

You track fans will recall that Owens won three first places at Berlin and joined with other relay runners in bagging the 400-meter baton-passing event. This brought him numerous medals and trinkets, not the least of which were four oak trees. The relay runners drew straws to see which received the oak tree for their victory and Jesse won. Rather than hog all the shrubbery Owens generously gave his fourth oak to Foy Draper, Trojan sprinter. Jesse planted one oak in the yard of his junior high school in Cleveland, gave the second to his high school and kept the third. They are about three feet high now.