His generation was lucky to receive expense money, he says, and they never gave it a second thought.

"We did it for free because we did it for the sheer fun of it," he says.



Abbott Conway is seen second from the right in this preliminary heat for the 800-metre race at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. While he failed to make it past the semi-finals, Conway collected a treasure trove of proud memories, including recollections of the Nazi high command and American running sensation Jesse Owens.

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