

Main Greet Games Opening Yankee Homers Beat Chicago

US, Russ Rivalry Watched

By TED SMITS
HELSINKI (AP) — The gigantic 15th Olympic Games opened Saturday before a sellout rain-soaked crowd of 70,000 with Soviet Russia taking part for the first time. Seventy nations paraded 5,870 athletes and 2,000 officials in a fantastic splash of color around the red brick running track and only the modernistic green turf of Helsinki's stadium.

The games were proclaimed open by Juhio K. Paasikivi, president of the Finnish Republic, and the Olympic torch atop the stadium's slender 240-foot tower burst into flames — kindled by fire relayed across Europe from sacred Mount Olympus in Greece.

Thus the stage was set for a dramatic sports rivalry between Russia and the United States, which up to now has dominated the games since their founding at Athens in 1896.

The two great powers have the biggest teams — 334 American athletes and nearly 400 Russian. Each is represented in the 17 Olympic sports, except for field hockey.

CHEERS

The parade of athletes around the running track to take up positions in solid masses of color behind their flags was accompanied by cheers from the crowd, some of which paid as high as 10,000 fimmars (22¢) on the black market for seats.

Dark blue predominated, but there was a splash of green for Australia and South Africa, red for Canada, and pale blue and white for the Finnish team. The Russians wore immaculate white suits with red ties and the Americans had blue jackets, white trousers, and white caps.

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Sox Blast Indians' Brissie

By JACK HAND
AP Sports Writer
Casey Stengel got the horse laugh with his spring training boast: "I've got the best outfield in the league."

Cleveland rushed up to lodge an objection, pointing to its Dale Mitchell-Larry Doby-Harry Simpson trio. Yankee fans wondered if Stengel had forgotten Joe Dimaggio had retired. Even Stengel weakened and traded two of his outfield crop—Jackie Jensen and Archie Wilson—with Patcher Spec Shea to Washington to get outfield help from Ivy Kline.

But the averages show old Case was pretty close to the truth with his first claim about the class of his New York Yankee outfield.

Gene Woodling, .335, is second in the American League. Mickey Vernon, .315, is a surging fifth. Hank Bauer, .302 is No. 10 in the league's top 10 hitters. Jensen, .287, big one that got away, is seventh at .309.

Bauer's three-run homer and Woodling's two-run blast gave the Yankees enough power for a 6-3 win over Chicago Friday.

BLASTED

Boston blasted Cleveland's Lou Brissie, making his first start in 12 months for a 2-2 decision that kept the Red Sox 4 1/2 games behind the Yankees.

Despite Marty Marion's desperate use of 22 players, one short of the league record, his St. Louis Browns lost to Washington, 6-5, on a 15-hit attack that included three singles by Jensen.

Art Houtteman snapped a nine game losing streak as Detroit edged Philadelphia, 2-1, with the help of Hal Dropo's fourth inning home run. Before the game, they had an official weigh-in for Little Bobby Shantz, the A's ace. He weighed 139 1/2 and stood 5-foot-5 1/4 inches.

11 STRAIGHT

Brooklyn continued to belt the National's weaklings, beating Pittsburgh, 6-2, for the 11th straight time. The Pirates made three errors and gave the Dodgers another run on a balk by Bob Friend, who was rained out in Chicago after holding a 3-0 lead at the end of three innings. The Brooks' margin now is 6 1/2 games.

Billy Johnson's first 1952 homer was a base-loaded smash off Max Surkont in St. Louis' 7-2 romp over the Boston Braves. Harry Brecheen, winning his fifth with a six-hitter, did not allow a hit after the fourth.

The Philadelphia Phillies blew a four-run lead over Cincinnati and came back with three in the ninth to save a 7-5 win for Jim Konstanty, third-base pitcher. Frank Hiller was the loser.

The STANDINGS

By The Associated Press
AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	53	33	.616
Boston	48	37	.565
Cleveland	48	39	.552
Washington	46	39	.541
Chicago	47	42	.528
Philadelphia	37	42	.468
St. Louis	25	53	.326
Detroit	28	57	.329

Friday's Results
New York 6 Chicago 3
Boston 9 Cleveland 2 (night)
Detroit 2 Philadelphia 1 (night)
Washington 6 St. Louis 5 (night)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	57	22	.722
New York	52	30	.634
St. Louis	50	38	.568
Chicago	44	41	.518
Philadelphia	41	44	.482
Boston	36	49	.424
Cincinnati	35	51	.407
Pittsburgh	25	63	.278

Friday's Results
St. Louis 7 Boston 2 (night)
Brooklyn 6 Pittsburgh 2 (night)
Philadelphia 7 Cincinnati 5 (night)
New York at Chicago, postponed, rain.

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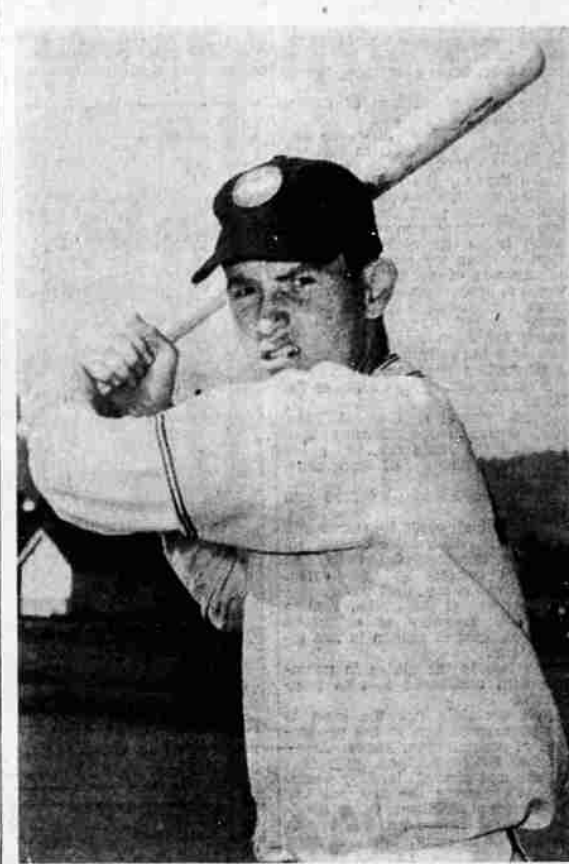
Team	W	L	Pct.
Victoria	57	30	.655
Spokane	49	40	.551
Vancouver	41	39	.513
Yakima	54	47	.533
Los Angeles	41	45	.477
Lewiston	39	47	.453
Tri-City	39	48	.448
Wenatchee	38	50	.432

Friday's Results
Yakima 7 Victoria 6
Lewiston 6 Tri-City 4
Salem at Spokane, postponed, rain
Vancouver at Wenatchee, postponed, rain.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Hollywood	65	44	.595
Oakland	62	46	.574
San Diego	61	48	.560
Seattle	54	50	.519
Los Angeles	55	55	.500
Portland	48	57	.457
San Francisco	43	65	.398
Sacramento	43	66	.394

Friday Night's Results
Seattle 6-3 Oakland 5-2
Portland 6 Los Angeles 3, 11
innings.
Hollywood 3 San Diego 2
Sacramento 4 San Francisco 2



HIT-HANDY RON OWINGS will be at his familiar shortstop post when the champion Cokes host Medford tomorrow afternoon at Gems Stadium in a non-league doubleheader.

Medford, Suburban, Cokes In Tie Again

The Klamath Cokes are through playing for keeps—at least until the Southern Oregon District playoffs that open July 25 in North Bend—but they return to Gems Stadium tomorrow afternoon, 1:30, against the same Junior Legion team they stepped over to the League 4 crown.

Medford got a split with the Cokes last Sunday to hand the Klamath nine its only league loss on an eight-game slate.

Tomorrow neither game will count but Medford nonetheless is out to even the series—in four games they've won one from the champion Cokes.

Coach John McGinnis will probably send his two aces to the mound to keep their arms limber when the Cokes shoot for the playoffs—in the elimination tournament at North Bend.

Last Sunday, Jo Jo George had a bad day and was bombed in a 7-3 opener that sent Medford into the second game with a chance to push the quarrel into a playoff till.

But Champ Hatcher of his hand the Medfords eating out of the hand in the second game that the Cokes won 8-2 to cop the title.

Nearly 500 customers saw the Cokes wrap up the title last Sunday; more are expected tomorrow in their last chance to watch the champions before their trek north.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Bill's Place	11	1	.917
Suburban Tavern	11	1	.917
Elks	7	4	.636
Mellers	5	7	.417
Hercules	1	11	.091
Basin Auto	1	11	.091

Scores Last Night
Mellers Beat Basin Auto (forfeit)
Suburban 21 Hercules 5

Ballpark Fate Hinges On Monday Meet

Bondholders meet Monday to decide what to do with Gems Stadium. Several suggestions have been studied about the disposition of the ballpark that houses the Far West League Gems for four years — including turning it into a dog track and auto race track—but no definite conclusion has been reached.

But bondholders are expected to come up with a definite decision Monday, 7:30 p.m., in the Commercial Arts Building, 1111 Walnut.

Knuckles Fly; Suds Pop Oaks

By The Associated Press
A free swinging donnybrook erupted at Slick's stadium in Seattle Friday night as the hometown Rainiers hammered out a double Pacific Coast League win over the Oakland A's, 6-3, in eight innings and 2-2 in nine.

The fourth inning fistic battle of the second game saw Seattle Catcher Claude Christie tangle with Oakland Third Baseman Spider Jorgensen after hot words were exchanged near the plate.

Three stitches were required to close a cut over Jorgensen's left eye. Christie was treated for a gashed hand. Both were banished from the game.

Christie had asked a block as Jorgensen came steaming down the line to score after being picked off second base and then hit by the ball as the throw went into third.

Nearly every player on both teams got into the hassle before the umpires broke it up.

WIN OFFER

Seattle won the opener in the first overtime inning after Pitcher Earl Johnson blew a 5-1 lead in the seventh. Christie's pinch-hit single to right turned the trick.

The Rainiers came from behind in the eighth to tie it up at 2-2. In the seventh and then push across the winning run in the ninth on Arnie Wilson's perfect squeeze bunt.

At Portland, the Beavers also used the squeeze bunt to down Los Angeles, 4-3, in 11 innings. Eddie Basinski, Portland second baseman, laid down the little roller to send the winning run, Lyman Lunde held the Angels to five hits. Los Angeles scored its runs in the second inning, highlighted by Leon Brinkopf's homer and a two-run double by Starting Pitcher Gaj McInish.

FIFTH STRAIGHT

Hollywood thumped San Diego again, the fifth straight in the series, the eighth consecutive win for the Stars, and Johnny Lindell's 15th pitching triumph against four losses.

Memo Luna, San Diego lefty who had won the only three games the Padres salvaged from the Stars, in 17 attempts this season, was relieved in the sixth and charged with his first defeat at the hands of Fred Haney's League leaders.

Big Jack Phillips batted in all Hollywood runs with a single and homer.

Sacramento put on a spirited ninth-inning rally to beat San Francisco 4-2. It was Sacramento's first win in the series. Three singles and two long outfield hits scored three runs in that final frame.

July 25 Slugfest Shapes Up

Next Friday night's fight card isn't on the American Legion convention program—but it's an appropriate opening inasmuch as Legion confabs usually major in action.

The fistic agenda is potentially loaded with action and will have home-grown products in virtually every bout.

The top bout will have Beatty's Ralph Weiser aiming for recognition as Oregon's best lightweight, the unofficial title now held by his opponent.

Odds will probably put this down as too big a chore for the Beatty Bomber, particularly after the light mob a week ago saw Weiser's foe, Jerry Renaud, cut Rudy Carlson into ribbons and drop him face-down once with a sizzling right uppercut.

But Weiser has shown over the years that he's always dangerous with either hand. It shapes up as a real slugfest. It's down for 10 rounds—but will probably be less.

The semi-windup brings Pat Mahoney back. Mahoney is the Seattle boy who thrashed Kid Pollard a recent card. He'll face Bruce Miller, who battled to a draw with Pollard two fight cards ago.

The semi-windup is a six-rounder as are two other bouts in which Matchmaker Mack Lillard is searching opponents for Carlson.



JERRY RENAUD ... earns main go

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RUDY CARLSON ... needs opponent

and Darrell Harrington. Two four-rounders will add up to a 36-round menu.

Lillard lost the services of Earl Turner when the Oakland Negro fighter Villeman against Garth Panter. Villeman was still carrying bruises and cuts from the Bobo Olson fight.

This marks the return to big time for Turner who is tentatively scheduled to defend his Northwest middleweight title against either Phil Sampson or Ursal Snapp in the near future at the Armory.

Reserved tickets are on sale at Dick Reeder's, 8th and Main.

Wools Lead At Halfway

The Girls Softball League ended its first half of play last night with undefeated Oregon Wool holding a squeaky one-game lead over second place Tik-Tok.

Neither played last night but Big Y clobbered Rockets 26-6 in the only game on Conger Field.

Tik-Tok won by forfeit over Fray-Tex when the latter team failed to show up with enough players.

Non-league action weekend action shows Tik-Tok against Alturas tonight at 8 o'clock on Conger Field and the Wools against Dunsmit in the afterpiece.

A 2 p.m. Sunday game puts the Wools against Lakeview.

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Waterfield Signs Pact
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dispersed Saturday, for two years at least, are the annual fears of Bob Waterfield, did that quarterback of the Los Angeles Rams might retire or transfer to the Canadian League.

For 32-year-old Waterfield, who has led the Rams to two National Football League championships and four divisional titles, was signed to a two-year contract Friday by President Dan Reeves.

Yakima Wins 20 of 26
By The Associated Press
Yakima's bouncing Bears, whose 20 wins in the last 26 starts have rival managers mumbling about a saliva test, were back in the first division of the Western International League Saturday after humbling the pace-setting Victoria Tynes Friday night, 7-0.

In the only other action on the rain-shortened slate, the Lewiston Broncs made good use of 13 bases on balls to defeat the Tri-City Braves, 6-4.

Salem at Spokane and Vancouver at Wenatchee were postponed as showers spread across north-eastern Washington.

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RIDIN' HERD
by Red Hird

EARL TURNER'S three-round freeze job on Indian Dick Wolfe put the pianist-boxer back in big time.

Turner's knockout of Wolfe had more than a little to do with handing the Earl of Richmond a pinch-hit job against Garth Panter July 28.

It happened like this: Robert Villeman was butchered by Bobo Olson.

His wounds hadn't healed sufficiently to make it wise to fulfill a date with Panter.

Turner was substituted.

The Villeman, Olsons and Panter are top-drawers names among the nation's middleweights.

My vote for a summer fistic attraction would be Turner against Ursal Snapp in an outdoor show at Gems Stadium.

Better still, why not an elimination tournament with Turner putting his title on the line in the final bout?

Phil Sampson and Wolfe could mix for the right to meet Snapp (the Merrill Mauler could take a tuneup bout he wants to take off the rough edges caused by a long lay-off).

Then, the winner between Snapp, who still claims ownership of the title, and the Sampson-Wolfe fight would earn the shot at Turner.

Fluhrer's Wins Fifth

STANDINGS
Midlet League

Team	W	L	Pct.
Parkmor Drive in	4	0	1.000
VFW	3	1	.750
Fluicide Electric	3	1	.750
Kaler's	3	1	.750
Exchange Club	3	2	.600
Congers	2	3	.400
Basin Building	1	3	.250
Conger	1	4	.200
Moore	0	5	.000

Peo Wee League

Team	W	L	Pct.
Fluhrer's Bakery	5	0	1.000
Motor Investment	4	1	.800
Fluicide Electric	4	1	.800
Farmer's Lumber	3	2	.600
Thomas' Insurance	3	2	.600
Congers	2	3	.400
Sesslers	2	3	.400
Riverside	2	3	.400
Junior C	1	3	.250
Sprague River	1	3	.250
Ritchcock's Beavers	1	3	.250
Medo Land	0	4	.000

Parkmor Drive in handed VFW its first loss in the Midlet Softball League last night to take a percentagewise lead with two wins against no losses.

It was VFW's first loss—a 12-5 count—in five starts.

Exchange Club blanked Conger, 12-0, in the other Midlet game.

Fluhrer's Bakery kept its unbeaten status in the Peo Wee League with its fifth victory, a 30-2 clobbering of Ritchcock's Beavers.

In other Peo Wee titles, Riverside mauled Medo Land, 19-4; Sesslers shredded Sprague River, 3-1; and Al Condry's team out-lasted Farmer's Lumber, 15-12.

Navy Boots Kukowski
ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — The Naval Academy, already short on football talent, has dropped its star linebacker, Ted Kukowski, for what he described as "unsatisfactory conduct."

Vice Adm. Harry Hill, Academy superintendent, would not elaborate on making the announcement Friday.

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