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“One of the best accounts in print of the physical and emotional torments athletes endure in their superhuman efforts.” —*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

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