



PREACHER WINS—Bob Richards, La Verne, Calif., parson, won the Olympic pole vault championship Tuesday with a leap of 14 feet, 11.4 inches, beating Don Laz of Illinois who failed at the same record height.

Russians Bulge Lead

HELSINKI (AP)—Another Olympic record fell Wednesday as the fourth day of track and field competition began in the big Olympic stadium with qualifying trials in three events.

The women's broad jump mark of 8.59 meters (28 feet 2.62 inches) was subjected to a mass assault and was smashed by four girls, one an American, within a short time after competition started.

Russia meanwhile increased its lead in the over-all point scoring by taking the gold medals in the first two free style wrestling championships that were decided.

Arsen Mekokishvili took the heavyweight title and David Cimacurize the middleweight medal.

On the usual 10-5-4-3-2-1 scoring basis this added 29 points to Russia's unofficial total to bring to 156.5 points. All point scoring in the Olympics is unofficial as only individual victories are recognized.

The United States which has scored all its 115 points in track and field events has four survivors in other divisions of the wrestling competition which will be completed Wednesday afternoon.

Yvette Williams of New Zealand got off the best jump of the early trials clearing 6.16 meters (20 feet 2.52 inches) nearly two feet beyond the old Olympic standard established in 1948 by Olga Gyarmati of Hungary.

The women's broad jump was added to the Olympic program for the 1948 games in London.

Right behind Miss Williams in the qualifying for Wednesday afternoon's final game Mabel Landry of Chicago with a jump of 19 feet 3.50 inches.

Two Russian girls, Aleksandra Chudina and Nina Djerkina, also exceeded the former record.

American men have been setting the pace in this unprecedented record-breaking carnival contented themselves with ordinary performances as they had to attain only comparatively easy qualifying distances.

All three American entries qualified for the javelin throw final without removing their sweat suits which served as protection against raw cold weather.

Franklin (Bud) Held of Lakeide Calif. former Stanford athlete got off the best American toss, 225 feet 1.63 inches.

Cy Young of Modesto Calif. did 220 feet 8.03 inches on his second try after missing on his first and Bill Miller of Phoenix, Ariz., threw 212 feet 7.62 inches.

The minimum qualifying distance was 209 feet 11.74 inches. Walter Ashbaugh, Cornell University athlete from East Liver-

Reames Juniors In Golf Tourney

Reames Country Club's annual Junior Golf Tournament qualifying rounds close July 26 with first round scheduled for Aug. 2. Pro Earl Schmitter announced yesterday.

Boys under 18 on the day qualifying classes who are sons of Reames members are eligible for the tourney. The second round goes on Aug. 9, with the finals billed for Aug. 17.

Kerlake, starting with three demerits, lost a decision to Bertil Anderson of Sweden. It takes five demerits to eliminate a contestant in wrestling.

The defending light heavyweight champion, Henry Wittenberg of New York, was given one demerit when he defeated August Englas of Russia but failed to score a fall. Neither was eliminated, but Wittenberg now has four demerits.

More than 20,000 spectators turned out for the morning session despite rainy weather and for the first time since the opening ceremonies the 70,000 seat stadium was sold out for the afternoon events.

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by Red Hurd

IF PROFESSIONAL baseball ever makes a comeback in Klamath Falls, it's my hope it will be on an independent basis.

Don't for a moment think you can't find good ballplayers without help from organized baseball.

There's a flock of high school and college graduates who want to take a fling at professional baseball, BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO BECOME CHATTELS TO A MAJOR LEAGUE CLUB.

The Florida State League (Class D) immediately comes to mind, but there are other cases.

Three or four teams in that league booted affiliations with major league clubs and fielded teams just as good—many times much better.

LET'S TAKE a hypothetical case:

John Jones is a high school outfielder who hits the ball several country miles and fields like a gazelle.

But he doesn't immediately want to go into bondage to the New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox or any other major league club.

When you sign a contract with the big leagues, you're not only inking your services but your heart and soul.

It's a tough job going to the corner drugstore without getting permission. (Exaggeration for the sake of emphasis, but not far off base.)

Let's get back to John Jones.

He's just one of many such boys who would like to play professional baseball but without strings.

He wants to feel like a free moral agent.

Then if he has a good year or two and the diamond big-wigs start to perk up, he'll be in a position to dicker.

WHAT'S THE situation now?

Jones may sign with the St. Louis Cardinal club, maybe just a one-year contract.

At the end of the year, maybe he's had a bad season in one of the Cards' Class C or D farm clubs. They don't want him anymore, but he can't rustle up another baseball job.

Another major league club can't buy Jones unless the Cards officially release him.

Jones may find himself in the position—many others have—of being sidelined by the Cards but not being able to play ball for anyone else.

There have been cases—you've seen them in the newspapers—where a ballplayer is made a free agent.

But you can bet the mortgage on your house that he's crippled, blind in one eye and doesn't know the difference between a fast ball and a slow curve.

BASEBALL IS Big Business.

But the odd part of it is, the boys who run the business, the major leagues, are themselves casting a drop at the turnstiles.

Let's use John Jones in another role.

Let's say he's handed a \$80,000 bonus to sign with the Philadelphia Phillies.

It turns out he's not worth 80 cents.

The Phils have spent \$80,000 and haven't received anything in return for their investment.

BUT—



BATTS—Barbara Batt uses her sister Gillian for a human hurdle demonstrating form while working out at Brighton College, England. The 21-year-old twins are sprinters on the Brighton Ladies Athletic team.

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By The Associated Press

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Czechs Win Crew Race

HELSINKI (AP)—Czechoslovakia won the four-oars with coxswain race Wednesday as the final event in the Olympic rowing championships got under way under overcast skies and a light drizzle in the Meilahti ruff.

Switzerland was second, while the University of Washington crew representing the United States finished third.

The red-shirted Czechs, who colored the fast-starting English boat at the halfway mark, won by a length in 7:33.4. Switzerland was timed in 7:36.6, and the U.S. in 7:37.9.

The United States won the pair oars without coxswain for the first time in Olympic history, as a heavy rainstorm blew up.

Battery Kids Upset VFW

Long the kingpin in the Midget Softball League, the VFW lost its second straight after four victories, a 16-4 setback by Nelson's Battery last night.

Eastside Electric nipped Moose, 5-4, to jump into a tie with Kaler's without a run, both with 4-1 records.

McElhenny With 49'ers

MENLO PARK, Calif. (AP)—Veteran Coach Buck Shaw took a three-hour gander at 30 of his San Francisco 49ers who showed up for their first 1952 training session and said "It's too early to tell."

Although only rookies were told to report Tuesday, 15 veterans also showed up.

Shaw displayed pleasure at the agility of Hugh McElhenny, former University of Washington halfback and a newcomer to the 49ers.

Following the workout, McElhenny left by plane for Chicago to work out for the Chicago All-Stars - Los Angeles Rams game next month.

Favorites, Rain Win at Seattle

SEATTLE (AP)—Ann Barclay, Vancouver, B. C., seeded No. 1 in girls' singles, breezed to an easy 6-1, 6-0 victory over Kay Ashley, Seattle, Tuesday as rain washed out most of the scheduled matches in the Washington State Tennis Championships.

The only other seeded player to see action Tuesday was Milton Lew, Seattle, No. 2 in junior men's singles, who easily defeated Don Smetheeran, Seattle, 6-1, 6-1.

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