

U.S. Team 2nd In 4-Man Sled Olympic Races

Poor Track May Halt Last Heats

OSLO, Norway—(AP)—The No. 1 U. S. team steered by Stan Benham of Lake Placid, N. Y., placed second behind Germany Thursday in the first two heats of the Olympic four-man bobsled competition on a track so slushy that Friday's final two heats may have to be postponed.

An unseasonably hot sun raised temperatures to the mid-40's and made a slush-chute of the 1500-meter nearly one mile Frognerseteren bobsled-run and produced gaping holes in the ice that hampered most of the sleds.

AT THE END of the first two heats, the course was in such badly damaged condition that Olympic officials feared Friday's final two scheduled heats might have to be postponed.

Hockey Flare-Up

OSLO—(AP)—The International Ice Hockey Federation directors decided Wednesday night to take no action against American Ice Hockey Player Joe Czarnota, who was involved in fist fighting during the U.S.-Switzerland game.

American style of play against Switzerland drew protests from the Norwegian crowd, which threw orange peels on the ice and yelled "Chicago gangsters." The game was stopped for four minutes to quiet the crowd. Europeans do not use hard body contacts and the aggressive style of Americans and Canadians.

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One Olympic official said that the course might not be put back into shape by Sunday, the concluding day, and that the four-man bobsled competition might not be completed.

Benham's sled made its first run in one minute, 17.44 seconds and its second in 2:17.78 for a combined clocking of 2:35.22. The time was nearly two seconds slower than the combined clocking of the crack German sled.

THE AMERICANS, who won the four-man championship in the 1948 Olympics, were a strong favorite to repeat.

Germany's daredevil sled, which included Andreas Ostler and Lorenz Nieberl, the two-man Olympic champions, cascaded down the rapidly softening Frognerseteren run in heats of 1:18.36 and 1:17.57 for a combined time of 2:35.93.

The No. 3 U. S. sled, steered by Jim Blackford of Saranac Lake, N. Y., was in ninth place at the end of the first two heats with combined time of 2:39.10.

Switzerland's two entries were in third and fourth place.

JEANETTE ALTWEGG, 22 year old apple cheeked English girl, won the woman's Olympic figure skating championship Wednesday night on the basis of unofficial figures.

Second on the basis of the unofficial figures was Miss Tenley Albright, 16 year old American girl from New Center, Mass.

Seattle Rejects NAIB Cage Bid

SEATTLE—(AP)—Seattle University passed up its chance Wednesday for a crack at the national small-college basketball championship in the hope for a bid to the National Collegiate Athletic Association playoffs.

Rated 16th this week in the Associated Press national poll, Seattle was to have been host at the four-team state playoffs of the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball. This now will be played March 4-5 at Cheney, with the winner earning a berth in the national finals.

Gonzaga University and three Evergreen Conference teams will be entered.

Seattle drew an automatic two-year suspension from NAIB tournament play by its action.

Willard Fenton, athletic director, said the school believed it had an excellent chance to be chosen as one of the "at-large" teams in the western regions of the NCAA. Two such clubs will be chosen from west of the Mississippi to compete in the regionals March 21-22 at Corvallis, Ore.

No Ducks on Dye's ND Team

SEATTLE—(AP)—Coach Tippy Dye considers six of his University of Washington basketball players as being among the 10 best in the Northern Division.

HIGHCLIMBER

By DICK STRITE

★ Hobby Hobson, the ex-Webfoot and now Yale basketball coach, has been busier than the "proberial one-armed paperhanger since September, when he took his Elis to Puerto Rico for a tour, then flew to Germany for a hoop clinic for the Army, to Egypt for the Mediterranean Olympic Games — and thence to New Haven to prepare for the winter basketball season. During this rough season that has seen the Yales hang up a 10-10 record, only 1-4 in the Ivy League, Hobby has also had to spend considerable time arranging the Olympic playoffs at Kansas City and Madison Square Garden. His season closes about March 10 and Hobby hopes to come to the northwest for a visit before the meeting of the National Association of College Basketball Coaches and the NCAA semi-finals and finals in Seattle March 25-26. He must rush back to take charge of the Olympics — and will no doubt accompany the team to Helsinki.

Yale is certainly not an Ivy League contender, but Hobby hasn't a single player over 6 feet, 3 inches, with half of the first 12 men sophomores. . . . One of his regulars is Dave Sears from Lincoln (Portland) High, a junior center-forward. Only other boy west of Minnesota is Jay Dishnow, 6-foot soph from Lincoln (Seattle) High. . . . Hobby believes that his team will be stronger next year. His record (10-10) does not include the Puerto Rican trip that gave Yale four wins and two losses. . . . Hobby sends his regards to "the people in Eugene."

★ While we were dishing this out, a couple of our staff members were discussing Capt. Robert F. Karolevitz' system of comparative football scores, proving that Oregon could beat Notre Dame. The University of Oregon journalism major's math-minded diggins were accomplished during Norte Dame's era of National champions. . . . We happened to mention to Don Fair that we had once figured the same thing, showing that Eugene High could beat the Irish (that was one early year when Shy Huntington coached the Axemen — with Skeet Manerud, Prink Callison and others beating the Webfoots in a practice game. . . . We also happened to offer Fair a wager that the same method could be used to find that Yale could beat Kentucky's top-ranking Wildcats. . . .

So, Bill Wassmann suggested that we reclaim Karolevitz' idea, "as long as he is stilled with Gen. Van Fleet's headquarters, the only thing he can figure by comparative 'wars' is how the South Koreans can beat the North Koreans," as Bill puts it. . . . This is the method we used in collecting a dime from Fair: Yale beat Pitt 62-55, who in turn beat Princeton 58-52, who beat Penn 79-77, who beat Columbia 66-64, who beat Duke 68-56, who beat Bradley 87-69, who beat St. Louis 57-56, who beat Kentucky 61-60 — which gives Yale a margin of 5.56 points over Kentucky. . . . By the same method, only shorter, you can mathematically prove that Oregon is 5.25 points better than Kentucky — Oregon 57-44 over OSC; OSC 61-55 over Bradley, then the same Bradley win over St. Louis and St. Louis over Kentucky.

★ Statistician Art Litchman reports that several records were established for Oregon basketball last weekend — marks that were overlooked by Oregon's long-lost uniforms and the double win for the Webfoots. . . . The Webfoots set freethrow records, with 42 attempts and in 29 made in the first game, topping the record of 36 attempts against Washington in 1939 and the 19 made against OSC in 1948 and tied three times this season. . . . The 75 freethrow attempts in the two games also set a series record. . . . Several Northern Division records were overlooked earlier in the season, when OSC played Idaho at Moscow. The Beavers collected 71 personal fouls in the two games. The Vandals had 51 freethrow attempts and made 33 in the first game and 43 attempts and 32 made in the second for 94 attempts and 65 made in the two games. . . . The recent 72-68 victory for the Vandals over Oregon was the highest total for the Vandals over Oregon in history. The highest previous total was last year at Moscow when Idaho won 86-63.

First Major League baseball prediction! Collier's lists the following order of finish: American—Cleveland, New York, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, National—Brooklyn, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Chicago. . . . and you can see snow on most of the hills!

Major League Clubs To Rely on Rookies

By OSCAR FRALEY
United Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK—(AP)—This is the baseball silly season, when every Major League manager dreams pennant and every team has a crop of rookies which annually include "a new Walter Johnson Johnson," or, at the very least, a "new Dizzy Dean."

It matters not one whit, or even a half one, that year in and year out these spring flowers wilt into fielders a la Pepper Martin or pitchers with all the control of a loaded pin ball machine.

There are two basic values to this hope eternal, however. Without it, the mortality rate among managers would be fearful. And, in its absence, your frantic fan in many a shave station would be tempted to shave real close, ending once and for all both five o'clock and ninth inning shadows.

THE CROP this year, though, looks to be a bit more able than usual of living up to advance notices. Not those of the "Walter Johnson" or "Dizzy Dean" tags, possibly, but serviceable. So let's take a quick look at the rookies who may possibly make the grade.

Conning the National League first, the Giants have four, if you want to include young Davey Williams, who may become headliners or, at least remain under the big top. Williams was up last year but now gets his chance to succeed the departed Eddie Stanky full time. The Giants also look to pitcher Vince DiLorenzo, 22-8 at Jacksonville; outfielder Gail Henley, 281 at Sioux City and catcher Ray Katt, 308 at Minneapolis.

BROOKLYN WILL inspect a baker's dozen pitchers, while St. Louis looks to pitcher Octavio Rupert, 19-4 at Houston, and outfielder Vern Benson, a Columbus power hitter. The Braves have a host of rookie pitchers in parade plus infielders George Crowe, 339 American Association rookie of the year and Jack Dittmer, who hit .334 at Atlanta.

Minor City Loop

MOOSE PITMAN (40) (58) Nat'l. Guard
Robinson, 5 4. Buckle
Bawson, 6 7. Tenneyson
Martino, 4 8. Olson
L. Corvallis, 6 10. Rollman
Halltime score: Moose 25, Nat'l. Guard 7.
Subs: Moose, Pease 3, Tourillott 11, M. Corvallis 2, Nat'l. Guard—Booth 2, Nasholin 2.

MARCOIA (44) (10) "STINKERS"
Feltre, 11 9. E. Jayson
Marsters, 6 9. E. Jayson
Hall, 10 10. Nelson
K. King, 8 10. Nelson
E. King, 8 10. Nelson
20. Halltime score: Marcoia 28, "Stinkers" 20.
Subs: Marcoia—Quilley; "Stinkers"—Mecuris 2.

WSC Swimmers Win

PULLMAN—(AP)—Washington State swimmers took first place in every event Wednesday to defeat Idaho 66-18 in a Northern Division dual meet. Idaho took four second and six third places.

St. Louis Quint Clinches Berth In NCAA Meet

Dayton Rolls Up 13th Win in Row

NEW YORK—(AP)—The slick St. Louis University Billikens Thursday became the second team to qualify for the NCAA basketball tournament.

The Bills, currently ranked as the No. 8 team in the nation by the United Press board of coaches, gained the tournament berth when they clinched the Missouri Valley conference championship Wednesday night at St. Louis by defeating Houston, 63-55.

ST. LOUIS' first round opponent in the western regionals of the NCAA tourney at Kansas City, March 21, will be the as-yet-undetermined champion of the Border conference.

Of the other 15 NCAA berths, the only one already clinched is that belonging to the Southeastern conference champion, which is Kentucky. The National Invitation tournament has filled three of its 12 berths with Duquesne, St. John's and St. Bonaventure.

Six-foot, five-inch Bob Koch led St. Louis to its clinching triumph as he sank 23 points, 15 of them in the second half.

DAYTON U., ranked No. 14 nationally and a leading candidate for both NIT and NCAA bids, furthered its cause with a 65-56 victory over Miami of Ohio. It was the Flyers' 22nd victory against only two losses and their 13th straight since losing to St. John's.

However, Penn State had its tournament hopes jolted by a 54-52 upset by Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Penn built up a 34-22 lead at halftime, but needed a late basket by Ernie Beck to win.

The loss was the second in 19 games for Penn State, which has announced it was not interested in an NIT bid but would consider an NCAA bid as a member-at-large.

Eugene Recreation

Lloyd Mattison won series honors in Men's Major League bowling at Eugene Recreation Wednesday night at 618 as Speltstrom's tripped Cy Slocum 3-1. Bill Schmieding, with high single of 224 and a 616 series, paced Glustina Lumber in a 2-1 nod over Plant Plumbing. Bill Mandich had a 598 as Greenwood Merchants won 3-1 from Jewel Box, and Ray Stacey rolled a 581 as Kerr Lumber was blanked 4-0 by Plummer Motors.

Warren Archer's 265 helped Jim the Shoe Doctor to a 3-1 triumph over Reed Fuel.

In the Retail Lumber League, Ansel Hyland was high with a 565 as Eugene Planning Mill Office lost 3-1 to Snelstrom No. 2. Gail Spurluck rolled a 510 with Twin Oaks, and Ed Geiser hit a 494 as Booth Kelly also split with J. C. of 2-2. Mike Barker rolled 484 as Moody-Tozier blanked Snelstrom No. 1, and Gene Webb had a 492 as Barker Electric split 2-2 with Orlene Lumber.

Important District Games Face Preps

FRIDAY
Junction City vs. University at McArthur Court, Willamette at Cottage Grove, Springfield at St. Francis, Eugene at Albany, Oakridge at Elmira, Drain at Pleasant Hill.

SATURDAY
Lowell at Junction City.

Any one of several things—University's clinching the final district playoff spot to a continued merry mixup between the Tiders, Cottage Grove, and Springfield—can happen in the last big night of prep basketball Friday.

Two games will hold all the interest as far as the District 6-1 cage race is concerned. The contests pit Junction City against University at McArthur Court, and Willamette at Cottage Grove.

The Tiders, with a win over the hot Junction quint, could do no worse than tie for the playoff spot. If the Grovers lose to Willamette, then Uni-Hi is in, with both the Lions and Springfield eliminated.

IF RAY Hendrickson's quint fails to halt Junction's 7-game winning streak, then Cottage Grove and Springfield are very much alive as far as the playoff berth is concerned. The Grovers won't wind up their district slate until next Tuesday at Junction.

Oregon, Husky Swimmers Clash

Coach Jack Torney's unbeaten Washington swimming team, defending Northern Division champions, will be favored over Oregon's once-beaten Oregon Webfoots in a dual meet at the men's pool Friday. Starting time will be 3:30 p.m.

The Huskies will be favored despite the absence of All-American Pete Salmon, sprint freestyler ace whose studies will keep him in Seattle. The invaders have plenty of power otherwise, especially in Dick Magnuson, All-American breaststroker, and Merrill Hodges, holder of many one and three-meter diving titles, including the North Division crown.

Two sophomores will aid Washington, Jim Portelance, distance freestyler, and Phil Bennett, sprint ace.

Coach John Borchard believes his Webfoots have a good chance against the Huskies and boasts three unbeaten mermen in Pete Charlton, diving; Jim Allen, distance freestyle, and Yosh Terada, medley ace.

Oregon has won four of five dual meets to date, losing only to WSC by a slim margin.

Webfoot Skiers, Cagers Depart For Competition

Slat Men to Race In Nevada Carnival

Two University of Oregon athletic squads left early Thursday for Reno and the Inland Empire—the skiers to the annual University of Nevada winter sports carnival; the hoopsters for a four-game jaunt against WSC and Idaho.

Coach Gene Harlow's Webfoot skiers, third behind Washington and WSC in the Northern Division championships last week, are expected to show improvement in their third competition of the season. The Oreons will vie in cross-country, jumping, downhill and slalom.

Personnel of the squad includes Jan Onstrud, second in the cross-country last weekend; Stu McCollom, fifth in the giant slalom, and Arne Borgnes, ninth in the cross-country. Others will be Haakon Mjelva, Dick Thomas, Jim Reddin, Roger Dockstader, and Matt Vranizan.

Coach Bill Borchers' varsity basketball squad will open against WSC at Pullman Friday and Saturday and meet Idaho at Moscow Monday and Tuesday. The Webfoots hope to at least duplicate home series, when they beat WSC twice and split against Idaho.

Probable starters will be Bob Peterson and Keith Farnam, forwards; Chet Noe, center; Ken Hunt and Bob Hawes, guards. Others will be Ken Wegner, Mel Streeter, Ron Bottler, Barney Holland, Hank Bonnemann, Jim Vranizan, and Bud Covey.

The University of Mississippi played its first intercollegiate grid game in 1911, losing 17-0 to Texas A & M in College Station, Texas.

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Edean, Gracie Golf Duos Win

ORLANDO, Fla.—(AP)—Babe Zaharias and Al Bessellink were the hot shots of the international mixed two-ball open golf tournament Wednesday, stroking a record 29 on the front nine and scoring a top-sided first round victory.

Mrs. Zaharias, Tampa, and Bessellink, her long-swinging partner playing from Chicago, crushed Marilyn Klumb, West Bend, Wis., and Alvin Peterson, Hillside, N.J., 8 and 7.

The favored team of Sam Snead, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., and Betty MacKinnon, Mt. Pleasant, Tex., who shot a seven under par 64 Tuesday to win medal honors, played even par Wednesday to defeat Mary Ann Downey, Baltimore, and Rod Munday, York, Pa., 3 and 2.

Edean Anderson, Helena, Mont., and Dick Chapman, British amateur champion from Pinehurst, N. C., upset Beverly Hansen, Fargo, N.D., and Chick Harbert, Detroit, 1 up. Grace DeMoss, Corvallis, Ore., and Lou Barbaro, Deal, N.J., defeated Eileen Murray, Pittsburgh, and Tom Carney, St. Clairsville, O., 5 and 3.

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