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Still regarded by many experts as the greatest athlete of all time, Paavo Nurmi won more Olympic gold medals than any other runner; nine between 1920 and 1928. His finest moments came in Paris in 1924, winning the 1500 metres and 5000 metres on the same afternoon as well as the cross-country and 3000 metres team race. There is a statue of him outside Helsinki's Olympic Stadium.



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