

Pupils from the ECL class present

7 Sportsmen and sportswomen who took a stand



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*Jesse Owens - Muhammad Ali - LeBron James - Colin Kaepernick
Marcus Rashford - Naomi Osaka - Lewis Hamilton*

SPORTS AND PROTEST

"Justice grows out of recognition of ourselves in each other - that my liberty depends on you being free too."

- BARACK OBAMA

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STUDYING PROTEST IN SPORTS

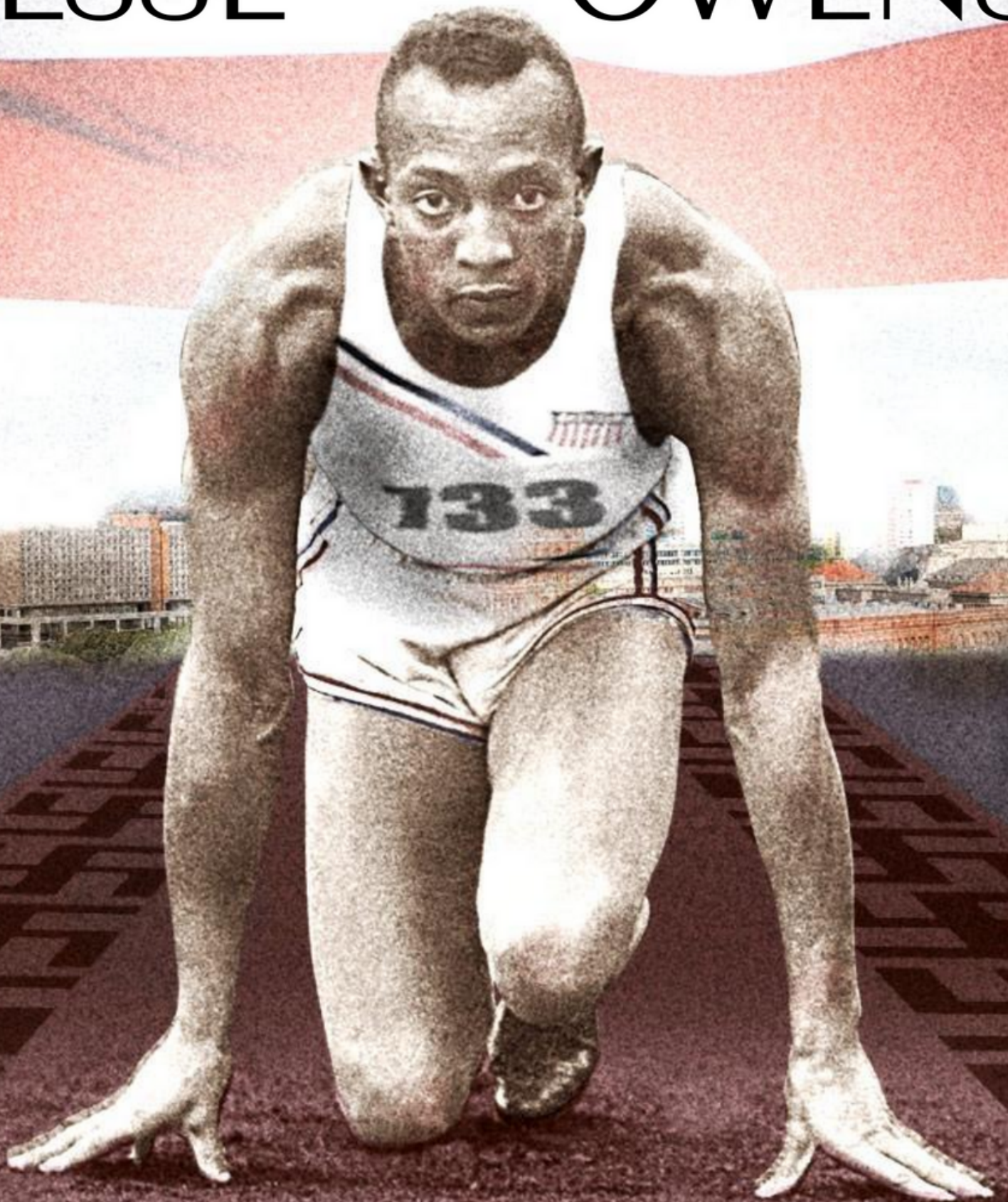
It all started with a picture taken in Mexico in 1968. We learnt that Tommie Smith and John Carlos used the sports platform to convey a message against racial discrimination in the U.S.A.



Then we asked ourselves if they were the first athletes to do so. We then worked in pairs, looking for information and choosing THE sportsman or sportswoman that we wanted to write about.

JESSE

OWENS



1913-1980

Athletism

Champion

Who is Jesse Owens ?

Jesse Owens was born on the 12 of September 1913 at Oakville and he died on the 31 March at Tucson of lung cancer at the age of 66. Owens is an African American and an Athleticism Champion. He has was the first internationally renowned black sportsman and as the best sprinter. He was 1.78 m tall and weighed 75Kg ...



photo of Jesse Owens

Olympic Games

In 1936, in Chicago, Jesse Owens broke the 100m world record in 10s. A month later, at the Olympic Games in Berlin, he covered 200m, then beat the long jump records (8.06m)



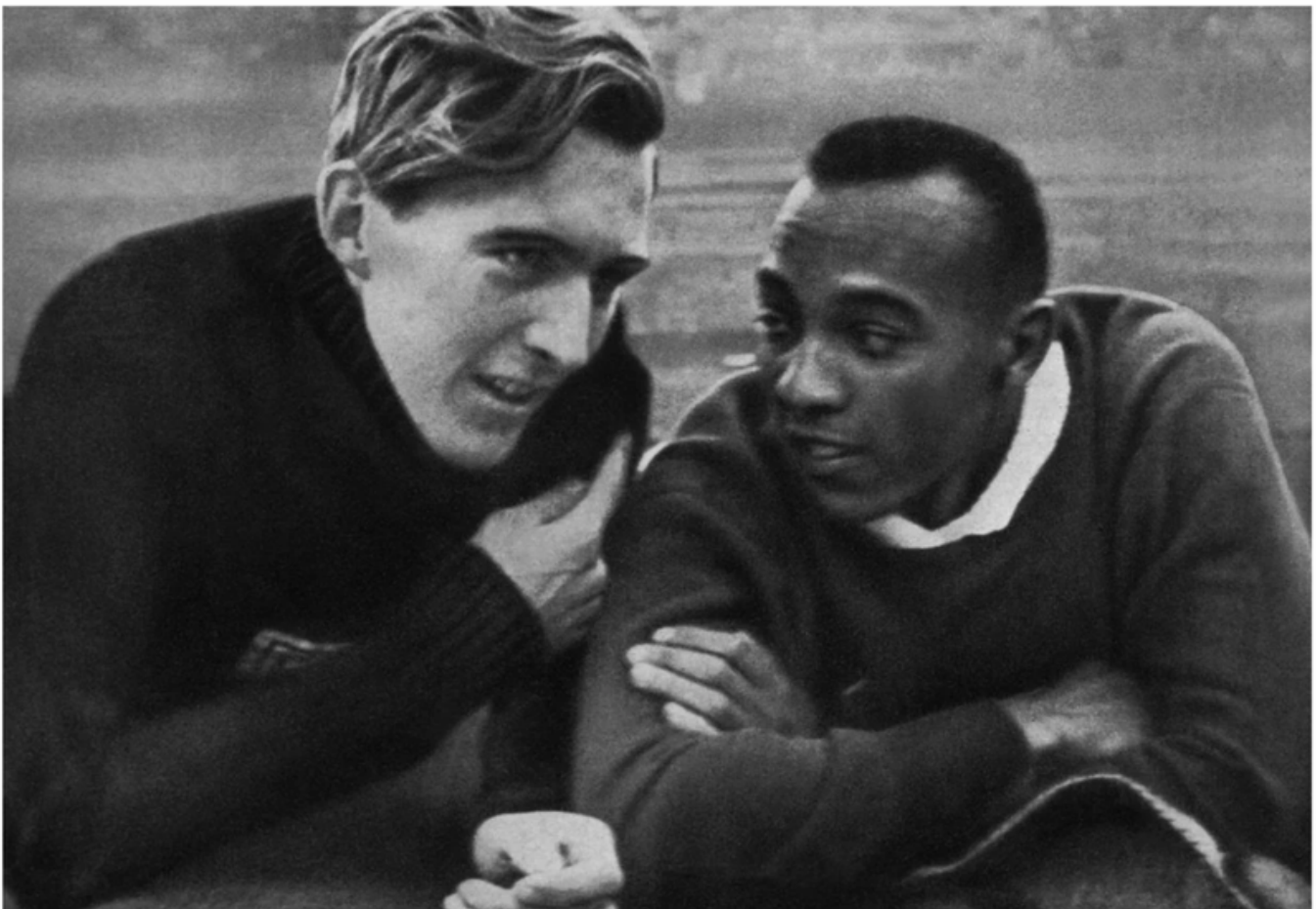
HUMILIATION

For Adolf Hitler, African Americans are inferior people... In the final event (long jump), all their hopes rest on Luz Long, a young athlete who has led the competition from the start. But he gets beaten by Jesse Owens... What a humiliation for Hitler and the Nazis!

This triumph tramples the racist ideology of the Nazi regime ...

Luz Long, Jesse Owens' best friend

Luz Long was a young German athlete, who also participated in the Olympic Games, in 1936. Luz Long was the best athlete for Hitler and all his hopes rested on him to win at this games because in these Olympics Games, he wanted to show his superiority to the others. But on the contrary between Luz Long and Jesse Owens was born a friendship.



The champion who shook the racial segregation

Back in the United States, Jesse Owens is greeted triumphantly. He will be considered a national hero, while remaining an African-American, therefore deprived of civil rights in a largely segregationist America. The new US president will avoid receiving the athlete at the White House...



Muhammad Ali

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The problem he protested against

Muhammad Ali protested conscription during the Vietnam War. He refused to be in the army in 1967, saying he was against war and that his religion prevented him from fighting. His position earned him criticism and legal action, but he remained firm in his conviction and was eventually acquitted on appeal in 1971.



Biography

Muhammad Ali was an African American boxer who was born on January 17, 1942, in Louisville, Kentucky and he died at 76 years on June 3, 2016. Ali protested against The Vietnam War by refusing to go and fight in Vietnam. His final record 56 wins and 5 losses with 39 ko and he won a gold medal in the Olympic game of 1960 in Rome. He quit boxing because he was convicted of fraud.

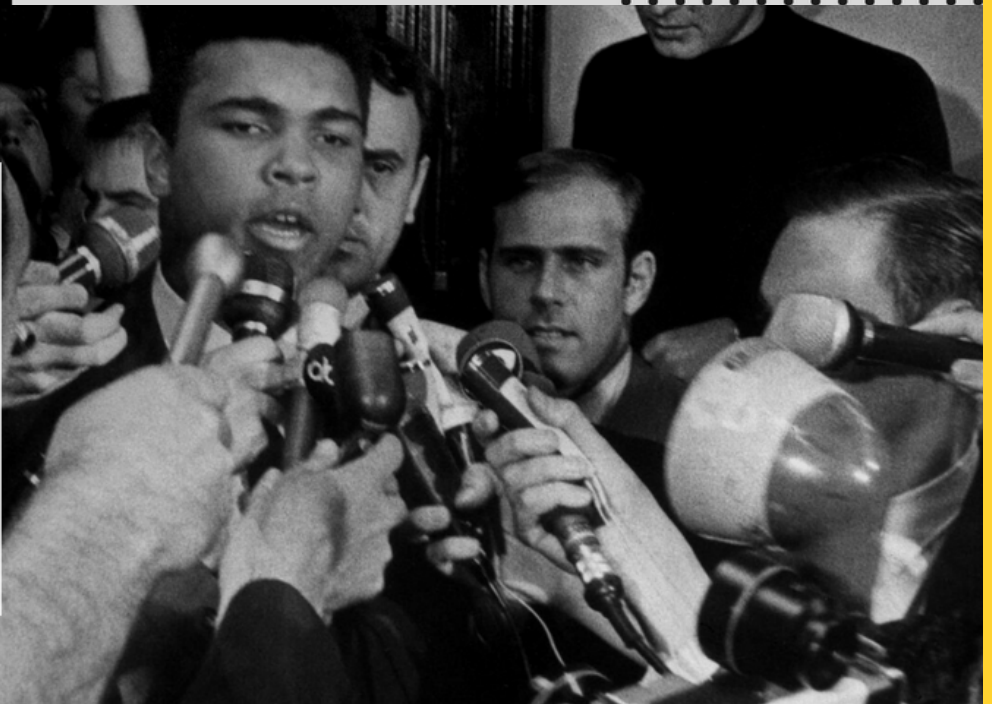
The remarkable action

One of Muhammad Ali's most notable action for the people was his refusal to serve in the US military during the Vietnam War. Ali was sentenced to five years in prison for refusing to submit to conscription, but that sentence was overturned on appeal. His decision not to serve in the military was based on his religious and moral beliefs, as well as his opposition to war.

Ali was also a strong advocate for civil rights and social justice, involving himself in protests and public talking against racial discrimination and injustice. He has also donated millions of dollars to charities and humanitarian organizations, including to fight hunger and poverty around the world.

The consequences

His action was the most remarkable, which is the refusal to go to war against Vietnam, which had very serious consequences, that is to say, he was sentenced to a \$10,000 fine and 5 years in jail. He was also stripped of his world championship title and lost his licence. But Ali appealed and did not go to jail, but had financial problems until his case was resolved by the Supreme Court in 1971.



Symbol

Probably the most famous symbol associated with Muhammad Ali is the raised fist. This image became a symbol of resistance and solidarity with the social justice and Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and 1970s.

The raised fist is often associated with the Black Panther movement, an African-American militant group that fought for equal rights and an end to racial discrimination. Ali expressed his support for the Black Panthers and also used a raised fist to express his own protest against the Vietnam War.

The raised fist is a powerful symbol that represents strength, solidarity and the determination to fight for justice and equality. For many people, Muhammad Ali remains a symbol of these values and of the importance of the fight for a fairer world.



LEBRON JAMES' HISTORY AND WHAT HE PROTESTED AGAINST

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LeBron Raymone James was born on December 30th 1984 in Akron, a city in the U.S.A

He is an American basket-ball player who plays with the Los Angeles Lakers. He started professional basket-ball at his 18 years old with the Cleveland Cavaliers. And now, he is the NBA all-time scoring leader. He won his first championship in 2012 against Oklahoma City. LeBron James is often referred to as the "King" because of his dominance on the other basketball players .



FIGHT AGAINST RACIAL INJUSTICE

Los Angeles Lakers star LeBron James called for players to "keep our foot on the gas" in the push for racial justice as the NBA season resumed in Orlando. Instead of displaying their names on the back of their shirt, a lot of players wrote a slogan including "Black Lives Matter," "Say Their Names" and "I Can't Breathe."

The consequences of James' anti-racist actions have been both positive and negative. On the positive side, his actions have inspired many people and have helped to bring attention to issues of racism and injustice.



Colin Kaepernick protests against police brutality

Colin Kaepernick is an American football player in the NFL. Born November 3, 1987 in Milwaukee. Recruited April 29, 2011 by the San Francisco 49ers.



He has been a professional player on 2012.

But, during a game between the San Francisco 49ers and the Green Bay Packers, on September 1, 2016, Colin Kaepernick kneels during the national anthem in protest against racism and police violence against African-Americans .

NOAH POMPILIUS
& LUDRICK ELUSUE

After that, he becomes the symbol of anti-racist.

In particular, Donald Trump who calls for a boycott of the player and repeatedly criticizes him on the networks.

Colin Kaepernick repeats his gesture over the meetings, soon joined by other players.

During the following years, receiving the Muhammad Ali Legacy Award.

On 2017, when no NFL team wanted to recruit him after his contract with the 49ers ended, he filed a complaint against the NFL for impact.



Many remember his gesture. It will be picked up around the world. The NFL is taken to task by public opinion for its handling of the 2016 scandal.

In 2021, he co-directed with Ana Duvernay, a mini-series about his adolescence and the racism he suffered throughout it. The series, titled "Colin in black and white" is broadcast on Netflix.



Marcus Rashford



MARCUS RASHFORD THE MAN OF ALL-PURPOSE

Marcus Rashford is an English professional footballer who evolves as a striker with the number 10 of Manchester United and the number 11 of the English team



MARCUS RASHFORD short biography

Marcus Rashford was born on October 31, 1997 in Wythenshawe, south Manchester, of Christophian descent from his mother and Jamaican from his father.



AN ACTIVE PLAYER AGAINST RACISM



Before the kick-off of the Manchester United - Tottenham match on 19 June 2020 the Red Devil player put a knee on the ground against police violence, a gesture that seems useless but it means a lot for the fight against racism

A DISAPPOINTMENT

euro 2021 final on June 28




Since his MISSED penalty in the final of the euro 2021 the player of the Red Devils received racial insults of which were also victims his teammates Jadon Sancho and Bukayo Saka, also Afro-English and failed in the penalty shootout.

THE PLAYER APOLOGIZED FOR MISSING HIS PENALTY BUT SAID HE "WOULD NEVER (APOLOGIZE) FOR BEING WHO HE IS".



But it does not stop the stature of Marcus Rashford outside the framework of soccer because at the beginning of 2022, the player will be included in GCSE (the equivalent of the brevet of colleges in England) media courses.

C3 winner:
2018 (Manchester United)
FA Cup winner:
2016 (Manchester United)
League Cup winner:
17, 2023 (Manchester United)
Charity Shield Winner:
2016 (Manchester United)
European Championship
2021 (Manchester United)
FA Cup runner-up:
2018 (Manchester United)

A photograph of Marcus Rashford holding a trophy. He is wearing a red Manchester United kit and a green medal around his neck. The trophy is a silver cup with a red ribbon. The background is a green wall with white text.

Matthéo BILBA and Sulyvan FOUKAN

NAOMI OSAKA

FEATURED ARTICLES IN THIS EDITION:

Naomi Osaka: towards the
path of acceptance of all



Who is Naomi Osaka ?

Naomi Osaka is a Japanese professional tennis player who has been a vocal advocate for social justice. She was born on October 16, 1997, in Osaka, Japan, and began playing tennis at the age of three. Osaka turned professional in 2013 and won her first major title at the 2018 US Open.

The Masks Will Fall

She wore face masks featuring the names of victims of police brutality during the 2020 US Open (for example: George Floyd) and refused to play the Western & Southern Open in protest of the shooting of Jacob Blake. Osaka has also used her social media accounts to amplify the voices of those fighting against racism and mental health awareness.

A Brave Woman

Through her actions, Osaka has demonstrated the power of athletes to effect change and stand up for what is right.

WHEN RACISM EVEN REACHES THE POLICE

Naomi Osaka calls for
everyone's help toward
this injustice

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LEWIS HAMILTON

Lewis Hamilton was born on January, 7 1987 in Stevenage ,England . He is a British race-car driver of Formula 1 .

In September 2012 , Hamilton decided to leave Mc.Laren to join Mercedes-Benz F1 Team .

He is one of very few people of colour in his team.

Lewis Hamilton has won the world championship seven times in 2008, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.



Lewis protests against racism so he went to Hyde Park , London on June 21 ,2020 . At Grand Prix Mugello , he wore a tee-shirt displaying the message :

“Arrest the cops who killed Breonna Taylor” .

Breonna Taylor was killed by policemen in her home , in Kentucky on March 13th 2020.

He participated in the “Black lives matter” demonstration in London.



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