Runner What events did they have in these early games?

I would have thought running, javelin and discus

would be included, but what else?

Spirit Let's find out from this group of athletes.

A group of ATHLETES step forward.

Spirit Greetings to you, Olympians. My young friend and

I are interested to discover which sporting events you're going to enter. [Points to one athlete holding weights] I'd guess that you're entering the long jump.

Long Jumper Correct, though I suspect that you got a clue from

my halteres, these weights that I'm holding?

Runner Weights? Won't they pull you down?

Long Jumper No, I push them in front of me as I jump up and

then I quickly push them behind me to help propel

me forward.

Charioteer I'm a charioteer. I race with two horses, though

there's also a race with four horses. But jockeys ride

on the back of the horse itself.

RUNNER points at an athlete with leather strips wound round his hands.

Runner Are you a boxer? Those strips on your hands must

mean that you need protection.

Boxer That's right. [Forcefully] I face my opponent with

courage and keep hitting until he goes down!

Runner [To the WRESTLER] You've got powder on your

arms and legs. Why do you need to cover yourself in

that?

Wrestler It's because I'm a Wrestler. Before wrestling, we rub

olive oil into our skin to make us supple. But this also makes us slippery! So we rub powder onto our

skin.

Runner [To man wearing armour] But I thought there was a

truce? Why are you still wearing your armour?

Man in armour I'm not ready for war, I'm ready to compete in the

hoplitodromos race in which I run wearing armour. It's very difficult and tiring but good training for

when you're running into battle!