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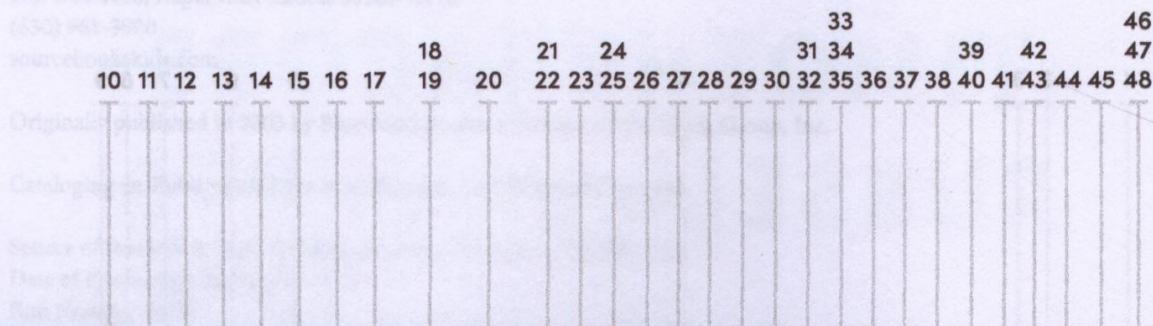
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|                              |            | 1893–1972                      |           |
| <b>1. Milo of Croton</b>     | <b>1</b>   | <b>15. Jack Dempsey</b>        | <b>15</b> |
| c. 558 BCE                   |            | 1895–1983                      |           |
| <b>2. Phidippides</b>        | <b>2</b>   | <b>16. Paavo Nurmi</b>         | <b>16</b> |
| c. 490 BCE                   |            | 1897–1973                      |           |
| <b>3. Phayllos of Croton</b> | <b>3</b>   | <b>17. Bobby Jones</b>         | <b>17</b> |
| c. 480 BCE                   |            | 1902–1971                      |           |
| <b>4. Domitian</b>           | <b>4</b>   | <b>18. Glenna Collett Vare</b> | <b>18</b> |
| 51–96 CE                     |            | 1903–1989                      |           |
| <b>5. Thomas Topham</b>      | <b>5</b>   | <b>19. Red Grange</b>          | <b>19</b> |
| 1710–1749                    |            | 1903–1991                      |           |
| <b>6. Selim III</b>          | <b>6</b>   | <b>20. Helen Wills Moody</b>   | <b>20</b> |
| 1761–1808                    |            | 1905–1998                      |           |
| <b>7. Kanō Jigorō</b>        | <b>7</b>   | <b>21. Sonja Henie</b>         | <b>21</b> |
| 1860–1938                    |            | 1912–1969                      |           |
| <b>8. Harry Vardon</b>       | <b>8</b>   | <b>22. Ben Hogan</b>           | <b>22</b> |
| 1870–1937                    |            | 1912–1997                      |           |
| <b>9. Ray C. Ewry</b>        | <b>9</b>   | <b>23. Willie Mosconi</b>      | <b>23</b> |
| 1873–1937                    |            | 1913–1993                      |           |
| <b>10. Ulrich Salchow</b>    | <b>10</b>  | <b>24. Joe Louis</b>           | <b>24</b> |
| 1877–1949                    |            | 1914–1981                      |           |
| <b>11. Harold Vanderbilt</b> | <b>11</b>  | <b>25. Marion Ladewig</b>      | <b>25</b> |
| 1884–1970                    |            | 1914–2010                      |           |
| <b>12. Jim Thorpe</b>        | <b>12</b>  | <b>26. Patty Berg</b>          | <b>26</b> |
| 1888–1953                    |            | 1918–2006                      |           |
| <b>13. Tazio Nuvolari</b>    | <b>13</b>  | <b>27. John Davis</b>          | <b>27</b> |
| 1892–1953                    |            | 1921–1984                      |           |

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600 BCE

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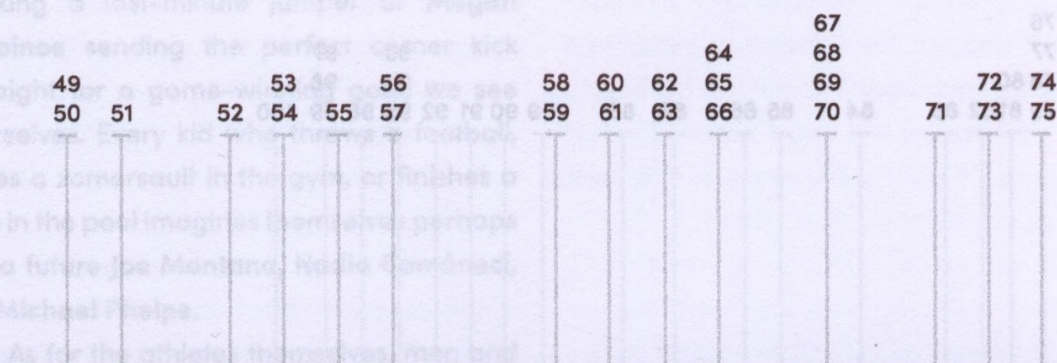
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| 28. | <b>Rocky Marciano</b><br>1923–1969  | 28 | 41. | <b>A. J. Foyt</b><br>b. 1935           | 41 |
| 29. | <b>George Mikan</b><br>1924–2005    | 29 | 42. | <b>Wilt Chamberlain</b><br>1936–1999   | 42 |
| 30. | <b>Don Carter</b><br>1926–2012      | 30 | 43. | <b>Jim Brown</b><br>b. 1936            | 43 |
| 31. | <b>Bob Cousy</b><br>b. 1928         | 31 | 44. | <b>Richard Petty</b><br>b. 1937        | 44 |
| 32. | <b>Gordie Howe</b><br>1928–2016     | 32 | 45. | <b>Rod Laver</b><br>b. 1938            | 45 |
| 33. | <b>Jacques Plante</b><br>1929–1986  | 33 | 46. | <b>Jack Nicklaus</b><br>b. 1940        | 46 |
| 34. | <b>Roger Bannister</b><br>1929–2018 | 34 | 47. | <b>Mario Andretti</b><br>b. 1940       | 47 |
| 35. | <b>Arnold Palmer</b><br>1929–2016   | 35 | 48. | <b>Pelé</b><br>b. 1940                 | 48 |
| 36. | <b>Pat McCormick</b><br>b. 1930     | 36 | 49. | <b>Vasily Alexeyev</b><br>1942–2011    | 49 |
| 37. | <b>Bill Shoemaker</b><br>1931–2003  | 37 | 50. | <b>Margaret Smith Court</b><br>b. 1942 | 50 |
| 38. | <b>Johnny Unitas</b><br>1933–2002   | 38 | 51. | <b>Larry Mahan</b><br>b. 1943          | 51 |
| 39. | <b>Larisa Latynina</b><br>b. 1934   | 39 | 52. | <b>Franz Beckenbauer</b><br>b. 1945    | 52 |
| 40. | <b>Bill Russell</b><br>b. 1934      | 40 | 53. | <b>Katō Sawao</b><br>b. 1946           | 53 |



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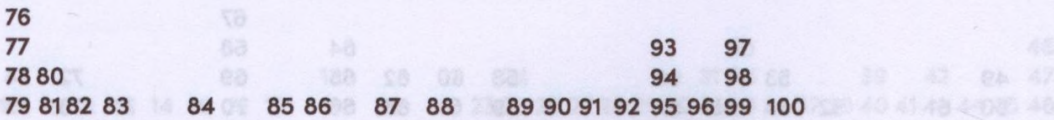
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| <b>54. Laffit Pincay Jr.</b>     | <b>54</b> | <b>67. Larry Bird</b>               | <b>67</b> |
| b. 1946                          |           | b. 1956                             |           |
| <b>55. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar</b>   | <b>55</b> | <b>68. Sugar Ray Leonard</b>        | <b>68</b> |
| b. 1947                          |           | b. 1956                             |           |
| <b>56. Dan Gable</b>             | <b>56</b> | <b>69. Joe Montana</b>              | <b>69</b> |
| b. 1948                          |           | b. 1956                             |           |
| <b>57. Bobby Orr</b>             | <b>57</b> | <b>70. Martina Navratilova</b>      | <b>70</b> |
| b. 1948                          |           | b. 1956                             |           |
| <b>58. Mark Spitz</b>            | <b>58</b> | <b>71. Eric Heiden</b>              | <b>71</b> |
| b. 1951                          |           | b. 1958                             |           |
| <b>59. Gustav Thöni</b>          | <b>59</b> | <b>72. Florence Griffith Joyner</b> | <b>72</b> |
| b. 1951                          |           | 1959–1998                           |           |
| <b>60. Nikolai Andrianov</b>     | <b>60</b> | <b>73. Magic Johnson</b>            | <b>73</b> |
| 1952–2011                        |           | b. 1959                             |           |
| <b>61. Jimmy Connors</b>         | <b>61</b> | <b>74. Diego Maradona</b>           | <b>74</b> |
| b. 1952                          |           | 1960–2020                           |           |
| <b>62. Annemarie Moser-Pröll</b> | <b>62</b> | <b>75. Greg Louganis</b>            | <b>75</b> |
| b. 1953                          |           | b. 1960                             |           |
| <b>63. Raisa Smetanina</b>       | <b>63</b> | <b>76. Nadia Comăneci</b>           | <b>76</b> |
| b. 1953                          |           | b. 1961                             |           |
| <b>64. Walter Payton</b>         | <b>64</b> | <b>77. Wayne Gretzky</b>            | <b>77</b> |
| 1954–1999                        |           | b. 1961                             |           |
| <b>65. Chris Evert</b>           | <b>65</b> | <b>78. Greg LeMond</b>              | <b>78</b> |
| b. 1954                          |           | b. 1961                             |           |
| <b>66. Bernard Hinault</b>       | <b>66</b> | <b>79. Carl Lewis</b>               | <b>79</b> |
| b. 1954                          |           | b. 1961                             |           |

Beyond that, however, we follow sports so closely because we see ourselves in the athletes. In the image of Michael Jordan sinking a last-minute jumper or Megan Rapinoe sending the perfect soccer kick straight into a goal, we see ourselves as winners. Every kid who has ever dreamed of doing a backflip in the gym or finishing a lap in the pool imagines himself or herself as a future Joe Montana, Nadia Comăneci, or Michael Phelps.



|                          |    |                       |     |
|--------------------------|----|-----------------------|-----|
| 80. Jackie Joyner-Kersey | 80 | 93. Michael Phelps    | 93  |
| b. 1962                  |    | b. 1985               |     |
| 81. Jerry Rice           | 81 | 94. Megan Rapinoe     | 94  |
| b. 1962                  |    | b. 1985               |     |
| 82. Michael Jordan       | 82 | 95. Allyson Felix     | 95  |
| b. 1963                  |    | b. 1985               |     |
| 83. Bonnie Blair         | 83 | 96. Usain Bolt        | 96  |
| b. 1964                  |    | b. 1986               |     |
| 84. Tony Hawk            | 84 | 97. Ronda Rousey      | 97  |
| b. 1968                  |    | b. 1987               |     |
| 85. Lance Armstrong      | 85 | 98. Lionel Messi      | 98  |
| b. 1971                  |    | b. 1987               |     |
| 86. Mia Hamm             | 86 | 99. Colin Kaepernick  | 99  |
| b. 1972                  |    | b. 1987               |     |
| 87. Tiger Woods          | 87 | 100. Bethany Hamilton | 100 |
| b. 1975                  |    | b. 1990               |     |
| 88. Laila Ali            | 88 |                       |     |
| b. 1977                  |    |                       |     |
| 89. Michelle Kwan        | 89 |                       |     |
| b. 1980                  |    |                       |     |
| 90. Serena Williams      | 90 |                       |     |
| b. 1981                  |    |                       |     |
| 91. Misty Copeland       | 91 |                       |     |
| b. 1982                  |    |                       |     |
| 92. LeBron James         | 92 |                       |     |
| b. 1984                  |    |                       |     |

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