

Fear That Cool Aussie Weather Will Prevent Records Is Eased

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Melbourne—(U.P.)—Fears that Melbourne's rainiest, chilliest winter years would prevent wholesale record-smashing in the Olympic games were eased today with the long-awaited prediction of "warm, sunny weather" for Thursday's grand opening.

The news came as music to the ears of track and field athletes attempting to reach the peak of condition in weather that forced them to stay bundled up.

It came as an added incentive for the workmen who are making feverish efforts to have the main stadium ready in time for the opening ceremonies of the games at 3 p.m. Thursday night, Wednesday, EST. Hammers and wedges still are pounding and one worker predicted, "the workmen probably will be going out the back door when the visitors walk in the front."

American track and field coaches have diplomatically refrained from saying much about the weather, but the athletes have found it difficult to tune up their muscles in temperatures like today's 43.5.

Head track coach Jim Kelly, in fact, insisted, "the weather is no different here than it is at home. Our team is coming along fine and we expect our athletes to do well. We will win some and we will lose some. Certain members of our team are sharper than others and we make no excuses for the less sharp ones."

Kelly admitted, however, that 400-meter runner Jim Lea "doesn't look as though he will be ready."

And he voiced regret that he is unable to substitute Leamon King of Los Angeles for one of the other three starters in the 100-meter race. King, who is also as fourth man on the 400-meter relay team, is the sharpest of

all the sprinters at the present time.

King said he wasn't "complaining about not getting into the 100 meters because 'I didn't have it when it counted.' He predicted the three U.S. entries—Bobby Morrow, Ira Murchison and Thane Baker—would sweep the top three places, but declined to forecast the order.

The U.S. forces suffered a blow today when defending javelin champion Cy Young of Modesto, Calif., disclosed that he suffered a twisted ankle while working out Monday. He said he will be able to compete in the games "but the time lost from training will hurt my distance."

Bob Giegengack of Yale, coach of the U.S. distance runners, admitted that any U.S. victory at distances up to 800 meters would be an upset but predicted, "we'll do better than expected all the way down the line."

Committee to Consider Orange Bowl Opponents

Miami — (U.P.) — The Orange Bowl committee will take a close look at how Clemson, Duke and South Carolina perform this Saturday before "suggesting" one of them as the Atlantic Coast conference representative in the 1957 Orange Bowl game.

Apparently, whichever team makes the best showing will get the committee's nod as a New Year's day opponent for Colorado of the Big Seven conference. But final choice of the ACC representative still rests with the conference itself.

Van C. Kussrow, chairman of the Orange Bowl Schedule committee, said his group has a "gentlemen's agreement" with the ACC which allows the committee to "suggest the most representative team." But the ACC "does not have to abide by our suggestion — it's strictly up to them who goes to the Orange Bowl."

Kussrow said he was informed by ACC officials Monday that ACC directors will meet Sunday morning to make their choice.

Olympic—Ramblings

By BILL BOWERMAN
U. of O. Track Coach

San Francisco (With the Track and Field News Tour) — This brings up recollections of my trip to Pakistan—fogged in.

It is difficult to express one's appreciation for the many generous assists from the people in our great state of Oregon. I take this method, telling of my observations of the places seen, the people met and some of the "inside" on the 1956 Olympic Games. Yes, I am most fortunate person, and let me assure the many people who made it possible to be in Melbourne, a humbly grateful one.

There is so little to do while waiting for fog to lift that the great day for the northwest keeps popping up. The great day was Saturday, Nov. 17. The Ducks were terrific, the Cougars superb, and what happened to the Indians at Seattle has happened to many hound dogs. Yep, the Northern division has confounded the California experts, and maybe we should throw THEM out. Too bad Oregon State was not playing Idaho or UCLA to make it unanimous. Track Publication

Numbered among the track and field party are the mother of decathlon man Rafer Johnson and Sally, the wife of sprinter Thane Baker. Sally is the niece of Phil and Maggie Higdon of Cottage Grove. Will comment lots more on these when I get better acquainted.

Track and Field News is a publication devoted entirely to track. Corder and Burt Nelson started it right after World War II. Brutus Hamilton, 1952 Olympic coach, recommended that they could make a greater contribution as editors rather than coaches. They have, and in addition have made tours to great track events available at very reasonable rates.

Track and Field News should be on the periodical list of every family with a boy 12 years of age or older. If anyone takes me seriously order through Box 296, Los Altos, Calif. Three bucks a year.

Pullets lay fewer eggs and eat more feed when oats are the only cereal grain in their diet, according to experiments at the Agricultural Experiment Station at the University of Illinois.

Managers Tie For Award

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Bob Sheffing of the pennant-winning Los Angeles Angels and Tommy Heath of the Sacramento Solons wound up in a dead heat today for the Pacific Coast League Baseball Writers' association manager-of-the-year award.

Sheffing recently was named manager of the Chicago Cubs after his Angels won the PCL pennant by 16 games.

Heath, who will return to the Solons this year, finished fifth

with a ball club that generally was expected to do no better than sixth or seventh.

The award was announced by Tom Kane, president of the writers' group.

St. Louis — (U.P.) — Relief pitcher Larry Jackson has signed his 1957 contract with the St. Louis Cardinals. Jackson had a 2-2 won and lost record last season but was credited with saving 13 other games for the Cardinals.

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Class B Semi-Final Grid Sites Named

Portland — (U.P.) — The Oregon Schools Activities association named sites for the Class B semi-final football playoff games here yesterday and changed the date previously announced for one of the Class A-2 playoffs.

Corvallis will be the site of the semi-final game between Colton and Monroe with the two teams meeting on the high school field in Corvallis Saturday night. Stanfield hosts Sherman of More in the other semi-final game, scheduled for Friday afternoon.

In the A-2 bracket, the Silverton-Eagle Point game, announced earlier for Friday night of this week, was changed to Saturday night at the South Salem high school field in Salem. The other A-2 game is billed for North Bend Saturday night between Reedsport and Central high of Monmouth-Independence.

Medford and Pendleton will play host to the A-1 semi-final games with Marshfield, the defending champion, traveling to Pendleton Saturday afternoon and Benson of Portland meeting Medford Friday night.

Final game of the Class B six-man division matches Alsea and Culver Saturday afternoon at Corvallis.

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SPORTS

Arch Rivals Prepare for PCC Finale

Corvallis, Ore. — (U.P.) — The Rose Bowl bound Oregon State Beavers ran through an extra heavy schedule of workouts this week in preparation for the conference finale Thanksgiving Day against arch rival Oregon.

Coach Tommy Prothro sent the Beavers through one of their few Sunday drills this week, a secret session held behind locked doors.

Ends Norm Thiel and Bob DeGrant, first stringers sidelined by injuries since the Stanford game, returned to uniform Monday and may be ready for the Oregon game.

Eugene, Ore. — (U.P.) — The Oregon Ducks sharpened their offense attack today in preparation for their traditional "civil war" game against the bowl-bound Oregon State Beavers Thursday.

Held to limited workouts Monday because of injuries were Leroy Phelps, Charles Tourville, Jack Brown, Jack Morris, John Raventos and Jack Pocock. Team doctors said all may be able to see action against OSC.

Wrestling Night To Be on Friday At Grants Pass

Grants Pass — Professional wrestling night in Grants Pass will be on Friday until further notice, promoter Elton Owen has announced. The change will go into effect this week.

First presentation at the new time will feature ladies night with women being admitted absolutely free, except to ringside seats.

The card will be a double main event with each match going an hour or two-out-of-three falls Roy Heffernan will meet big Don Kindred. Winner will get a title match against Ed Francis. Bull Montana will take on Lee Wong.

Wrestling has been on Wednesdays up to now.

PCL Okehs Sale of Team To Sportsmen

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The Pacific Coast League has tentatively approved the sale of the Vancouver baseball team to a group of Vancouver sportsmen.

The Vancouver Columbia group would pay approximately \$150,000 to the Oakland, Calif., interests that presently own the team.

PCL President Leslie O'Connor said the loop would approve the transaction, provided it was accomplished before next Jan. 15, and both parties lived up to the agreement.

The Vancouver group, headed by restaurant owner Nat Bailey and Norman Burley, offered to buy the team franchise and players from the "Oakland Association" for \$150,000 and place an added \$75,000 in the bank for operating capital.

Club President C. L. Brink Laws, who transferred from Oakland to Vancouver last season, said the terms were satisfactory to him and that he would submit them to the other local stockholders within the next eight or nine days.

Young Takes Turkey Run

Floyd Young paced a field of 18 entries to capture the first place trophy Sunday in the motorcycle turkey run sponsored by White's Cycle shop of Medford.

Harry Elledge won the grand prize turkey donated by Phillips Poultry.

Second place trophy went to Charles Dorn. Dick Killian took third and John Winkler fourth hardware. Trophies and awards were sponsored by the cycle shop and Terole's Jewelry engraved the trophies.

Twelve participants finished the run. They had to clear all checks to be eligible to join in the turkey hunt.

Swaps Is Recovering

Merchantville, N. J. — (U.P.) — Swaps has passed his first big test on the road to his recovery from a near tragic training accident.

The famed thoroughbred, who broke a bone in his left hind leg while working out at Garden State park last month, was given a thorough examination Monday by a group of veterinarians, who reported that most of the break had healed completely.

Oklahoma Remains 1st; OSC Ninth

New York — (U.P.) — The United Press college football ratings with first place votes and worst records in parentheses:

Team	Points
1. Oklahoma 24 (8-0)	325
2. Tennessee 9 (8-0)	313
3. Texas A&M 1 (8-0-1)	238
4. Iowa 1 (7-1)	223
5. Georgia Tech (7-1)	214
6. Miami (Fla.) (6-0-1)	117
7. Minnesota (6-1-1)	100
8. Michigan State (6-2)	75
9. Oregon State (7-2)	57
10. (Tie) Syracuse (7-1)	54
10. (Tie) Michigan (6-2)	54

Second 10 teams—12, Pittsburgh, 49; 13, Ohio State, 41; 14, Navy, 17; 15, Florida, 12; 16, Yale, 10; 15, Texas Christian, 8; 18, Wyoming, 5; 19 (tie), Southern California, Penn State, Purdue and Baylor, 3 each.

Johnson Has Pro Hoop Scoring Lead

New York — (U.P.) — Neil Johnson of the Philadelphia Warriors today enjoyed an increased lead in the National Basketball association scoring race despite Bob Pettit's 49 points in a single game against the Rochester Royals.

Pettit's spree, the largest one-game production the league has seen in three years, gave the lanky St. Louis Hawks star a very brief hold on the scoring lead that Johnson recaptured almost immediately.

Official weekly statistics released today by the league showed Johnson now is on top with a grand total of 253 points, followed by Clyde Lovellette of Minneapolis with 237 and then Pettit with 229, Paul Arizin of Philadelphia with 219, and Adolph Schayes of Syracuse with 203.

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Olympic Ace Twists Ankle

Melbourne—(U.P.)—Cy Young, defending Olympic javelin champion and regarded as a strong contender to repeat for the United States, has suffered a severely twisted ankle. He revealed the injury while sitting out his usual training period at Olympic village at Heidelberg.

The 1952 games champion and record holder suffered the injury while performing in a tune-up drill Monday. He did not disclose the injury until today, however, although team trainers took immediate action to repair the damage that evening.

Young was hurt while flinging a 261-foot, three-inch toss on his second attempt in Monday's workout. He said the ankle rolled under him as he released the javelin and he fell heavily to the ground.

Officials Eye Sugar Bowl Game

New Orleans — (U.P.) — Sugar Bowl officials eyed contenders today to meet Tennessee here in the annual Jan. 1 clash and named Baylor as a possibility.

The Southwest school, with a 6-2 season record, was listed as "definitely under consideration" by Paul Deblanc, president of the sponsoring Mid-Winter Sports association.

A Tennessee-Georgia Tech game "would be worth seeing," Deblanc said. "We've matched two Southeastern conference teams in the past, so it is possible it can be done." However, he added, that a game between two SEC teams is generally "not what the fans want."

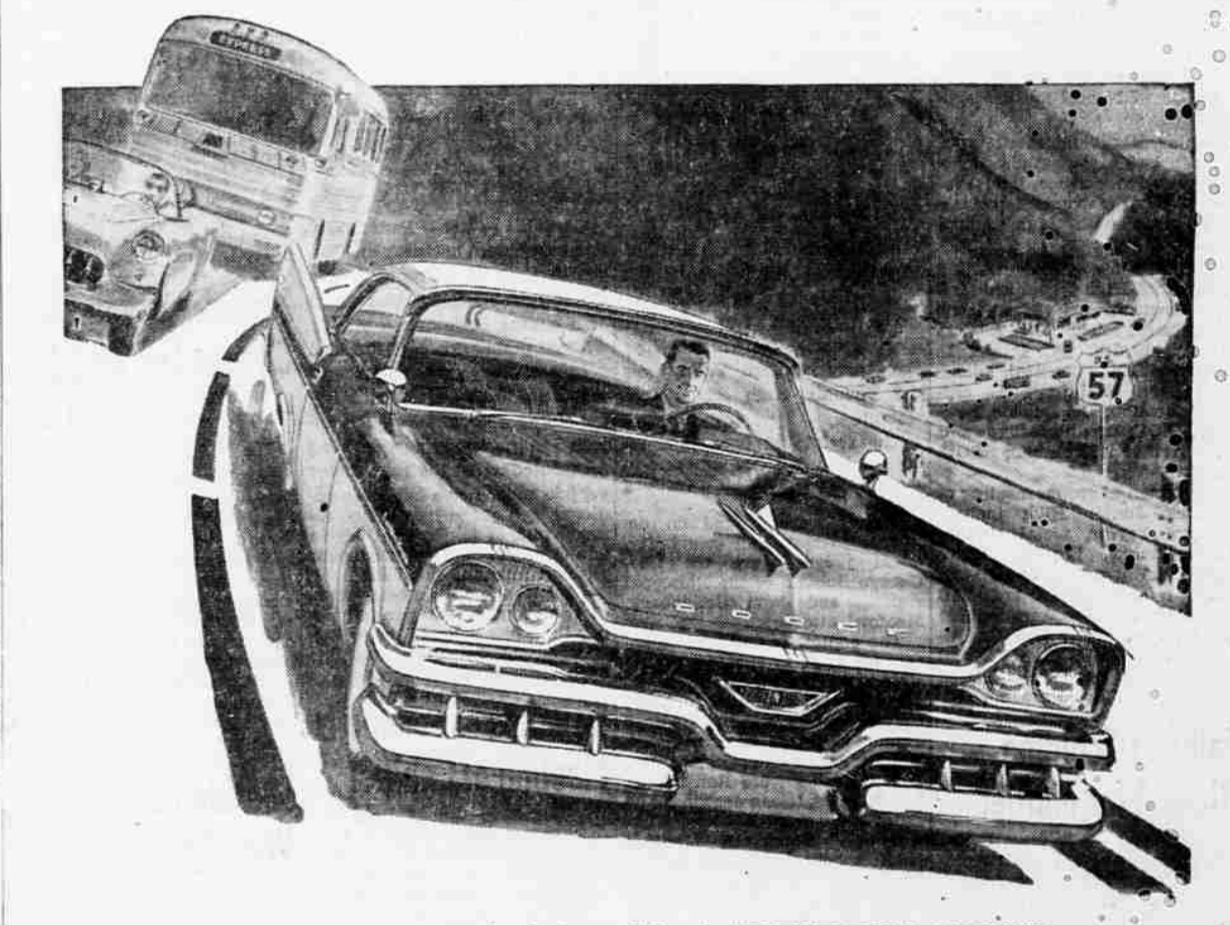
Sugar Hart Gets TV Bid

New York — (U.P.) — Welterweight Garnett (Sugar) Hart of Philadelphia, who practically clinched "rookie-of-the-year" honors with his 10th straight victory Monday night, was offered another TV fight and a main event at Madison Square garden.

Slender, 20-year-old Hart—who looks like another Sugar Ray Robinson—tagged West Indian Hector Constance with the first kayo of his 44-fight career in the 10th round of their TV bout at St. Nick's Monday night.

Promoter Teddy Brenner of St. Nick's today offered Hart a 10-rounder with young Gene Johns of New York on Dec. 17, and matchmaker Billy Brown of the Garden told Sugar, "I'll be able to use you on top some time in January."

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