

**EXERCISE 32/33-4 The comma** Before working this exercise, read sections 32 and 33 in *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition.

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Edit the following paragraphs to correct the use of commas. The first revision has been done for you. You should add ten more commas.

When the Amateur Athletic Union ruled that 1912 Olympic winner Jim Thorpe had not been an amateur at the time he won his medals, several consequences followed. Once the ruling was formally stated, Jim Thorpe's name was erased from the Olympic records. In addition he had to return his medals. Friends wanted him to fight the AAU ruling but he was too proud to do so.

During the next sixteen years that Jim played football was quite different from what it is today. Players then had no league, no formal schedule, no required helmets and often no salaries. Then representatives of eight concerned teams met to form a league. The organization they formed which was called the American Professional Football Association later became the National Football League; Jim Thorpe was its first president.

Jim's playing declined with the years until on November 30, 1929 an Associated Press story described him as "a mere shadow of his former self." No longer able to play sports Thorpe had to dig ditches in the Depression years. When the 1932 Olympics were held in Los Angeles California he could not afford to buy a ticket.