

U.S. Wins Olympic Games

Basketball Team Defeats Russians by 36-25 Score

Helsinki — (U.P.) — The United States staged the greatest comeback in the history of the Olympic games Saturday when it charged from behind on the final day of major competition to sew up the team championship which seemed hopelessly lost less than a week ago.

Six days before the Russians larded a whopping 120½ point lead, but gradually the Yanks chiseled it down to 24½ points at the start of Saturday's competition.

Then came the wings do-or-die surge. The U. S. basketball team wiggled out of a deep-freeze in the last three minutes to beat Russia, 36-25. Sun-bronzed little Ford Konno of Ohio State streaked to a record-smashing victory in the 1,500 meter swimming race to edge the U. S. in front for the first time in the 15th Olympiad.

Woman Swimmer

Double Winner — And Patricia McCormick of Long Beach, Calif., became Uncle Sam's only double winner of 1952 when she headed a 1-2-3 sweep of the women's high dive. That clinched it. Russia was licked, even though U. S. boxers began whaling away at titles in the evening for a coup de grace.

Five Yanks won boxing championships to make the final count 610 to 553½ with the closing ceremony scheduled today. Even under the Russian system of scoring, which gives seven instead of 10 points for first place, the U. S. won 493 to 484½. The Yanks won 39 gold medals—three more than any other time in history.

Flyweight Nate Brooks of Cleveland, Light Welterweight Charles Adkins of San Jose State College, Middleweight Floyd Patterson of Brooklyn, Light Heavyweight Norvel Lee of Washington and Heavyweight Eddie Sanders of Los Angeles won America's first Olympic boxing titles in two decades.

There were other heroes besides gold medal winners in today's exhilarating climb up the point ladder.

Other Heroes

Bowen Hestorff of Iowa, the only American to make the finals of the 200-meter breaststroke, grabbed second place behind the record-smashing victory of Australia's John Davis. Evelyn Kawamoto of Honolulu streaked to third and Carolyn Green of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., grabbed fourth behind Hungary's Valeria Gyenge and Eva Novak in the record-smashing women's 400-meter freestyle race. Jim McKane of Yale took fourth in the 1,500. And—in a major surprise—the U. S. three-day equestrian team of Charles Hough of Hollywood, Calif., John Wofford of Milford, Kan., took third place. Neither the Russians nor the Americans figured in this event but everyone, it seemed, wanted to get into the act.

The Yanks whooped in triumph, but at the Russian camp across town someone suddenly erased the figures off the scoreboard as the U. S. surged in front. The names of the Russian medal winners were left on the board, however.

It takes a step by step chronicle to capture the drama of the Yank comeback on this memorable day.

U. S. Takes Third

With Russia leading by 24½ points, the equestrian event finished first. The U. S. was announced as fourth place finisher in the team competition to Sweden's first. Then a correction was made. The U. S. was third, and Russia led by only 20½ points.

The 200-meter freestyle was next. Australia's Davies streaked to victory in the new record time of 2 minutes 34.4 seconds, and Stassforth—the only man from either the U. S. and Russia in the race—pulled up second in 2:34.7. Both had to come from behind to pass world record holder Herbert Klein of Germany, who finished third. Russia now led by 15½ points.

Basketball came next. The U. S. had beaten the Russians in the first round by a whopping 86-58 score. But the Russians played a smart deep freeze game Saturday. There was one six-minute stretch without a point scored in the first half. Only Bill Houghland's last moment field goal gave the Yanks a 17-15 half-time lead. The second half was more of the same but in the last three minutes a U. S. spurt by Clyde Lovelette and Bob Kurland won the game. Lovelette was high scorer with a mere nine points; Kurland had eight.

Russia got second place in the basketball tournament and so now led the U. S. 528½ to 518 J only 10½ points difference.

The gun cracked for the women's 400 meter swim race. The two Hungarians pulled in front with the Yanks right behind and at the finish Miss Gyenge set a new record of 5 minutes, 12.1 seconds with Miss Noay second, ex-record holder Miss Kawamoto third and Miss Green fourth. Scores Russia 528½, U. S. 525. United States Gets Ahead

The 1,500 meter—the metric mile—was next. Konno and Shiro Hashizume of Japan were in front after 50 meters. Hash-

izume edged in front at 250. He led at 350... at 400... at 500... at 800... at 1,100. But then Konno started his kick. With 300 meters to go he pulled even, and then shot ahead. He won over his Japanese foes by 20 yards with McLane fourth.

The score was now U. S. 538, Russia, 528½ — the first time in the 1952 games! A reporter rushed up to tell Konno the news as he puffed out of the pool. "Ticked to death to do it," he grinned. "I had no idea we were that close."

The women divers paraded onto the pool edge. Two dives were left to complete the event and the U. S. had a 1-2-3 lead. Two Russians were in the last eight, also.

Stately Miss McCormick, winner of the women's springboard title earlier in the week, whipped through two graceful glides to win with 79.37 points. Paula Myers, 17-year-old school girl from La Verne, Calif., was second with 71.63. June Irwin, 23-year-old Los Angeles housewife, was third with 70.49. Evgenika Bkgdanovskaja of Russia was sixth for one point.

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BASEBALL

FRIDAY'S SCORES

American League
St. Louis 2, New York 1
Cleveland 6, Philadelphia 5 (10 innings)
Boston 3, Detroit 1
Washington 3, Chicago 1

National League
Chicago 6, Brooklyn 1
New York 7, Pittsburgh 3
St. Louis 10, Philadelphia 5
Cincinnati 2, Boston 1

Pacific Coast League
Portland 9, Seattle 8
San Francisco 8, Hollywood 2
Oakland 1, Los Angeles 0
San Diego 6, Sacramento 0

Western International
Wenatchee 10, Salem 3
Lewiston 7, Victoria 5
Spokane 9, Vancouver 7
Tri-City 6, Yakima 2

Ferris Fain Regains Lead In American Batting Race

New York — (U.P.) — Ferris Fain of the Athletics replaced Gene Woodling as the American League's batting leader Saturday and Stan Musial of the Cardinals opened up a 21-point advantage in the National League race as both sought to nail down their second consecutive batting titles.

Fain, who led the A. L. with a .344 mark last season, batted .387 during last week to lift his mark from .324 to .339. He leads Billy Goodman of the Red Sox by 10 points and third-place George Kell of Boston by 19.

Musial, who led Toby Atwell of the Cubs by only five points a week ago, batted .406 during the week to soar from .324 to .332. Atwell, meanwhile, dropped out of the top 10 because he has not batted 250 times, leaving Whitey Lockman of the Giants in second place with a .311 mark.

Dee Fondy of the Cubs and Ted Kluszewski of the Reds were tied for third, each with .307.

Bobby Shantz of the Athletics notched two victories without a loss during the week to hold his percentagewise pitching lead with a 19-3 mark good for .864. Vic Raschi ranked second with a 12-2 record and Frank Shea was third with 9-3. In the National League, Hoyt Wilhelm, rookie knuckleballer of the Giants, replaced Preacher Roe of the Dodgers as the percentage leader with an 8-2 record.

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By OSCAR FRALEY
United Press Sports Writer

Helsinki — (U.P.) — Fearless Fraley's facts and figures:

Those Bikini, bathing suits which the ladies fall out of have nothing on the swim costumes of the Russians and French men competing in the Olympic swimming championships.

Most of them wear two band-aids hem-stitched over the

hips. A tattoo would be more concealing.

Not His Heart

Maybe you saw the story this week that Emil Zatopek, the inhuman Czech, who scored a distance triple in track and field, had heart trouble. Tain't so. It all came about when a reporter asked Emil how he felt and the Czech replied: "I have angina and doctor ordered me to be careful." Turns out he meant he had "laryngitis."

The Russians tossed a private reception this week for heads of the international sports federations and they had to dig mighty deep to come up with some class.

They had beautiful dinnerware and heavy silver—all bearing the crest of the czars.

Old Fearless has a lot of friends in Mexico and I happened to ask one of them how he thought his team would do in a certain sport.

"We win, I think," he replied. They lost. My friend hurried around and pleaded:

It's Murder

"Don't say I said we would win. In the United States you say you win and nobody does anything. In Mexico, you say you win and you don't—and they murder you."

But the Olympic gold medal for dramatic impetuosity goes without doubt to the Uruguayan. They could fill Madison Square Garden twice a week, on a basketball night and a fight night.

In Friday's basketball consolation game one Uruguayan "fainted" twice. They also have a new wrinkle on freezing the ball. One Uruguayan with one eye on the clock, swooned dead away with the ball clutched to his chest. Even the ref grinned as he ordered him "up." But it was a performance worthy of Oscar's Olympic Oscar.

Some Breakfast

After three weeks of misery in the morning, I've got my breakfast waiter straightened out. It developed that the Finnish waiter's guide printed a directive which said that an American's favorite breakfast consisted of: "Herring, anchovies, sausage, reindeer meat, cucumbers, potato salad with oil sauce, hamburgers, pickles and coffee." Must have been written by a Russian.

Katalin Szoe, the beautiful 17-year-old Hungarian who won the 100-meter free style, always wears her father's old water polo cap as a good luck charm. She was paddling about the Olympic pool with the hat on when one of the Hungarian water polo players made a practice tackle on what he thought was another teammate. He says that the slap was worth it.

But my favorite story of the Olympic games concerns a German sportswriter who was a member of the Afrika Korps during World War II. He has his plans all made if there is a third time.

"The first thing I do," he insists, "is become an American prisoner of war."

Single Title Set in State Bush Leagues

Portland — (U.P.) — An agreement was reached Saturday between National and American baseball congresses to have their state "bush league" champions play for a single Oregon state diamond title.

Nick Scavone and Carl Hande Jr., commissioners of the ABC and NBC respectively, said they had agreed on a two-out-of-three game series between Silverton, winner Thursday night of the NBS state semi-pro tournament, with the winner of the ABC tourney.

First game will be played at Silverton's McGinnis field, the second at Westmoreland park in Portland and the third, if necessary, at a site to be determined later.

The ABC tourney is slated to be completed August 30 with Dr. Drain of the Southwestern Oregon league as favorite. The Drain Club, headed by ex-Portland Beaver hurler Roy Helsler, holds victories over both Oregon City and Archer Blower and Pipe of Portland, the one-two teams in the City league.

Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	64	30	.681	
New York	60	35	.632	4½
St. Louis	58	43	.574	9½
Philadelphia	53	47	.530	14
Chicago	51	48	.515	15½
Boston	41	57	.418	25
Cincinnati	41	60	.406	26½
Pittsburgh	28	76	.276	41

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	59	43	.578	
Cleveland	57	45	.559	2
Boston	55	44	.556	2½
Washington	54	47	.535	4
Philadelphia	49	47	.510	7
Chicago	53	51	.510	7
St. Louis	43	61	.413	17
Pittsburgh	35	67	.343	24

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AND A RHUBARB ENSUED—Umpire John Stevens rules interference and allows Tiger Steve Souchock (12) to score after Philadelphia A's catcher Joe Astroth bumped him on a rundown between third and home in the fifth inning of the game in Detroit. A hot dispute followed the decision. Other Philadelphia players are Ferris Fain (8) and Pete Suder (12, foreground). Athletics won, 2-1.

Homer Gives Win to Giants Before Downpour Ends Game

New York — (U.P.) — Rookie Jim Rhodes' dramatic, two-run homer in the sixth inning—only moments before the game was halted by a downpour—enabled the New York Giants to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates, 4-3, Saturday and reduce the Brooklyn Dodgers' first-place lead to 4½ games.

Rhodes, who has hit eight homers in the 11 games he has played at the Polo grounds, delivered the game-winning blow off Murry Dickson with two out and Alvin Dark, who doubled, on base. Dickson delivered one more pitch—to Don Mueller—and then the rain came.

The Dodgers, meanwhile, received a reprieve from the rain which washed their game with the Chicago Cubs off the books. The Cubs were leading 4-0, after four innings when play was halted. Cub Manager Phil Cavarretta and Dodger Second-Baseman Jackie Robinson enlivened the contest with an argu-

ment which almost brought both to blows.

The Cincinnati Reds defeated the Boston Braves, 8-3, in the other National league game played this afternoon. In the American league, the St. Louis Browns walloped the New York Yankees 11-6, the Philadelphia A's beat the Cleveland Indians, 6-4, and the Chicago White Sox routed the Washington Senators, 6-1, and the Boston Red Sox overpowered the Detroit Tigers, 10-5. As a result, the Indians still trailed the first-place Yankees by two games but led the third-place Red Sox by only a half game.

Connie Ryan's grand slam homer in the eighth inning carried the Phillies to a 6 to 2 victory over the Cardinals in the major league's only night action. Ryan's blast came off Veteran Brazle, who relieved Cardinal Starter Gerry Staley. Karl Drews was the winning pitcher, although he needed help from Robin Roberts in the ninth.

Hastings, Neb. — (U.P.) — It took the Army to introduce two Hastings men who had lived for years within a few blocks of one another but never met. Cpl. Duane L. Petersen and Cpl. Willard D. Classen wound up under the same roof, serving with the 28th Infantry Division, Ulm, Germany.

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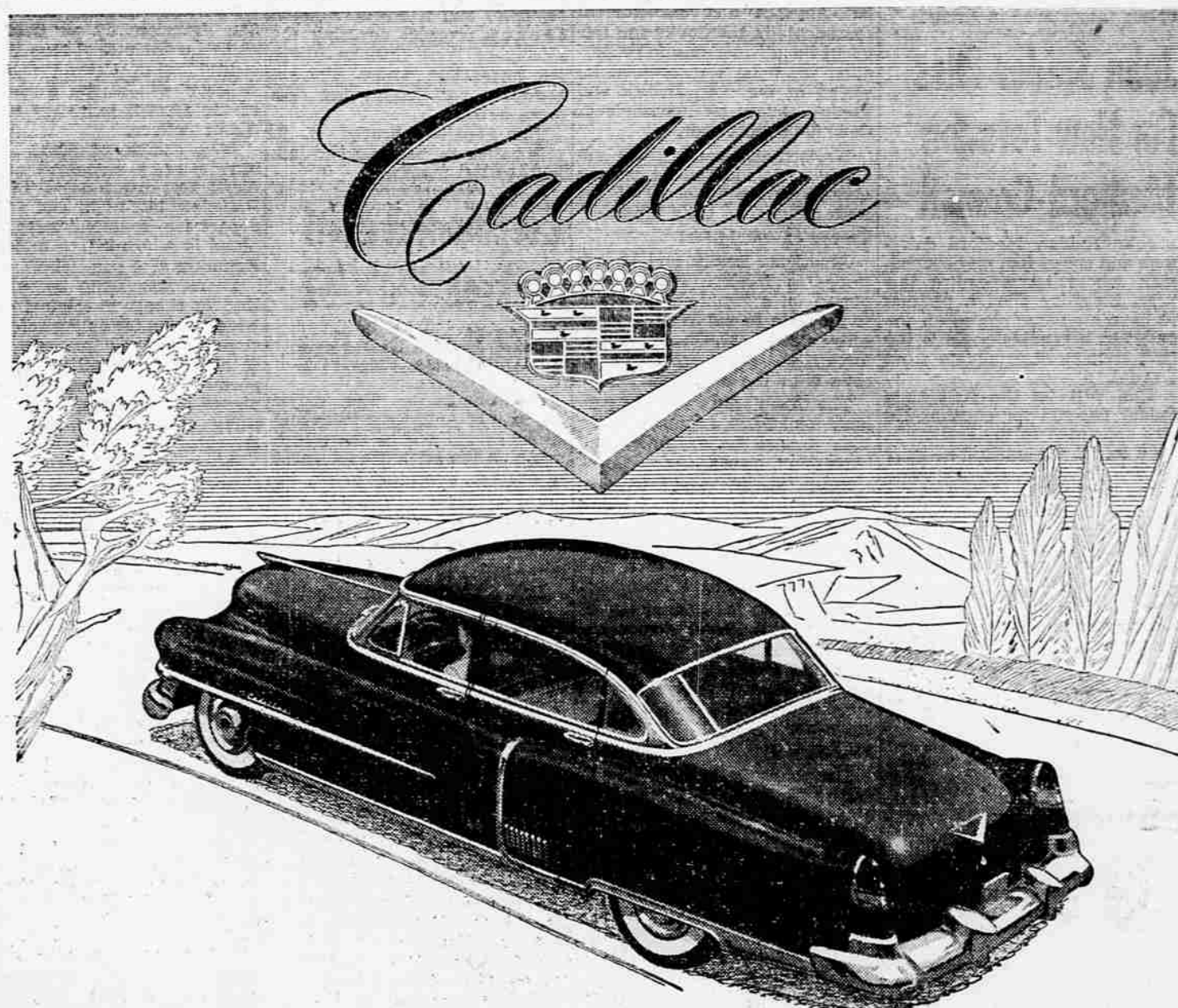
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