



Heroes in Sport

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Diagoras of Rhodes

Diagoras of Rhodes was not only a champion boxer but also became the patriarch of one of the most famous sporting families of ancient Greece. He earned his first laurel wreath at the 464 BC Olympics, in an achievement that was even immortalized by the great lyric poet Pindar.

Diagoras also won boxing titles at the Pythian games which were held at Delphi, as well as the Nemean games and the Isthmian games, enabling him to be declared a “periodonikes” — an honor bestowed upon athletes who won the crown at all of ancient Greece’s four major sporting festivals.



Kyniska of Sparta

Kyniska, a Spartan princess went down in history after becoming the first woman to win the Olympics in ancient times. She owned a sizable estate where she bred, raised, and trained horses, and in 396 BC, when she was probably between forty and fifty years old, she became the first woman to participate in the Olympic Games.



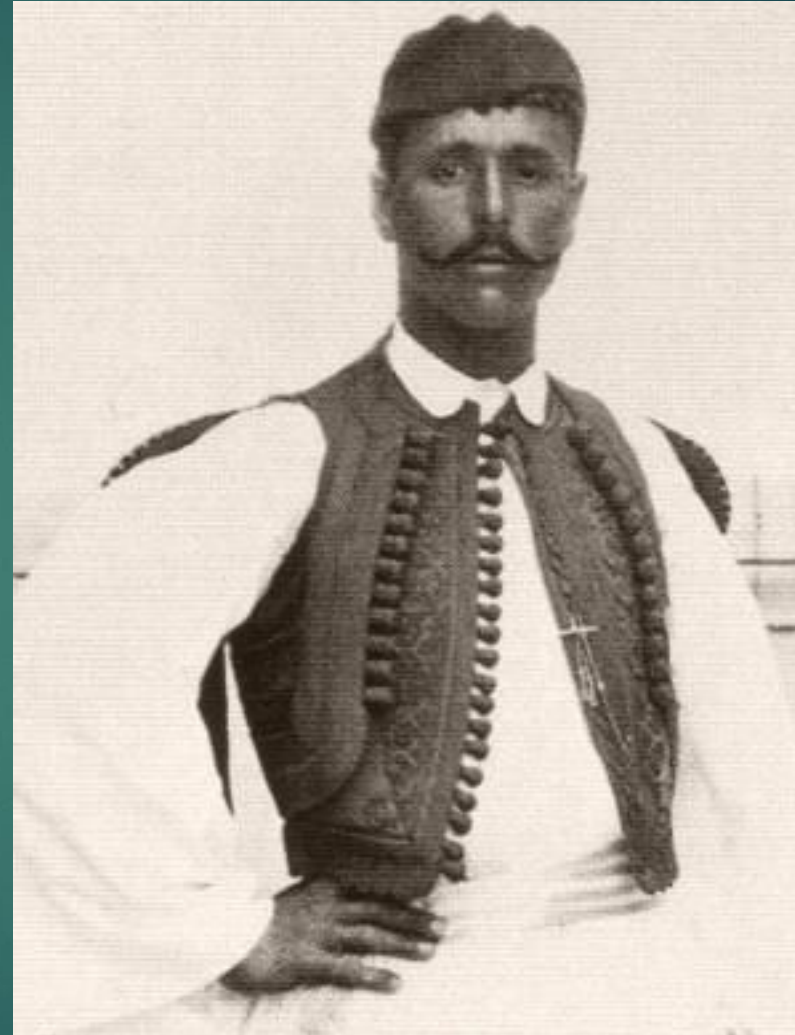
Spyridon Louis

Spyros Louis, was a Greek water-carrier who won the first modern-day Olympic marathon at the 1896 Summer Olympics. Following his victory, he was celebrated as a national hero

How did a young man born into a poor peasant family who helped his father make a living as a water carrier plot to catch the attention of the prettiest girl in Marousi? Easy. Win an Olympic marathon.

The summer Olympics of 1896 in Athens saw the revival of the games and Spyridon "Spyros" Louis took advantage of the opportunity to impress his love.

Without Louis, the Athens Games would have no epic hero, no master symbol to condense and express so richly so many historical themes.



Paraskevi Patoulidou

Exactly 30 years ago, Voula Patoulidou won the gold medal in the Barcelona Olympic Games, making the Greek anthem sound in the Spanish stadium. Minutes after her victory, an excited Patoulidou stated that she won this medal “for Greece, dammit” making the whole country love her.

After her success and especially her unforgettable statement, the Greek national water-polo team rushed into the stadium where Patoulidou ran, lifting her in their arms and crying out in ecstasy over the medal. Nobody has ever forgotten the famous “for Greece, dammit” even after two decades.



Stelios Mygiakis

Stelios Mygiakis (Greek: Στυλιανός Μυγιιάκης, born 5 May 1952) is a Greek Greco-Roman wrestler. He won an Olympic gold medal and is the first Greek to become an Olympic Champion in wrestling. Mygiakis also won a gold medal at both the European Wrestling Championships and Mediterranean Games. He was named the 1980 Greek Male Athlete of the Year. In 1971 Stylianos becomes Greek champion, was used in the featherweight and in the same year for the first time at an international championship, the World Cup in Sofia for the first time.



Pyros Dimas

Pyros Dimas a Greek weightlifter and thrice golden Olympic champion.

He was born in Himare, Albania, to Greek parents. He first started his career in weightlifting when he was seven years old, in 1978. He won the Golden Medal at the Olympic Games of Barcelona in 1992, of Atlanta in 1996 and Sydney in 2000.





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