

Gonzales Starts Closing Gap on Hoad in Matches

Dallas, Tex. — Pro tennis king Pancho Gonzales said today he thought he played the best tennis of the current tour Monday night when he defeated Lew Hoad, 6-3, 7-5 to narrow the Aussie's lead to 16-9.

"It was the first time I have been satisfied with my game since the start of the tour," Pancho said. "I feel I am getting stronger and my serve is as good as it ever has been."

With a fourth of the tour completed, Hoad could win only 35 of the remaining matches and still dethrone Pancho.

In Monday night's matches, Pancho's big service carried him to the two-set match win. He broke through the Aussie's serve in the sixth game of the first set, and again in the third game of the second set.

In the 11th game, with Hoad serving, Gonzales won a love game, then went on to take the 12th also.

In the preliminary match, Tony Trabert stretched his lead over Pancho Segura to 6-5 with an 8-5 win. In the doubles nightcap, Gonzales and Trabert beat Hoad and Segura, 6-4, 7-5.

Speedster Planning 220 Record Smash, Marriage

By CLYDE JABIN United Press Sports Writer Fresno, Calif. — Diminutive Mike Agostini of Fresno State College is planning a permanent, calypso-style spring into the far reaches of Canada where a pretty blonde is his main attraction—but he also still has his eye on a new 220-yard world record.

Agostini, the smallest of the current crop of "world's fastest humans," has been smitten by the love bug. The object of his affection is Madeline Finnegan, 18, of Edmonton, Alta.

The couple became engaged during the Christmas season and Mike has applied for citizenship papers.

Before his matrimonial pursuit, however, the 23-year-old Trinidad speedster is going to take another crack at the spring dash events. Mike not only wants a 200-yard dash record again but has a new theory for outrunning the pack.

"That's relax, man; you gotta relax," says Agostini. "And that's what I aim to do this season. In the past, I became so keyed up before some races my legs hurt."

Mike, who competed in the 1956 Olympics for Trinidad, met Madeline last summer while running in the British Empire Games.

She is a Scottish highland dancer. But love is not the only reason why Agostini wants to become a Canadian citizen. He explains that he prefers the cool weather there as compared to the warm climate in Trinidad. He also plans to take graduate study in Canada after getting his degree in business administration at Fresno State.

"I'll always have a love for Trinidad naturally," he adds. "And I hope the island's loss will be Canada's gain."

Run For Fun One way the five-foot, seven and one-half inch sprinter believes he can relax is "to run for the fun of it and maybe the record time will come along."

Mike zipped into the track spotlight two years ago with a record 20.1 clocking in the 220 at Bakersfield. The time was lowered to 20 seconds flat by Duke University's Dave Sime and Mike believes a time as low as 19.6 is possible for the event.

Agostini, who began competitive sprint races at 16, also has excelled in the 100-yard dash where he has had an unofficial 9.3 clocking to match the world mark. However, he prefers the 220 because "in the hundred I think the distance is so short. I have to run hard all the way."

Slowed By Illness An attack of Asian flu last autumn forced Agostini to give up daily workouts for the longest period since he began racing. He now has started gradual practice sessions for his final season at Fresno State and hopes to regain his form.

Program to Help Taxpayers Slated Salem — A comprehensive program for assisting taxpayers in all parts of Oregon in filing their state income tax returns has been scheduled by the State Tax commission from now until the April 15 deadline, according to Commissioner Chairman S. W. Horn.

Auditors already are available for such purposes at the commission's headquarters in Salem and at the Portland branch office. Part-time service will be announced locally by the commission's branch offices in Astoria, Bend, Eugene, Klamath Falls, Medford, North Bend, Ontario, Pendleton and Roseburg. In March and April, traveling audit teams will cover virtually all other communities in the state, Horn reported. Places, dates and hours will be announced well in advance through newspapers, radio stations, and by posters.

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PRE-SEASON SWEAT—Milwaukee Braves pitcher Bob Trowbridge tries out the sweat box with a towel assist from Don Kaiser after the two hurlers arrived for spring training at Bradenton, Fla. Kaiser recently was traded to the Braves by Chicago Cubs.

Yost, Erskine Show Way in Spring Camps

By UNITED PRESS Eddie Yost and Carl Erskine, a pair of 31-year-old veterans who had it tough in 1957, are showing the rookies what hard work means this spring in an effort to reestablish themselves as stars.

Yost, told he'll have to battle Harmon Killebrew for Washington's regular third-base job, checked in at the Senators' camp Monday and gave a sparkling exhibition around the hot corner.

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Willamette Narrows Gap in NW Circles

By UNITED PRESS Willamette closed the gap in the Northwest Conference basketball race Monday night by trimming Whitman while Linfield was losing to College of Idaho.

Linfield still holds a narrow half-game lead with a 9-4 mark to 9-5 for the Salem team.

After the eastern invasion in which both Oregon teams lost two out of three games, Willamette, with one conference game left, just about had to come through Monday night. And the Bearcats did that by downing Whitman 85-75 as they sank 31 out of 44 free throws.

Willamette's Vic Backlund led all scorers with 24 while Tom Johns had 23. Linfield took a 93-88 beating from College of Idaho which hasn't lost on its home floor in a conference game this season. Bill Machamer, who had 38 points against Whitman Saturday night, had just 8 Monday night. Jackie Riley had 22 for Linfield while Don Moore hit 21 for the winners.

Bonneville, Copco Make Power Pact

Richmond, Va. — Arrangements have been completed whereby Bonneville Power administration will transmit over its lines power supplied by California Oregon Power company to the Reynolds Metals company aluminum smelting plant at Troutdale, Ore.

Reynolds has become the largest industrial user of private power in the area. The contract between Bonneville and Copco makes available for purchase by Reynolds 65,000 kilowatts of firm power with the amount to be increased on July 1, 1959 to 95,000 kilowatts. The contract extends until June 30, 1973.

Bonneville will continue to supply additional power to the Troutdale plant and to a similar facility operated by Reynolds at Longview, Wash.

HABITUAL GENEROSITY Towner, N.D. — An empty cream bottle was left on the counter of a store here for about 24 hours. When a clerk noticed it, he found it jingling with almost a dollar in "contributions." The bottle has gone back to the creamery; the change went to the March of Dimes.

Youth Burned As Rocket Explodes

Portland — Allister MacPherson, 20, a young rocket fancier, was severely burned Monday night when a military rocket he was unloading exploded and burned in the basement of his southwest Portland home.

MacPherson said he was not certain what caused the explosion. It might have been the result of a spark or friction.

The home was filled with acrid smoke and firemen wore masks in combating the resulting basement blaze that caused an estimated \$75000 damage to the house.

A friend, John Robinson, said MacPherson had obtained a box of military rockets from a surplus store in Olympia and was taking the powder out of one to render it harmless for a rocket lecture he had been invited to give.

Debbie Reynolds Has Second Child

Hollywood — Actress Debbie Reynolds was "doing fine" today at St. Joseph's hospital in nearby Burbank where her second child, a son, weighing 8 pounds and 7½ ounces, was born Monday.

Her husband, singer Eddie Fisher, was so confident the child would be a boy he sent a box of "It's A Boy" cigars to an NBC rehearsal stage while he waited for the birth.

Fisher had been forced to miss rehearsal for his show. The boy was born shortly after noon. The couple has a daughter, Carrie Frances, 1.

GENERAL WEDS Santa Barbara, Calif. — Gen. Earle E. Partridge, commanding general of the Air Defense command, Colorado Springs, Colo., was wed here Monday to Mrs. Elizabeth Cowles.

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Frankfurt, Germany — Prince Rainier and Princess Grace of Monaco have chosen the name for their expected second child but are keeping it a "state secret," Mrs. Margaret Kelly of Philadelphia said today. Mrs. Kelly, mother of Princess Grace, arrived Monday from Monaco for a 10-day visit. Her parents were born in Germany.

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Man Arrested for Theft of Speaker

Ashland — Bert Leroy Johnson, 20, of 120 Jeannette st., Medford, was arrested by Ashland city police early Sunday morning on a charge of petty theft.

Johnson, who was turned over to Jackson county sheriff's officers, is charged with the theft of a speaker from Lithia drive-in theater last year.

Poughkeepsie, N.Y. — Dr. Ervin S. Acel, a United States Olympic fencing team member in 1928, died Monday at the age of 69. He was president of Ervin S. Acel Inc., an advertising firm in New York City.

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Oregon Maternal Death Rate Low

Portland — The State Board of Health said today provisional figures showed Oregon last year continued its record as one of the world's safest places to raise a family.

Only eight deaths were recorded from causes stemming from pregnancy or childbirth for a rate of 0.2 deaths per 1,000 childbirths, placing 1957 in a tie with 1955 for the second-lowest number of maternal deaths in Oregon's history. All-time low was the five deaths and rate of 0.1 reported in 1951, when Oregon set a new national record for safe childbirth.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said only one mother died last year for each 4673 deliveries, compared to one per 1000 deliveries a decade ago and one per each 167 deliveries in 1930.

INVESTIGATE EXPLOSION

New Delhi, India — Indian Defense Minister V. K. Krishna Menon planned a trip to Pathankot today to investigate a railroad yard explosion which killed 30 persons and injured 15 others. Civilian laborers and military personnel were among the victims. The blast occurred Monday 350 miles northwest of here.

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