

U. S. Squad Far Ahead In Points at Olympic Games

LONDON, Aug. 11.—(AP)—The powerful United States squad has piled up more than twice as many points as its nearest rival in the current Olympic games.

The Americans picked up 18 points in weight-lifting and 10 in track yesterday. The track points came when the jury of appeal found that the U. S. team won the 400-meter relay Saturday. Previously the Americans had been disqualified on a foul.

The United States now has 524 points. Sweden, its nearest rival, has 233.

Team championships are not recognized by the Olympic officials.

Races in Major Leagues Tightest In Baseball Annals

By JOE REICHLER

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Nine teams are still in the running for the major league flags today as the greatest of all baseball campaigns roars past the two-thirds mark.

The list includes Cleveland, Philadelphia, Boston and New York in the American League, and Boston, Brooklyn, St. Louis, New York and Pittsburgh in the National.

Only two and a half games separate the first four clubs in the American, while six and a half games separate the first five teams in the senior circuit.

At the moment, the Indians and Braves are on top, but neither position is secure.

By splitting a doubleheader with Washington while the Detroit Tigers were defeating the Indians, 7-3, in Detroit, the A's tied Cleveland for first in games won and lost. However, since they've played six more games and could do no better than get an even break in them, the A's trail the Tribe by six percentage points.

After the Senators won yesterday's opener, 8-2, the A's came back to win, 11-2.

The Red Sox moved past New York into third place, two games off the pace, by downing the Yankees, 9-6. The New Yorkers dropped into fourth place, two and a half games behind the leaders.

Dodgers Move Up

The Braves lost ground to each of their pursuers when they were beaten by the Giants, 6-5. The Brooklyn Dodgers whipped the Philadelphia Phillies, 5-2, to take second place from the idle Cardinals by a fraction of a point. They also shaved Boston's margin to three games. The fourth place Giants are five games behind and the fifth place Pirates, who trounced Chicago, 5-1, in Pittsburgh, are six and a half games off the pace. In the only other game yesterday, the St. Louis Browns advanced with a game of sixth place by vanquishing the last place Chicago White Sox, 3-1.

Fellers Loses His 13th

Bobby Feller, trying for his 13th victory, went down to his 12th defeat instead when he was clubbed for eight hits and five runs in the six innings he worked. Mullin's 15th home run in the fifth produced three runs and pinned the loss on Feller.

The Red Sox came from behind with five runs in the eighth to defeat the Yankees. Stephens' double off Raschi with the bases loaded was the big blow.

Reese's home run with two mates aboard in the first inning was all the Dodgers needed to defeat the Phillies as Barney Permitt only five hits for his 10th victory.

Kiner banged a two-run homer in the first inning, his 29th, to get the Pirates off to a good start.

The Cardinals and Cincinnati Reds were not scheduled.

Amateur Softball Title Series At Portland Planned

Of interest to local softball fans is the announcement from Portland that plans for the world's amateur softball championship games are in the final stages.

Word from the advisory board indicates that some of the elimination games for the championships scheduled September 13 to 26 will be held at the new McLaughlin Heights park in Vancouver, Wash.

Because of the number of teams participating and the expected crowd, there will not be facilities to run off all games at the new Normandale Recreational Park in Portland.

The major contests will be played at Normandale Park but games between the losers will probably be played at the Vancouver Park. Both men's and women's tournaments will be double elimination affairs, thus necessitating the division.

The new Normandale Park will be the finest softball park in the country, according to tournament officials. When completed, the park will have a seating capacity of 600 box seats with chairs.

General admission seats extending around the entire playing area.

Ticket sales for the event opened August 3, with box seats priced at \$25, good for the entire 14 days of play. Reserved seats are selling at \$120 per night. Advance box and reserve seats may be purchased by writing to World's Softball Headquarters, 441 Morgan Bldg., Portland 5, Oregon. General admission seats will be sold at \$74 and purchased only at the playing field.

Oregon City Juniors Edge Hillsboro in Playoff

OREGON CITY, Ore., Aug. 11.—(AP)—Oregon City drew Hillsboro, 6-5, last night to win a two-out-of-three playoff and a berth in the state American Legion Junior baseball tournament.

Oregon City had won the first game and Hillsboro the second. Hillsboro, 0-10-0-5-6-3, Oregon City 0-0-10-0-5-4-1.

Peterson, Waibel (7) and Klein; L. Zimmerman, Miley (7), Davis (9) and J. Zimmerman.

Bobbin' 'Round

Bob Pemberton Tomorrow night, at Finlay Field, the Umpqua Chief baseball team meets Reedsport to decide the championship of Southwest Oregon.

The Chiefs have a well rounded team in Hess, pitcher; Kell, catcher; Cummings, first base; George Sanders, second base; Shapiro, third base; Kock, short stop; Virg Sanders, leftfield; Montgomery, centerfield; and Baker, rightfield.

Reedsport, on the other hand, is the Kingpin of the Southwestern League. Such a qualification may prove fatal to the Chiefs.

Proving that the Roseburg-Sutherlin All-Star softball team will rank high in the district playoffs, at Cottage Grove August 21, the Eugene Rubenstein team was allowed only a 9-8 victory. Significance: Last Saturday night was the first time that the Roseburg-Sutherlin combination has worked together, while the Eugene team was made up of standing players. Also, one of the main points of the Eugene team was their pitcher, Willis, who has competed in the National finals twice and throws a ball like the locals have never seen.

Boxing rebounds for August 18 go—Buck O'Connor, Roseburg welterweight, late of Fresno, Cal. is slated for a go against O'Rourke of Spokane in a welterweight battle either August 18 or 19 at the Roseburg Armory.

This card will be scheduled along with the Leo Talbot-Gordon McKay affair and should provide sport fans with a better-than-last-time card.

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MAT MEANIE—Bruno Angelo, above, conqueror of Rufus Jones, will be on Saturday night's wrestling program at the Armory. He takes on Mike Casey in the first half of the bill.

Hessell-Hager 'Rubber' Expected To Cram Armory

Matchmaker Don Owen warned Douglas county wrestling followers to make early-week ring-side reservations and requested the Roseburg Armory custodian to "get out the tent stretcher" to make all possible room for the inevitable capacity crowd Saturday night.

The occasion will be the third and "rubber" meeting between Tex Hager, the talented young Oregonian, and Gordon Hessell, the New Mexico stylist who dropped his Pacific coast lightweight title to Hager two weeks ago.

The crown will again go on the block—following a disputed decision last week when Hessell won, but lost in the return engagement always granted the losing titleholder. There will be a 2-hour limit this time.

Hessell clamped on a trigger hold to win a late fall and then stalled the remainder of the one-hour limit. The Roseburg wrestling commission ruled that a title cannot change hands on a one-fall match or on a technicality under the National Wrestling Commission regulations. The commission, nevertheless, feels that Hessell is entitled to another chance.

Hessell claimed that Hager won the title match three weeks ago on a fluke. The erstwhile champ had won the first fall with his punishing short-arm scissors and then dropped the next to Hager with a double toe-hold. Clamping on the scissors again and starting to roll, Hager suddenly pinned the champ to the mat the necessary three seconds and won.

Hager is anxious for the return bout, too. Some local fans question his prowess and he wants to prove his championship grappling ability.

Owen has booked an outstanding preliminary bout between Bruno Angelo, the rugged Italian villain, and Mike Casey, the Boston Irishman who has previously appeared here only as a referee. Angelo looked terrific here last Saturday in beating Rufus Jones in two out of three falls, but the scientific Casey may prove to be a more formidable opponent than the meanie anticipates.

Old Fireball Lost, Bob Feller Admits

CLEVELAND, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Baseball fans today could end a dispute which has been raging for the last few years. Bob Feller admits that he has lost his old-time fast ball.

In an interview, the former teenage wonder pitcher sounded the demise of his fireball with this simple statement:

"I throw the ball as hard as I ever did—but it just doesn't travel as fast as it did a few years ago."

Bob was deadly serious when saying that some of the old-time smoke had evaporated from the fireball pitch which enabled him to set a new American league record of 348 strikeouts in 1946.

In the throes of his worst season as a major leaguer, Feller was asked to explain further the cause of his pitching woes.

"Speed isn't my major problem, said the worried Cleveland Indians hurler. "My biggest concern is control—or, I would say, the lack of control."

"I have been getting behind too many batters. Then, when I try to groove a couple to get even—it turns out to be a base-hit or home-run pitch."

Baseball Standings

(By the Associated Press)

NATIONAL

	W	L	Pct.
Boston	39	44	.573
Brooklyn	34	45	.545
St. Louis	33	46	.545
New York	33	48	.523
Pittsburgh	40	47	.510
Philadelphia	40	44	.476
Cincinnati	43	38	.533
Chicago	41	42	.500

AMERICAN

	W	L	Pct.
Cleveland	44	43	.506
Philadelphia	41	44	.511
Boston	36	43	.518
New York	36	43	.518
Washington	43	41	.513
St. Louis	40	40	.500
Chicago	35	46	.435

PACIFIC COAST

	W	L	Pct.
San Francisco	74	55	.568
Oakland	73	56	.565
Los Angeles	72	63	.533
San Diego	68	68	.500
Seattle	65	69	.485
Portland	62	71	.466
Hollywood	54	74	.423
Sacramento	53	80	.398

Half-Season Title Of Softball League At Stake Tonight

League Standings

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	W	L	Pct.
Sutherlin Pastime	4	1	.800
FW	4	1	.800
Schermer's Squirrels	3	3	.500
Pepsi-Cola	3	3	.500
Umpqua Plywood	2	4	.333
Youngs Bay	1	5	.167
Montgomery Ward	1	5	.167

The City Softball League champions for the last half of the season will be decided tonight when the two top ranking teams battle it out on Finlay Field. Currently tied for first, Sutherlin Pastime and VFW have suffered one setback apiece since the last half play started July 19.

An exhibition game between an Oakland softball aggregation and Schermer's Squirrels will complete the doubleheader. Play starts promptly at 7:15.

In regular league play, the Vets succumbed to the Squirrels, 4-0, as pitcher Swede Vang hurled the first no-hit, no-run game of the season. Sutherlin's only loss came as the result of a 13-1 upset posted by fourth-ranking Pepsi-Cola in a nine-inning game.

Tonight's game may develop into one of the best of the year unless the heavy bats of the Pastimers suddenly go on a rampage. On paper, Sutherlin stands to come out on top because of superior hitting and fielding. In the last five games, Sutherlin has converted an average of 10.5 hits into 11 runs, while committing 3.6 errors per game. The Vets have hit safely 42 times and have scored a like number of

runs for an average of 8.4 per game. The Vets have committed five errors per game.

Both Teams Strengthen

However, both teams will go into tonight's game with an improved lineup and neither fielding nor hitting may be forecast from past records. The Vets have added Glen Forbes, acquired from the Youngs Bay nine. In his first game with VFW, Forbes started at second base and handled five assists and three putouts without an error. He was also in on two VFW double plays. And in four official trips to the plate, he rapped out a double and a single besides taking over on the mound to gain credit for the victory in his role as relief pitcher.

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Chiefs, Reedsport Battle Tomorrow

Smarting from a ten-inning, 4-3 defeat by the Ashland Lithians last Sunday, Roseburg's Umpqua Chiefs will be out for victory tomorrow night when the locals meet the invading Reedsport team on Finlay Field at 8:30 p. m.

Extra-base hits broke up the ten-inning contest Sunday and the Chiefs saw their dreams of a possible upset victory vanish.

The Reedsport nine is highly rated in the Southern Oregon Coast League. The visitors came out on top in their regular league play, defeating such teams as Coquille, Marshfield, Cone Bay and Bandon. Incidentally, Bandon is the team which recently posted a 6-1 victory over the Chiefs.

According to word from several ardent baseball fans, the Chiefs have recently performed like a new ball club. Several lineup changes and a new manager have instilled new life into the local club.

Phone Talk Recording Slated in Portland

PORTLAND, Aug. 11.—(AP)—A persistent "beep-beep-beep" on Portland phone lines will be a signal that the conversation is being recorded, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company

warned today. Manager I. D. Winslow said a few business firms are installing the recorders, but that is illegal to record conversations unless permission is granted by the speaker.

News Views

By Sherman Plimpton

Apparently the way to become president of a university is to be mentioned as a possible tenant of the White House!

Eisenhower went to Columbia, and now Stassen is to be president of the University of Pennsylvania. It used to be that college presidents got that way by degrees, now the job is becoming the next stop after a political campaign. Just toss your name in the hat and you'll get ahead . . . even if you miss the local to Washington. If a man is smart enough for the nation's top job, he ought to do a college lot of good. If he doesn't know all the answers, it won't be his fault. He's already been asked most of the questions.

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