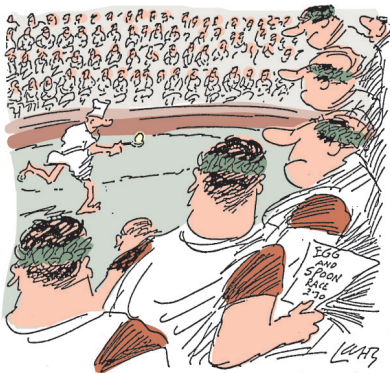


Olympic Games



The Ancient Greeks prized athletic achievement so much that the first Olympics may have taken place as early as 1370BC. *Koroibus*, a cook, was the first recorded winner of the sprint, the only known race in 776BC

Time was measured by the Olympiad, or four year intervals between races, and a truce was always declared in any fighting so competitors and spectators could travel safely. Invading Persians took advantage at Thermopylae in 480BC, successfully defeating a small defending force of Spartans because everyone else was away at the Games