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Treat For Lovers of Strenuous Sports at St. Louis

Revival of Olympian Games at Exposition will Present a Series of Contests Lasting from August 29 to September 3

St Louis, Aug. 15.—Lovers of the strenuous sports from every part of the world are gathering at St. Louis to take part in or witness the contests of world athletes in the Olympic games series, beginning at the Stadium on the World's Fair grounds on August 29. This is the most important athletic event of the times and the records made here will stand as permanent history.

Athens, the birthplace of these royal sports, revived the Olympic games eight years ago, and later at the Paris Exposition they were restored to their proper dignity as a world event. Upon the latter occasion American brawn and muscle conquered in most of the contests and the victories were brought for the first time to this side of the Atlantic.

On the World's Fair grounds in St. Louis, just as they were waged in the ancient Grecian arena, these games will be played again . . .

While these sports are revived from the long ago, they are by no means to be old-fashioned. All of the contests are under the auspices of the American Athletic union, and the officials who have charge of the events were appointed by the union. Modern rules will prevail throughout all of the games.

The programme of the Olympic series follows:

Monday, Aug. 29.—Sixty-meter run; throwing the 16-pound hammer; 400- meter run; 2,590-meter steeplechase; standing broad jump; running high jump.

Tuesday, Aug. 30.—Marathon race, 40 kilometers.

Wednesday, Aug. 31.—Two hundred-meter run; putting the 16-pound shot; lifting bar bell; standing high jump; international tug-of-war (trials), teams of five men each, weight unlimited; 400-meter hurdle race.

Thursday, Sept 1.—Eight hundred-meter run; throwing 56-pound weight for distance; 200-meter hurdle race; running broad jump; running hop, step and jump; tug-of-war (final); dumb-bell competition, first section.

Saturday, Sept 3.—One hundred-meter run; throwing the discus; dumb-bell, second section; 1,500-meter run; 110-meter run; pole vault for height; three standing jumps; international team race, each country to start five men . . .