

# Decathlon



**Tough on footwear, the decathlon is a contest of 10 different specialities: 100, 400 and 1,500 metres, plus long jump, high jump, shotput, hurdles, discus, pole vault and javelin**

When native American **Jim Thorpe** won in 1912 in Sweden, King Gustav V said, *"You sir, are the greatest athlete in the world."* *"Thanks, King"*, was his reply. But the U.S. Olympic committee confiscated his medals, discovering he had unwittingly played minor league baseball for money. Only in 1982, long after his death, was he exonerated and the medals returned to his family