

Olympics End With Soviet Victory

Russia Takes Games by 129 Points Over Yanks

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Melbourne — (U.P.) — The XVI Olympiad, begun 17 days ago amid an international war crisis and marred repeatedly by bitter wrangling, closed Saturday with pomp and ceremony and the award of one last Russian gold medal.

A 3-0 victory over Yugoslavia in the soccer final, the only competition Saturday brought the Soviet team their 37th gold medal of the games and a final 129-point margin over the United States in the unofficial team score, 722 to 593.

The Russian victory was emphatic in medals as well as points for they won 99 medals of all types against only 74 for the United States.

And observers here left wondering how many years it will take America to regain the title. It promised to be a long, long time for the Soviet victory stemmed directly from sports in which few Americans have any interest—gymnastics, canoeing, field hockey, cycling, fencing, Greco-Roman wrestling.

Minor Sports Campaign

J. Lyman Bingham, executive director of the U.S. Olympic Committee, marked the closing day with a promise that U.S. sports officials will turn new interest on these so-called "minor" sports in which the Russians reaped a rich point harvest. But

Red Raiders Bow To Chico; Play Humboldt on Monday

Chico, Calif. — Chico State college pushed into a comfortable lead in the latter stages of the opening half and didn't get into serious trouble after that in scrapping to a 55 to 39 hoop triumph over Southern Oregon college.

The Red Raiders from Ashland, Ore., had a skimpy 11 to 10 lead with seven minutes played in the game but the Wildcats pushed to a nine-point 34 to 25 gap by the midway signal.

In the second half Chico pulled away to a 24 tally spread at 33 to 34 and the Oregon college fans whistled down the margin from there.

Olivia of the Raiders was high scorer of the evening with 18 points and Hal Ellis tabulated 14 for Chico.

The Southern Oregon courtsters concluded with a better scoring average from the field for the evening with 16 for 48 or .333 while Chico had .289 on 24 for 83.

Ashland — It's four games in five days for the Southern Oregon college basketball team.

The Raiders wound up a two-game stand against Chico State in Chico, Calif., Saturday and return here for Monday and Tuesday night games as hosts to Humboldt State college. Varsity games both days will start about 8:15 p.m.

For Humboldt Coach Franny Givins has six lettermen back from the club which in 1956 tied for the Far Western conference mantle. Of these Hank Cooper was the only player who was a regular for the full season. However, Warren Baker was a starter much of the year.

Other Lettermen

Other lettermen are Jerry Paul, Bob Lawson, Al Deniz and Jim Knox. Lawson is said to be much improved this year. It is felt that he will help the Lumberjacks defensively through the season.

While the "Jacks are short on overall height and Givins feels his crew lack real experience, the squad has some good new-comers who are regarded as fine prospects. Among them are Grant Erhart, 6-5, only freshman on the varsity squad. Charles Schubert, Ed Thomas and Jack Evans are junior college transfers.

Humboldt is known for a methodical, deliberate, ball-control style of play. Givins has indicated that he is abandoning the double post offense used last year and going back to a single post offensive.

LINE-UPS:

Chico 53	59	800
Forbes 4	9	Reese
Bohlander	2	Love
Ellis 14	18	Olivia
Davis 7	2	Bates
Graham 7	2	Christensen
Substitutions — For Chico, Wagner		
Richardson 4	McLaughlin 2	Maslett 10
Miller 2	Adams 2	Gutierrez 2
Barthol 3	Severance 6	For SOO, Jacobson 6
Ganong 2	Penny 7	Crandall 7
Tennie		

MIBL Lists 10 Contests This Week

MIBL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Points
Prospect	2	0	1,000
Lea Motors	1	0	1,000
Compagny A (Nat'l Gd.)	1	0	1,000
Mutual of Omaha	1	0	1,000
Butte Falls	0	2	0
Hawkinsville Tire Tread	0	1	0
Ashland National Guard	0	1	0
Humboldt Co. (Nat'l Gd.)	0	1	0

This will be the heaviest week so far in the 1956-1957 slate of the Medford Independent Basketball League.

Two games are billed. There will be four on Wednesday and two each on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

In the Monday activity Hawkinsville Tire Tread will oppose Butte Falls at 7 p.m. at McLoughlin Junior High school while Compagny A of the National Guard will vie at Prospect at 8 p.m. Tuesday night action with both games at the Headquarters Company of the Guard playing Lea Motors at 7 p.m. and Ashland National Guard meeting Mutual of Omaha at 8:30 p.m.

Prospect Leads

Two games are set for the junior high gym here. Medford's two National Guard companies are rivals at 7 p.m. and Hawkinsville and Mutual will take the floor for the late scrap. Ashland National Guard goes to Butte Falls and Lea Motors to Prospect for 8 p.m. stuffles.

Lea and Mutual vie in the early game on the Medford floor Thursday while Ashland National Guard faces Headquarters in the No. 2 attraction.

Prospect, 1955-1956 regular season champ, so far is in front in the circuit with 17 wins and no losses while Lea Motors, Compagny A of the National Guard and Mutual of Omaha each has won its only league game.

Ashlanders Clip Fortuna Hosts 40-34

Fortuna, Calif. — Ashland Ore. high school was successful on the first stop of its northern California jaunt. The Grizzlies downed the Fortuna Huskies 40 to 34 here Friday.

Fortuna won the junior varsity encounter 48 to 40.

The Grizzly quint, five men went all the way, had 15 to 12 quarter and 24 to 22 halfway advantages. Score after three periods was deadlocked at 30 each.

Nichols of Fortuna was top point man with 14. Jack Tobiasson and Albert Hartwell each scored 12 points for Ashland.

CHESTNUT SIGNS

Washington — (U.P.) — Featherweights Ike Chestnut of New York and Isidor Martinez of Panama have been signed to meet in a nationally televised and broadcast 10-round bout at Capitol Arena, Jan. 4.

Linman-of-Year

New York — (U.P.) — Jerry Tubbs, the rugged rock in the middle of the line for Oklahoma's National Football champion team, Saturday, was voted the United Press Lineman of the Year for the 1956 College football season.

Tubbs, a great team leader as well as a blocker and linebacker, was honored in a nationwide poll of 235 sports writers and radio and television broadcasters who voted for the United Press All-America team.

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of one, eight for Yale's eight-oared crew instead of one. But whether such suggestions ever would result in rules changes seemed dubious.

The games closed, as they opened, before a crowd of 110,000 at the main stadium.

Many Athletes Already Gone

Athletes paraded into the stadium behind their 69 national flags, only not as many athletes as on opening day. Many were gone already, including weeping Hungarians heading back to an unknown fate in their afflicted homeland.

The five-ringed Olympic flag was taken down and given to Melbourne's lord mayor to mind for the city of Rome. Italy, where the 1960 Olympics are scheduled, Flags of Australia, the present host, Greece, the originator, and Italy, the next host, were run up and the anthems of all three nations played.

Then the balding Brundage intoned the formal closing words, first expressing the "deepest gratitude" of the IOC to Queen Elizabeth, Australia, and Melbourne, and then inviting "the youth of all countries to assemble in four years at Rome, there to celebrate with us the games of the XVII Olympiad."

The Olympic flame, lit in Greece and brought here, finally was snuffed out at 4:45 p.m. (1:45 a.m. EST) and the athletes marched out as the Australian military bands stirred up the spectators with the rollicking Aussie song, "Waltzing Matilda."

The Olympics were over.

Crater Trounces Oakridge 68-53 in Court Starter

Central Point — The Crater High Comets got off on the right foot in their regular schedule of hoop games by trimming Oakridge 68 to 53 here Friday night. It was the first game of a two-game week end series and marked the first Comet win over the Warriors in cage competition.

Action was closer than the final score showed. Crater led by around five or six points through most of the second half then broke the Warrior press and pulled away in the last few minutes of the ruckus.

The Comets were on top at all the intermissions. They headed 12 to 11 at the quarter. Wayne Allen's long shot at the buzzer made it 29 to 24 at the half and after three periods of play the count was 50 to 34.

Tirrill Gets 22

Up against a short club which worked the ball smooth and well, Crater was ragged at the start. But the Comets looked good for early season after they got going and had a fair lead much of the rest of the way in the first half.

Bob Tirrill was high scorer for the game, piling up 22 markers for Oakridge. Fred Herrmann collected 16 for Crater.

LINE-UPS:

Crater 68	53	Oakridge
Campbell 8	10	Koeber
Herrmann 16	5	Snyder
Cochran 4	4	Schmidt
Johnson 12	2	Tirrill
Kline 2	4	Jones
Substitutions — For Crater, Allen		
Greb 2	Estremado 1	Goyette 4
White 1	Smith 9	for Oakridge
Smith 4	Hays 4	Long, Johnson, Heidrich

Iowa Picked Over Beavers In Rose Bowl

Tennessee swept 10 regular season games this year enroute to the Southeastern conference football championship but its Sugar Bowl game with Baylor on New Year's Day is rated a toss-up.

Baylor, which lost to Texas A&M and Texas Christian in Southwest conference play, will take an 8-2 record into the New Orleans game.

The oddsmakers also rate the Orange Bowl game between Clemson (7-1-2) of the Atlantic Coast conference and Colorado (7-2-1) of the Big Seven a "pick 'em" affair.

Iowa (8-1) is favored over Oregon State (7-2-1) by 6½ points for the Rose Bowl game at Pasadena, Calif., and Georgia Tech (9-1) is favored over Pittsburgh (6-2-1) by the same margin for the Gator Bowl contest at Jacksonville, Fla.

Other Contests

In the other major post-season contest, Texas Christian (7-3) is a seven-point choice to defeat Syracuse (7-1) in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Tex.

The bowl lineup, all starting times EST:

Dec. 22 —
Aluminum bowl, Little Rock, Ark. — Montana State (9-0) vs. St. Joseph's (Ind.), College (8-1). CBS radio-TV, 2 p.m.

Dec. 26 —
Shrine game, Miami, Fla. — North vs. South All-Stars. Mutual radio, 8 p.m.

Dec. 29 —
Gator bowl, Jacksonville, Fla. — Georgia Tech (9-1) vs. Pittsburgh (6-2-1). CBS radio-TV, 2 p.m.

Blue-Gray, Montgomery, Ala. — South vs. North All-Stars. NBC TV, noon.

Shrine game, San Francisco — East vs. West All-Stars.

Jan. 1 —
Rose bowl, Pasadena, Calif. — Iowa (8-1) vs. Oregon State (7-2-1). NBC radio-TV, 5 p.m.

Sugar bowl, New Orleans, La. — Tennessee (10-0) vs. Baylor (8-2). ABC radio-TV, noon.

Cotton bowl, Dallas, Texas — Texas Christian (7-3) vs. Syracuse (7-1). NBC radio-TV, 2 p.m.

Orange bowl, Miami, Fla. — Clemson (7-2-1) vs. Colorado (7-2-1). CBC radio-TV, 2 p.m.

Sun bowl, El Paso, Tex. — Texas Western (9-1) vs. George Washington (7-1-1). 3:15 p.m.

Tangerine bowl, Orlando, Fla. — West Texas State (7-2) vs. Mississippi Southern (7-1-1) 8 p.m.

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Phoenix High Surge Trips Eagles 54-51

Phoenix — Not yet a polished ball club, but one showing plenty of hustle and determination, the Phoenix High Pirates indicated Friday night that they will make a stubborn defense of their 1956 Rogue league basketball championship.

Behind by nine points midway in the fourth quarter, the Pirates fought back to nick Eagle Point 54 to 51 in a non-loop encounter. It was the season starter for Phoenix.

With 17 seconds left Doug Witte hit a close-in goal to give Phoenix a 52 to 51 edge. It was the Pirates' first time in front since early in the second quarter. Eagle Point came back down the floor hoping for a last second field shot but the Eagles lost the ball to Gary Simmonds. He boomed down the floor and layed the ball in for a clincher just before the horn signalled the end of the game.

Eagles Lead

Eagle Point held quarterly margins of 10 to 8, 25 to 23 and 44 to 37. As the fourth panel started Simmonds took a feed and drove in to make it 44 to 39. But Jack Greb of the Eagles hit a long goal from the side and dribbled in for another to make it 48 to 39.

Jim Stout of Phoenix dumped in a close shot, was fouled by Ron Hanson in the process and made his free bucket for 48 to 42. Greb countered with a close on a feed for 50 to 42. But Witte followed with a rebound bucket, and Jim James swung in a two-counter then took a feed from Stout and hit from fairly close range. That made it 50 to 48 with less than two minutes to play.

Phoenix hopes dropped a bit when Dennis Boren put in the first of two gift tries on an infraction by Jim Heath. That made it 51 to 48. Simmonds fouled Greb who missed the gift. Then Simmonds drove in the close for a basket for 51 to 50. With 28 seconds left Simmonds was charged with another infraction. Dick Brown failed to sink the gratis try. The Pirates got the ball, headed downcourt and Witte came through with his game winner goal.

Score of the game was tied twice in the first quarter and four times in the second period. As the second stanza began Witte connected on a jumper to tie the fray at 10-all. Heath scored from the corner for 12 to 10 Phoenix. Shots by Ron Veach and Boren erased the Pirate edge, making the count 14 to 12, and Phoenix, except for ties of 14-all and 23 each trailed until the final seconds.

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Referee Meeting Set Wednesday

A meeting of Rogue valley basketball referees is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Medford senior high school. Commissioner Virgil Swanson said that arbiters will go over rules and mechanics of officiating. Game assignments will be made. Swanson said that referees who do not attend will not get games.

Hungarian Athletes Get Offer From Oregon

Portland — Hungarian Olympic team athletes, who do not wish to return to communist suppression in their homeland, will be welcomed in Oregon.

Paul Ousley, chairman of the Oregon committee for Hungarian relief, last week relayed this welcome to Australia through Bill Bowerman, University of Oregon track coach, who has been attending the Olympic games.

Ousley told Bowerman that the committee, through support of people in Oregon, has jobs and homes available for more than 150 refugees.

West All-Stars Club Eastern Team, 35-0

Vancouver, B.C. — (U.P.) — The West beat the East, 35-0 Saturday in the second annual Shrine All-Star professional football game at Empire Stadium.

While a slim crowd of 13,546 huddled under umbrellas in the rain, quarterback Frank Tripucka of Saskatchewan went the route for the Westerners and gave one of the greatest displays of his career.

In other games, the New York Knickerbockers shaded the St. Louis Hawks, 105-101, and the Fort Wayne Pistons downed the Syracuse Nationals, 103-97.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

RUSSIA TOPS STANDINGS

Melbourne, — (U.P.) — Russia, which began a massive sports program while digging out of the wreckage of World War II, swept unofficial team honors in the 1956 Olympics with a total of 722 points against 593 for the United States.

Russia finished 129 points ahead of the United States. Australia, a country with a population of only nine million, was third with 278½ points.

Soviet athletes also won team honors at the 1956 winter games in Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy, by scoring 121 points against Austria's 78½.

The unofficial team standings for the 1956 summer games, based on 10-5-4-3-2-1 points for placings from first through sixth:

Russia 712 (32), United States 593 (25), Australia 278½ (15), Germany 273 (6), Hungary 220½ (9), Italy 185 (8), Britain 180½ (6), Sweden 164 (8), Japan 139 (4), France 120½ (4), Romania 108 (2), Finland 98½ (3), Poland 71½ (1), Czechoslovakia 71½ (1), Turkey 61 (3), Canada 52 (2), Iran 48 (3), Bulgaria 34½ (1), Denmark 29 (1), Ireland 28½ (1), New Zealand 28 (2), South Africa 24, Korea 22, India 10 (1), Trinidad 7, Uruguay 6, Switzerland 5, Iceland 5, Pakistan 5, Greece 4, Bahamas 4, Portugal 4, Nigeria 2, Malaysia 1, Spain 1, Cuba 1.

Texas Team Wins Junior Rose Bowl

Pasadena, Calif. — (U.P.) — football history. Compton had a string of 35 victories going into the game.

SERS TOP GREEN BAY

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The San Francisco Forty Niners flash their form of old Saturday as rookie end Clyde Conner and veteran fullback Hugh McElhenny paced the club to a 38-20 victory over Green Bay.

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