

Russia Rated Nordic Event Ski Power

Spout Springs, Ore. — (U.P.) — Russia, a new power on the Olympic ski front, was tabbed as the team to beat in Nordic events at the winter games at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

The man who did the tabbing should know. Allison Merrill, coach of this year's U. S. Nordic squad, saw the Russians in their first Olympic snow effort in decades at the FIS games in 1954 at Falun, Sweden.

Scandinavian countries have normally laid claim to owning international competition in Nordic events — cross-country and jumping. "As usual," Merrill predicted, "the Scandinavians will present the strongest claim to the Nordic title. But the Russians did a tremendous job in 1954."

Optimistic Merrill is not so outspoken in rating his own squad, but can't suppress a note of optimism. Most domestic ski observers are tabbing this year's U. S. entry the strongest Nordic team the country has ever gathered.

Helping Merrill support his claims is a team of 22 candidates for the six berths on the U. S. Nordic team.

Headlining the hopefuls are two youths who have already seen international competition. Merv Crawford, with Merrill when he coached the 1954 U. S. entry at FITS competition in Falun, placed 16th and 24th in Nordic events.

Ted Farwell, a member of the 1952 Olympic squad, earned an 11th in Nordic combined. Supporting these two is a representative group of snow men from all parts of the nation.

Snead Sets Links Record

Sanford, Fla. — (U.P.) — The touring golf pros found themselves in the familiar spot of trailing Sam Snead today with a new course record to shoot at the second round of the \$15,000 Mayfair Open.

The 42-year-old West Virginia golf king went to the front by two strokes in Thursday's opening round with a six-under-par 64 that gave Snead his second course record in four days.

En route to victory in last week's Miami Open, "Slammin' Sammy" set a record of 29 strokes on the back nine, and Thursday he added the Seminole course record for 18 holes.

Trailing Snead into the second round came Dow Finsterwald of Bedford Heights, Ohio, and Ted Kroll of Bethesda, Md., at 66. After them, the field of 112 pros bunched up with seven tied at 67, including big money-winner Mike Souchak of Grossinger, N. Y.

Snead's victim in the playoff for the Miami Open title, Tommy Bolt of Chattanooga, Tenn., opened with a 68 that tied him with nine others.

On top of the list of 20 amateurs was Florida state champion Don Bisplinghoff of Orlando with a 69.

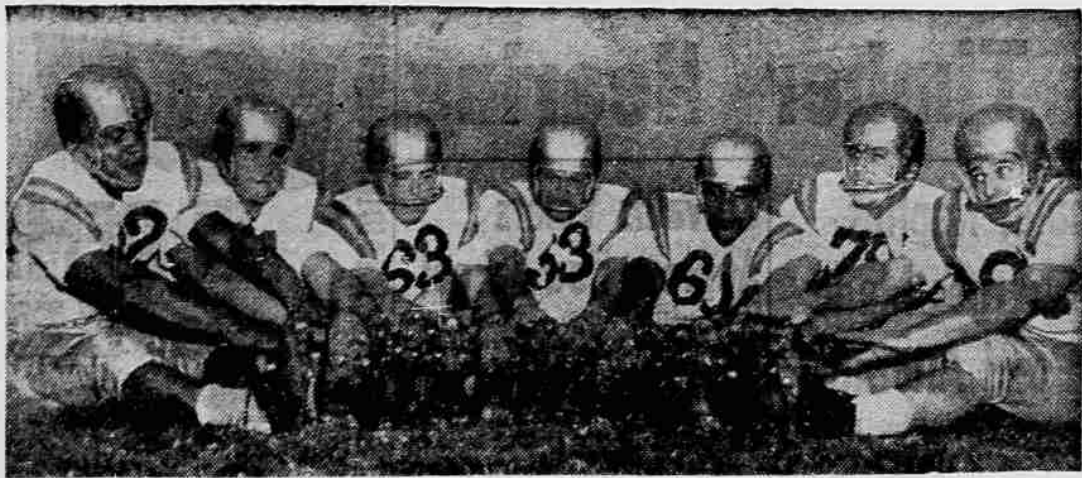
Dupas Fights Lightburn

New York — (U.P.) — Ralph Dupas and 'Lightnin' Luddie Lightburn, the worlds two fastest lightweights, will have a 10-round speed test tonight at Madison Square Garden.

And if the odds-makers are correct, this TV-radio tilt between the whiz kids of Cauliflower Canyon certainly will scramble the ratings among contenders for the 135-pound crown.

Twenty-one-year-old Lightburn, of British Honduras is not even ranked among the top 10 contenders; but he is favored at 7-10 to beat 20-year-old Dupas of New Orleans, the number three aspirant who is unbeaten in nine straight bouts.

Only Duilio Loi of Italy, top man and ex-champion Jimmy Carter are rated above rapid Ralph as possible challengers for Wallace Bud Smith's crown. And Ralph is willing to wait for the



LIMBERING UP—Rose Bowl bound Bruins start their practice for the New Year's Day tilt with Michigan State at Pasadena, Cal. Left to right: End Ronnie Loudd, tackle Gil Moreno, guard Jim Brown, center Steve Palmer, guard Hardiman Cureton, tackle Roger White and end John Smith.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Coach Fears Terraps Will Take Bloom Off Sooners

(This is another in a series on the teams in the bowl football games.)

By JACK HEANEY

Norman, Okla. — (U.P.) — Oklahoma is the nation's No. 1 team in ranking, scoring, rushing and total offense, but perennial pessimist Bud Wilkinson fears Maryland's defense will take the bloom off the Sooners' Orange Bowl football hopes.

Wilkinson, in contrast to Maryland Coach Jim Tatum, believes in conditioning his team for victory and his fans for defeat. He never hints he thinks his national champions can win.

"I think all of the advantages are with Maryland," he said. "The best defensive team will win in any case, and I have a feeling Maryland is a far superior defensive team than ours—and they share the feeling."

Oklahoma's jet-propelled backs and linemen almost as fast as riding the crest of a 29-game winning streak, 53 Big Seven Conference games without defeat, and have scored in 105 straight games.

The Sooners beat Maryland, 7-0, in the 1954 Orange Bowl and another victory this time would all but clear the way for Oklahoma to break its own national record of 31 straight triumphs. The Sooners' first two opponents next season are North Carolina and Kansas State.

Wilkinson tries to prepare the Sooners for one game at a time, emphasizing each victory as equally important. But it's no secret the hopped-up Sooners want to win this one more than any other.

Tatum's predictions of victory and praise of his No. 3 ranked team has irritated many of Oklahoma's high-spirited players. An added factor is Tatum's unpopularity in Oklahoma while Sooner coach in 1946—with Wilkinson as his assistant—and team leaders see the game as a contest

between Wilkinson and Tatum. They don't want Wilkinson to come in second-best.

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Net Farm Income Due To Decline in 1956, Benson Tells Newsmen

Washington — (U.P.) — If Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson's prediction is correct, net farm income in 1956 will be about \$10,200,000 down \$400,000,000 from 1955 and \$1,600,000,000 from 1954.

A net farm income of \$10,200,000,000 next year would mean a drop of almost 14 per cent in two years.

Republicans Worried This year's estimated farm income of \$10,600,000,000, which was 10 per cent under 1954, already has Republican politicians worried well in advance of next year's presidential campaign.

The predicted further drop of about four per cent — although much smaller than last year's decline — would add to their misery as well as hurt the farmers.

Benson told reporters Thursday that he expected farm income next year to remain at about the present level. But under questioning he said that average farm income for 1956 as a whole would be lower than in 1955.

Benson's remarks to reporters squared with forecasts made by Agriculture Department economists in the publication, "The Farm Income Situation." The publication stated net farm income in 1956 "will probably show some decline."

Benson Optimistic Benson was optimistic in a carefully-worded 1956 outlook statement made Thursday.

He said "this abnormal condition" of declining farm income in the face of a rising national economy "has about run its course."

"Some improvement in prices of a number of farm commodities can be expected in the year ahead," he said. He did not specify any commodities which he said would improve. He has said earlier that the live hog market will improve shortly. Hogs now are at a 14-year low.

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Much of Nation Hit By Bitter Cold Wave

By UNITED PRESS
The bitter cold of the season chilled the nation from the Pacific Northwest to the Eastern Seaboard today.

The cold wave spread out from a killer blizzard that lashed Canada and the snow and ice were blamed for at least nine deaths in the two countries.

Icy Roads Kill Two
Near blizzards were blamed for deaths in South Dakota and Indiana and icy roads killed two persons in Pennsylvania and one in Wisconsin.

In Canada, the prairie provinces were digging out from one of the worst blizzards in their history. There were four persons known dead and hope dwindled for a farmer and laborer missing since Monday.

Search crews bucked 20-foot drifts hunting for the missing men, but without success. Elsewhere, many Saskatchewan roads were still blocked by 10 and 12-foot drifts and snowplow crews and communication line repairmen worked around the clock.

Southeast States Hit
The massive freeze hit all the way to the southeast coastal states and parts of the Gulf Coast early today. The below freezing line stretched westward across the country, including most of Oregon, Washington, and Nevada.

Sub-zero readings which included an icy 48 below in Montana yesterday, eased slightly in the nation's north today. Only the Upper Mississippi Valley shivered in below-zero temperatures, but in other parts of the country it was still the coldest weather of the season.

KF Paper Observes 'Good News Week'

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — The Klamath Falls Herald and News announced today that it would repeat its "good news week" this year for the five days preceding Christmas.

From Dec. 19 to 24, The Herald and News will publish no stories of crime, tragedy, war, death or any news termed "unpleasant" on its front page.

Managing Editor Bill Jenkins, originator of the good news idea for Christmas week, said the plan proved so successful last year that he had decided to repeat it.

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