

Faster Than Jesse Owens: The Story of Eulace Peacock and the 1936 Olympics

In the annals of Olympic history, Jesse Owens stands as one of the greatest track and field athletes of all time. His four gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympics cemented his legacy as a legend. But there was another African American athlete who competed in those same Games who was just as fast, if not faster, than Owens. His name was Eulace Peacock.



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Peacock was born in 1914 in Terrell, Texas. He was the son of a sharecropper and grew up in poverty. But he had a natural talent for running, and by the time he was in high school, he was setting records. In 1935, he won the 100-yard dash at the Texas Relays, beating out Owens in the process. The next year, he repeated his victory at the NCAA Championships, again defeating Owens.

Peacock's success earned him a spot on the U.S. Olympic team for the 1936 Berlin Olympics. He was one of only two African Americans on the team, along with Owens. The Berlin Olympics were held under the shadow of Nazi Germany, and there was a great deal of pressure on the African American athletes to perform well. Peacock was determined to prove that he was just as good as any white athlete, and he trained harder than ever before.

In the 100-meter dash, Peacock finished second to Owens, but he ran a time of 10.4 seconds, which was just 0.2 seconds off of Owens's world record. In the 200-meter dash, Peacock again finished second to Owens, but he ran a time of 21.1 seconds, which was just 0.1 seconds off of Owens's world record. Peacock's performances in Berlin were nothing short of astonishing, and he proved to the world that he was one of the greatest track and field athletes of his time.

After the Olympics, Peacock returned to the United States as a hero. He was celebrated for his accomplishments, and he was offered a scholarship to attend the University of Southern California. He continued to run track and field at USC, and he won several more national championships. After graduating from USC, Peacock turned professional, and he competed in track and field for several more years.

Peacock's story is an inspiring one. He overcame poverty and prejudice to become one of the greatest track and field athletes of his time. He was a pioneer for African American athletes, and he helped to pave the way for future generations of athletes. Peacock's legacy is one of speed, determination, and courage. He is a true American hero.

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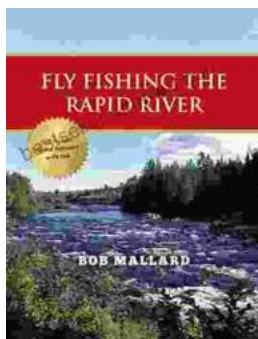
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