

Olympics Bronze Medal , Helsinki 1952

Shri Khashaba Jadhav had represented the country in the 1948 and 1952 Olympic Games and created a history in 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games in Wrestling. It was difficult for him to adjust to the mat surface. After two rolling fouls he missed out on the gold medal. The gold was won by Japan 's Ishii Shobachi while Russia 's Rashid Marnedekov clinched the silver. Moreover, there was no interval between the two bouts and to fight with two world class wrestlers without appropriate rest was more than a Herculean effort"

But an Olympic medal is an Olympic medal and a first is always special. The victory procession at the Karadrai1way station was a see-it-to-believe scene. "There were dhols along with a 151 bullock cart procession right from the outskirts of Goleshwar to the Mahadeva temple which is normally a 15 minute walk. It took seven long hours that day and no one was complaining. There was a feeling of pride and every villager was basking in that moment of glory. Khashababhau brought the small village of Goleshwar , earlier a dot on the map, to the fore. The whole world knew and recognized Goleshwar as the village which gave India its first-ever Olympic champion."

