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John Carlos is a former track and field athlete and professional football player, and a founding member of the Olympic Project for Human Rights. He won the bronze medal in the 200-meter race at the 1968 Olympics, where his Black Power salute on the podium with Tommie Smith caused much political controversy.

Dave Zirin is the author of four books, including *Bad Sports: How Owners are Ruining the Games We Love*, *A Peoples' History of Sports in the United States*, and *What's My Name, Fool?*

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