

# Being the Best

Glenn Scobey (Pop) Warner was an American football coach who became a legend of the sport. During his 44-year career as a head coach (1895 to 1938), he had an overall record of 337 wins, 114 losses and 32 ties. He was head coach at University of Georgia, Cornell University, Carlisle University, University of Pittsburgh, Stanford University, Temple University and Iowa State University, and won three national championships with his teams.

During his tenure as the athletic director of Carlisle University, Warner accepted an invitation from nearby Lafayette College for a track and field competition. When Warner arrived with only five athletes for the event, the Lafayette coach asked, "Where's the rest of your team?"

To which Warner replied, "Right here."

"But I have 46 men on my team," the Lafayette coach said. "There are 11 events. Your team won't stand a chance."

Despite what seemed like a huge disadvantage, Warner's team took first *and* second place in the two-mile and half-mile races. Another Carlisle runner won the quarter-mile race, and yet another won the high hurdles.

Carlisle's Jim Thorpe – who would go on to compete in the Olympics – won the broad jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put and low hurdles. He also placed second in the 100-meter race.

Carlisle won the match 71-31.

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