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OLYMPICS "FIXED" CLAIMS LOCAL ATHLETE

NORCROSS, GEORGIA, JULY 24, 1996-- Don't get local resident, Patrick D. Scullin, started on these Centennial Olympic Games. He is angry. Spit-on-the-ground-hard angry.

Scullin, who jogs nearly two-tenths of a mile twice a week, claims the entire Olympic Games are a sham. "The fix is in," huffed a bitter Scullin to members of the press yesterday. "You look at most of these gymnasts, and none of them have love handles! I mean, come on, where do they find these people anyway?! What shot would a guy like me have, I mean, if I did want to compete-- which I don't because my schedule's just bonkers."

He also says other events are rigged. "Take your swimming competitions," Scullin said, "notice how they always seem to give the Gold medals to the very fastest swimmers. I've seen it happen again and again-- that's not fair, it's just out and out favoritism for the speediest!"

Scullin also doesn't like the competitive flavor of the competitions. "Seems like no matter what the event, they label people 'winners' and 'losers'. Well come on now-- this is the nineties, haven't we grown beyond that kind of cruel and inhumane treatment."

If the Games were held by Scullin, he says they would have a completely different flavor. "What I think needs to be celebrated is our ability to love one another unconditionally. So, let's say I'm in a wrestling match. Well, I might approach my Russian competitor and say, 'Hail, comrade, let us not embrace in battle for I love you for who you are. But Good Lord, man, do you even *know* what a shower is? You could kill a skunk at forty yards! *Yes*, I love you, but please keep your distance before I shower chunks! Disgusting!"

Asked if he thought his "lovely un-competitive Olympic Games" would attract fans, Scullin said, "Who cares if idiotic lame-brained jerks watch? I'm about love and acceptance, babe!"

Scullin tried to recruit the members of the press to join him in a communal hug, and was refused.

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