

Patrick Henry, '44



He doesn't wear satin knee britches and pumps with big, shiny silver buckles. There's no powdered peri-

wig on his head as was common in colonial days.

Patrick Henry of 1944, and there are millions of him today, is out there on the field of sports. His periwig is likely to be a football helmet, a baseball cap or a thick thatch of unruly hair. And his love of liberty may be expressed in sharp drives, in backhands or in base hits.

Perhaps you haven't thought of it this way, but in our American competitive sports you have the finest exhibition of Democracy in Action since the days of the immortal patriot, Patrick Henry,

As these free-born youth of America meet in our vigorous combative sports they develop the initiative, courage and self-confidence of free men. They experience the privilege of unshackled ambition—of going as far as their strength, speed and skill can take them—without fear or favor. They learn the true meaning of independence, with due regard for the rights of others.

This is Democracy at work-the true American way-enjoyed in the U. S. A. as in no other land in the world today. And you may be mighty certain of this: these American youth of ours—who live and breathe Democracy on our fields of competitive sports —will never willingly yield this freedom of action—this freedom to fight for any goal to which they aspire.

As mature men—our future leaders in business, industry, science and government, they will form a mighty barrier, millions strong, against which any form of radicalism—any form of regimentation which seeks to undermine the American Way of Democracy —will beat in vain.

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