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SPORTS

Three U.S. Entries in Hammer Throw Finals

Helsinki — (U.P.) — Harrison Dillard of Cleveland erased his humiliation of 1948 with one meteroric swoop Thursday when he won the Olympic 110-meter high hurdles championship for Uncle Sam's 14th gold medal of the games.

Dillard set a new record of 13.7 seconds, breaking the old mark by two-tenths of a second. He had tied the old record Wednesday. Jack Davis, who finished second, also was clocked in 13.7.

The U. S. made a 1-2-3 sweep in the hurdles.

Helsinki —(U.P.)— Three Americans qualified easily for the finals of the Olympic hammer throwing competition Thursday as Jozsef Czermak of Hungary set a new Olympic record with a toss of 187 feet, 8.04 inches in the preliminary trials.

Sam Felton, Martin Engel and Bob Backus, all of New York, had little trouble in exceeding the qualifying requirement of 49 meters 160 feet, 9.24 inches as the sixth day of the games got underway in chilly weather at Olympic Stadium.

Russian Gymnasts Win

While the hammer throwing trials were being held, Russia widened its lead in the unofficial team standings by winning the women's gymnastics nine-exercise team competition for its ninth gold medal of the games.

The Soviets also picked up a second place in the women's rhythmic exercise gymnastics with portable apparatus, finishing behind Sweden.

The United States was expected to pick up several points later in the day, however as a talented trio headed by Harrison (Bones) Dillard of Cleveland aimed for a clean sweep in the 110-meter high hurdles and Mal Whitfield bid for his second championship of the games.

3½ Point Lead

The U.S. needed points in its efforts to overhaul the Russians in the race for the unofficial team championship. The Soviets had only a slim lead at the start of Thursday's events. With 205½ points to 202 for the U.S. They were expected to pick a huge bundle of points in women's gymnastics.

In the 10,000-meter walk, Bruno Junk of Russia won the heat in a fast clocking of 45 minutes, 5.8 seconds. Junk's time first was announced to the press as a new Olympic mark, but a re-check of the records showed that John Mikaelsson of Sweden covered the distance in 45:03.0 in the 1948 games. Mikaelsson was second to Junk today with a 45:10.0 clocking.

Aleksandra Chudina, Russian women's javelin thrower, set the day's second new Olympic record when she tossed the spear 46.17 meters 151 feet, 5.76 inches in the qualifying trials. Miss Chudina's feat broke the old mark of 149 feet, 6.12 inches set by Herma Bauma of Austria in the 1948 games.

Promoter Faces Financial Flop In Monday Bout

New York —(U.P.)— Jack Hurley, manager of Harry (Kid) Matthews, raised his voice again Thursday in a desperate effort to prevent Monday night's fight with Rocky Marciano from being a financial flopperoo.

Hurley asked Chairman Bob Christenberry of the New York Boxing Commission to order that the 10-round heavyweight challengers' fight be conducted on a championship basis.

Pilot Hurley asked that the rule requiring an eight-count for a knockdown be waived for the night, and likewise the rule requiring defeat on a technical knockout for a boxer floored three times in one round.

"Since these men are fighting for the right to meet Jersey Joe Walcott for the heavyweight title in September, let them fight on a championship basis," Hurley asked Christenberry at the Catholic Youth Gymnasium where Matthews sparred with Keene Simmons.

Southern Oregon Junior Baseball

Lyman Stubbs pitched a no-hitter Wednesday and banged out three hits in as many trips to the plate to lead his Central Point Pee Wee league teammates to a 6 to 2 victory over the Talent nine.

In other Pee Wee league contests yesterday, Eagle Point downed Phoenix, 9 to 5, and Jacksonville forfeited to Ashland.

Tuesday the Medford Cubs defeated Ashland 5 to 3, and the Phoenix Pee Wees romped over Jacksonville, 17 to 5. The Jacksonville Cubs forfeited to Phoenix.

Yesterday's Scores

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati 6, Brooklyn 4
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 1
Chicago 6, Boston 2
(Only games scheduled)

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Cleveland 7, New York 3
Boston 10, Chicago 4
Washington 5, Detroit 2 (16 innings)
Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
Portland 5, San Diego 3
Hollywood 3, Sacramento 1
San Francisco 9, Oakland 5
Seattle 6, Los Angeles 5

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL
Salem 3, Yakima 0
Vancouver 3-3, Spokane 1-1
Victoria 6, Lewiston 4
Tri-City 7, Wenatchee 2

Sport Parade

By OSCAR FRALEY
United Press Sports Writer

Helsinki — (U.P.) — It's D-Day in Room 1104 at the American Building in the sprawling Olympic village.

The "D" stands for Davis — first name Jack, 6-3, 170 pounds and a hopeful candidate for 110-meter hurdles honors.

Four husky young Americans are in Room 1104, a Spartan, white-painted cubicle which holds four iron bedsteads. Three of them have won first-place gold medals in the current Olympics, and established records in the panting process.

O'Brien Surprises

Monday, out of that room marched a towering 220-pounder named Parry O'Brien to score a surprise victory in the shot put. The midget of the room at six feet, two inches, O'Brien heaved the lead ball better than 57 feet for his title and his Olympic record.

Tuesday, from that same enclosure where the four have shared their hopes and fears, the biggest man of the quartet ambled out to triumph. He was six-foot, six-inch Sim Iness. Again it was an upset as the 250-pounder outsteadied the best the world could offer to win the discus throw with a heave of better than 180 feet. Again it was a record for Room 1104.

Then Wednesday, they sent forth a fellow named Cy Young, neither their biggest at six, three nor their heaviest, but he proved he was big enough.

Faced Toughest Task

You might say that of the four, Cy faced the toughest task. For no American ever had won the javelin toss in the long history of the games. And nobody gave Cy, a California walnut farmer, much of a chance to be the first to do it.

Nobody, that is, except the guys in 1104.

They cheered wildly as Cy hurled the javelin over 242 feet to break both the Scandinavian domination of this event and the Olympic record by more than 3½ feet.

Today there was one of their number still awaiting his big test. You might have thought that none of them had won, for a few weeks of living together had made it all-for-one and one-for-all. So all of them were tense and tight with the jitters as Davis readied for his test.

And it was a big one because he must also beat a favorite, in this case a fellow American named Harrison Dillard, a slender speedster universally accepted as one of the greatest hurdlers of all time.

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HE WON! — Blood streaming from a gash over his right eye, Chuck Davey hangs onto Carmen Basilio during the ninth round of their 10-round bout at Chicago. Davey was able to weather Basilio's attack and go on to win the decision.

Hurlers Set For Coquille Series Here

SOUTHWEST OREGON LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Drain	14	2	.875
Coos Bay-North Bend	8	6	.571
Medford	9	7	.563
Bandon	9	7	.563
Roseburg	7	9	.438
Coquille	6	10	.375
Brookings	1	13	.071

Week-end Games:
Coquille at Medford
Roseburg at Bandon
Brookings at Coos Bay-North Bend

The Medford Cheney Studs will pin their hopes for second place in the Southwest Oregon baseball league this week-end on the pitching of Lefty Herb Karpel and Paul Gehrmann. The Studs are now even with the Coos Bay-North Bend nine in league standing on a won-lost basis and are only eight percentage points behind the coast nine.

Karpel will be making his first Medford start for the Studs since joining the club earlier this season. The stylish pitcher is a veteran of Pacific Coast league play with Hollywood and Seattle and was on the New York Yankee mound staff before coming down to the coast.

The big lefthander features good control along with a knuckle ball that has "lots of stuff on it."

Also making his first start before a home crowd in a league game will be outfielder Don Fawcett. Fawcett, a local product, joined the team recently after the end of the school term at the Kansas City, Mo., medical school which he attends. Fawcett got off to a good start with the Studs last week as he banged out seven for nine against Roseburg and showed up well afield.

The entire Medford team is starting to rap out long hits. They have collected nine doubles, two triples and a home run in their last three contests.

Ready in relief, should Karpel or Gehrmann need help, will be Marty Hume and Clarence Mellbye, both of whom have shown to advantage in recent competition.

Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Brooklyn	60	23	.723	
New York	54	31	.635	7
St. Louis	51	40	.560	13
Chicago	46	43	.517	17
Philadelphia	46	45	.505	18
Boston	38	51	.427	25
Cincinnati	37	54	.407	27
Pittsburgh	25	70	.263	41

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
New York	56	35	.615	
Boston	51	38	.573	4
Washington	50	40	.556	5½
Cleveland	50	42	.543	6½
Chicago	48	45	.516	9
Philadelphia	41	42	.494	11
St. Louis	35	58	.376	22
Detroit	29	60	.326	26

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Hollywood	69	45	.605	
Oakland	67	47	.588	2
San Diego	62	52	.544	7
Seattle	55	53	.508	11
Los Angeles	55	59	.482	14
Portland	54	58	.482	14
San Francisco	46	68	.404	23
Sacramento	45	71	.388	25

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Victoria	61	31	.663	
Vancouver	47	39	.546	11
Spokane	51	44	.526	11½
Salem	44	47	.483	16½
Lewiston	43	48	.472	17½
Yakima	43	52	.452	19½
Tri-City	40	52	.434	21
Wentachee	39	54	.419	22½

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Portlanders Shooting for 1st Division

San Francisco —(U.P.)— Because fellows like Joe Brovia, Don Eggert and Jim Russell have been hitting baseballs where the opposition wasn't, Portland is proving a mild surprise in the Pacific Coast league flag race.

The Beavers aren't considered pennant material. But the Clay Hopper-led men have an excellent chance to finish in the first division.

Portland in Win Streak

Portland, now tied with Los Angeles for fifth place, won seven of nine games from the Angels in a series last week. And the Beavers took their second in a row Wednesday night over fading San Diego.

Eggert, an improved third baseman who can hit the long ball, cuffed out three blows and batted in two runs in Portland's 5-3 win from the Pads.

Russell, who had four hits Tuesday night, got two more last eve. Brovia, the lumbering outfielder with the low pants but high batting average, had a mild night. He collected one safety in two trips.

Lindell Gets Win

In other games, Johnny Lindell pitched a four-hitter for his 16th victory in 21 decisions as Hollywood got by Sacramento, 3-1; San Francisco scored five times after two were out in the seventh to down Oakland, 9-5, and Seattle nipped Los Angeles, 6-5, on Rosco Krsnich's two-tally homer.

Portland clubbed San Diego's ace, Willie Luna, for 12 blows.

Jack MaGuire helped the Bevo mainstays with three of the 12, including a double, and batted in two runs. One of Eggert's drives was good for three bases.

SEALS LINGER TOO LONG

Fort Worth, Tex. —(U.P.)— Chagrined city officials belatedly took down 1951 Christmas seal posters which still were on some downtown lamp posts this summer.

Three Junior Loop Clubs Setting Victorious Pace

By UNITED PRESS

This is streak week in the American league for three hot ball clubs, the Athletics, Senators and Red Sox, and it could mean trouble for the pace-setting Yankees.

No one has yet managed to bring down a thunder-jet with a bean-bag and maybe none of these clubs have ammunition to shoot the high-flying world champions out of the sky —but they're at least aiming in the right direction.

A's Troublesome

Surprisingly, the Athletics might be the biggest troublemakers of all. Still in sixth place 11 games out of the lead, they're flexing their muscles as they did last season when they played the best ball of any club in the league for the final six weeks.

They have won four in a row and eight out of 10 and are getting some pitching to go along with the incomparable artistry of Bobby Shantz. Wednesday night the A's handed the Browns their seventh straight defeat as Bob Hooper improved his rating by gaining a relief victory as an aide to Alex Kellner. Together they yielded four hits, three singles by Al Zarilla and a two-run homer by Jim Dyck.

Hooper took over after Kellner went out for a pinch-hitter in the seventh and yielded only a hit to Zarilla the rest of the way to gain his fifth win.

Red Sox Hot

The Red Sox made it three in a row and 12 out of 14 by topping the White Sox 10 to 4 with seven runs in the ninth, and the Senators made it nine out of 11 victories with a 5 to 2 marathon victory in 16 innings over the Tigers at Detroit.

The Yankees, hot enough themselves, with seven wins in the last 10, were cooled off at Cleveland by Bob Lemon, who beat them 7 to 3 on six hits, and cut their lead to four games over second place Boston.

In the National league, the Dodgers came to the end of a nine-game streak when the Reds topped them 6 to 4 while the Phils moved above the .500 percentage mark for the first time this season with a 4 to 1 win over Pittsburgh. The Cubs topped the Braves 6 to 2 to stay a game ahead of the challenging Phillies in fourth place.

Portland Pro Tops Golfers

Sioux City, Iowa. (U.P.)—Big name professionals eased their way around the Elmwood golf course Thursday in the initial round of the 2-hole $15,000 Sioux City open golf tournament.

Al Zimmerman, Portland, Ore., pro, set the pace Wednesday when he clicked off an 8-under-per 64 in a pro-amateur warm-up event.

Other golfing experts from far and wide, including Henry Ransom, Gib Sellers, Jim Turnesa and Ralph Lommela-each of whom carded 67's in the warm up-also were tearing the course apart.

Buck White, the 1951 winner, was slated to defend his crown. The champ of two years ago, Jack Burke Jr., hoped to recover it.

Contenders will shoot 18 holes per day until Sunday's finale. The entry list totaled 118, including 29 amateurs.

Russ Squad Keeps Lead In Olympics

Helsinki — (U.P.) — Russia, mystery power of the 1952 Olympic games, was out in front in the face for the unofficial team championship Thursday and the Western world wondered if the Soviets can hold the lead to the finish.

The Russians are very much unknown quantities in just about every sport, and so their overall strength is virtually impossible to estimate.

Russians Strong

The Western world had to admit today that the Russians have shown strong to this point, with the help of a barrelful of points scored in gymnastics. Going into Thursday's events, the Soviets led with 205½ points to 202 for the United States. Immediately in prospect was a huge total of points in women's gymnastics, not yet concluded, which would boost the lead.

Their showing in gymnastics was expected, but they've not lived up to expectations in track and field and soccer. On the other hand, they showed very well in rowing with two gold medals and in free style wrestling with two more.

US Expects Points

The Russians swimmers were not expected to come anywhere near matching the United States' point production in that sport —and there are many points to be garnered there in both swimming and diving. Nor is the Russian basketball team expected to be a serious threat to the mighty U. S. five.

Russian boxers might prove surprisingly strong, observers believe, but that's a sport where the U. S. usually picks up several points.

Weak in Distances

Remaining track events are expected to see Russians scoring some points in long-distance races, where Americans don't rate, but the U. S. still has hopes for Mal Whitfield in the 400-meter run, for Bob Mathias and his mates in the decathlon, plus the many relays.

The United States remains the favorite for the team title. But the Yanks will have to roll up points in remaining sports, especially swimming, to win out.

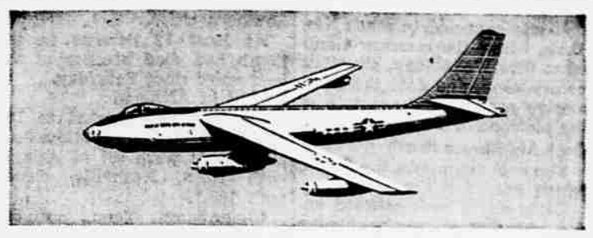
Dick Leibbrand Receives Award

Washington, D. C. — The Expert Rifleman Medal, second highest award in junior shooting, has gone to Richard Winslow Leibbrand, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Leibbrand, 612 Victory Street, Medford, the National Rifle Association announced here today.

In two years of shooting, young Leibbrand has risen through 13 lower rankings to achieve the expert rifleman rating. With one more award, he will be classified as a distinguished rifleman, along with other top junior shooters of the nation.

Leibbrand is a junior at Medford senior high school, and a member of Medford Junior Rifle Club, instructed by Harry Heidenreich.

The record of any popular vote for electors prior to 1824 is so meager and imperfect that a trust-worthy compilation would be impossible.



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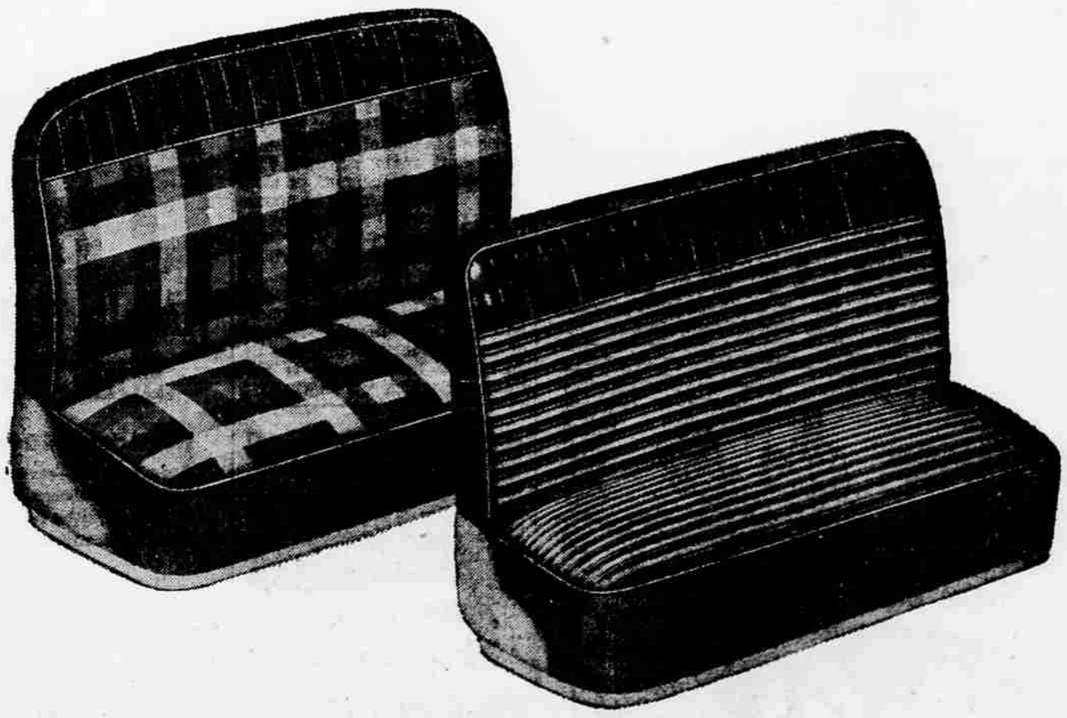

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