

# Venzke America's Hope In 1500 Meter Race

## OLD WORLD HAS WON THIS RACE SINCE YEAR 1908

Hallowell, Nordell, Brock-Smith, Lermond Also Considered as Prospective Winners.

- OLYMPIC 1,500 METER CHAMPIONS
- 1904—Frick, Eng. 4:33.2
- 1908—Bennett, Eng. 4:06
- 1904—Lightbody, U. S. 4:05.4
- 1908—Lightbody, U. S. 4:12
- 1908—Sheppard, Eng. 4:03.4
- 1912—Jackson, Eng. 3:59.8
- 1920—Hill, Eng. 4:01.6
- 1924—Nurmi, Finland 3:59.6
- 1928—Larva, Fin. (8) 3:53.2
- (x) Olympic record.
- World record, 3:51, by Peitzer, Germany, 1926. Record of 3:49.2, by Ladoumègue, France, 1930, recommended for approval.

Not even this astounding outburst of speed, however, can assure the U. S. A. anything like an Olympic sweep. It is well to remember that with four of the best men this country ever sent into the 1,500, the "big four" of 1912, an outsider in the long-striding form of Arnold M. S. Jackson of England came through to win and hand America one of its biggest Olympic shocks. That was at Stockholm in 1912. Jackson adopted the U. S. A. after the war and now lives in Louisville. Hill of England won the event in 1920, then the Finns took charge.

The outstanding foreign contenders this year and possibly the favorites are R. H. Thomas, crack mile champion of Great Britain with a mark of 4:13, and Harri Larva, who set the present Olympic 1,500-meter record of 3:53.2 at Amsterdam. Apparently Finland is so sure of Larva's ability to defend his title successfully that it will not start either of the younger sensations, Lehminen and Virtanen, in the 1,500. Sweden has a contender in another member of a famous running family, Ernst Wide, credited with the remarkable time of 3:51.8 in a trial. Venzke will be carefully "rated" for his first Olympic test. The try-out program is perfectly suited to keep him on edge and Gene should be ready to run the race of his life at Los Angeles early in August. He is capable of knocking off 1,500 meters in 3:50.

Hallowell and Nordell, the eastern college ace, would make good running mates for Venzke. Hallowell, greatest miler Harvard ever produced, has the stuff to win if it comes down to a real stretch battle. Nordell is rangy and powerful. Brock-Smith might have a better chance to win Olympic honors in the 3,000 meter steeplechase or 5,000 meter flat. Lermond probably will try again in the 5,000, in which he finished fourth in 1928.

## PORTLAND TEAM WINS TWO MORE

Sacramento Loses in Double Bill; Beavers Not Far From Top Now.

By The Associated Press  
Business was good at the ball park in Los Angeles yesterday as 25,000 fans watched Hollywood and the Angels break even in a double header. Wrigley Field was filled to capacity for the second time since it was built. The attendance was one of the largest in the history of the Coast League.

Hollywood won the first game 5 to 2, and Los Angeles the second, 3 to 0, leaving the Stars still two games ahead to lead the league.

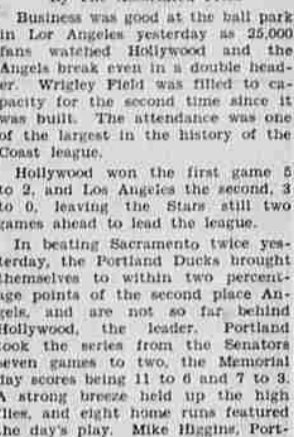
In beating Sacramento twice yesterday, the Portland Ducks continued themselves to within two percentage points of the second place Angels, and are not so far behind Hollywood, the leader. Portland took the series from the Senators seven games to two, the Memorial day scores being 11 to 0 and 7 to 3. A strong breeze held up the high fives, and eight home runs featured the day's play. Mike Higgins, Portland third baseman, hit three, and Steinbacher of Sacramento got two.

The Oaks waded big bats in the faces of the Seattle Indians yesterday, pounding out 25 hits in two games, to win both, by scores of 4 to 3 and 4 to 0. The series ended seven games to two in favor of the visitors.

The Missions won the morning game yesterday from the Seals 5 to 3, but the Seals came back to win in the afternoon 6 to 0.

## Newest Senator

Presenting Pitcher Jimmy De-Shong, who comes to the Sacramento club of the Coast League at part payment for Tony Frietas, who has gone to the Athletics.



## This Game of Golf

The more I see of competitive golf, especially of the tournament variety, the more inclined I am to be a fatalist of the ultra-Russian type.

What will be, will be, and you can't seem to do much about it, if anything. It seems to be all in the book, before ever a ball is struck. The older professionals long have had a saying, "It was his tournament" to account for the Man of Destiny who crops up so frequently.

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**Olympic HOPES**

ED GORDON  
Over a period of three years, no more consistent broad-jumper than Ed Gordon, above, ever hit the take-off board. And that's why Gordon, former Iowa star, appears sure to become a member of the United States Olympic team at Los Angeles this summer. The lanky negro won 15 broad-jumping championships at Iowa. These included three titles each in Western Conference, National Collegiate and Drake Relays competition, two each in the Kansas Relays and Iowa Collegiate, one at the Illinois Relay carnival and one in senior National A. A. competition. His 13 winning jumps averaged 41 feet 2 inches. Gordon was a member of the 1923 Olympic team but failed to place among the winners. His best leap afforded 41m seventh place. The longest jump he ever made at the Kansas Relays in 1921, a 25 feet 4 1/2 inches.

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**Sport Slants**

By Alan J. Gould  
(Associated Press Sports Editor)

The job of centerfielding for the fast-traveling Yankees calls for plenty of legwork.

Spy, young Sanny Byrd got off to a great start in this position but it was not long before Manager Joe McCarthy was obliged to call on the more experienced Kentucky colonel, Earle Combe.

Even when Babe Ruth and Bob Meusel were close to their prime, Combs had to range over about three-fourths of the outfield making catches. The Kentuckian's only handicap was his throwing arm but Bob and Babe were at least willing to rattle the ball back to the infield if Combs made the catch.

Now the young Ben Chapman is playing on one side and the aging, much less nimble Mr. Ruth on the other. Combs needs all the speed he can muster to cover the outer

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