

# MANY INDIANS, BUT NO LONGBOATS

## Onondaga's Position as Greatest Indian Runner of the Age Still Unshaken

Since the advent of Tom Longboat, Canada has produced many Indian runners, but there was only one Longboat.

Big Chief was the king of them all, but up to date none of them has shown anything that is likely to shake the Onodaga off his pedestal as the greatest Indian runner of the age.

Since 1907 and 1908, when Longboat was in the zenith of his running career, several hundred red men have pounded the roads in short pants and jerseys, and while some of them have turned out to be runners of the first class, none of them has approached Longboat's records over the same course. Take Levi Jamieson and Jimmie George, the two best Indian runners of the year, for instance.

Jimmie George won the Hamilton Herald race in 1909 and 1910 and the Ward Marathon in 1910, but in every instance his time was four or five minutes outside of Longboat's best time over the same course. That means that had Longboat been in either event he would have led George home by from half a mile to a mile.

Levi Jamieson sprang into fame when he won the Foster Marathon at the exhibition.

### Acoose the Most Dangerous

As a matter of fact, the most dangerous rival Tom Longboat ever had for his honors was Acoose, the Western Indian. The Salteaux Indian beat Longboat last winter at Riverdale when the latter was choked up with a cold and away out of shape. Acoose was credited with the world's record time for fifteen miles, but the records were discredited; but just the same the Western aborigine is some runner. He would have been a top-notch, too, had anybody with common sense taken hold of him. The Indian had bad feet, and those behind him knew no more about attending to his feet than a baby hippopotamus does about the nebular hypothesis. In New York with his feet ripped all to pieces, A-

coose, at sixteen miles tore off the finest and longest sustained sprint I ever saw in a long distance race. He sprinted for eight laps and gained three-quarters of a lap on such men as Ljungstrom, the Swede, and Meadows, the Canuck. Then his bad feet killed him off. Acoose had the style, build, and courage for a world-beater, and a good handier would have worked his feet into shape.

Jamieson is the most-likely looking of the 1910 brigade of red skin runners. George is the better distance man, but Jamieson is a shuffler—an easy-gaited distance man—while Jamieson is a novice runner with a fighty scrappy style about him that reminds one of Dorando, the Italian. George has about reached his limit, while Jamieson will improve. Jamieson will be a grand 5 and 10 miler next year.

Joe Keeper, a Winnipeg Indian, ran third in the five-mile race at the Canadian championships at Montreal, and may improve, but he is no Longboat.

Allen Hawk, the Christian Island Indian, might be something with expert handling, but none of the other Indians around Ontario have shown much this summer.

### Indians to the Front

In the Halifax Herald and Mail race of 10 miles Thanksgiving day, eight Indians started and the red men ran one, two, and four. The only one of any real class in the bunch was the winner, a Mic Mac Indian from Prince Edward Island, who ran the 10 miles in 57.20.

Six Indians started in the Montreal Herald race, but a white man led them all home.

Yes, there are lots of Indian long distance runners, but only one Tom Longboat, and just while we are at it, let us say Longboat is in good shape now and will beat Alf Shrubbs when they meet at 15 miles in Boston next Thursday.

Give the devil his due—Old Tom Longboat was a wonder.