



Mathias (left) and Ken McGregor, Australia's two best boxers, embarked on professional tennis careers. They began a cross-country tour in Los Angeles. Kramer, the king of the pros, and Pancho Segura, slipped Kramer; McGregor lost to Segura. The two were up to defeat Kramer and Segura.

Mathias Named 'Athlete of Year'

Marciano Second In Vote

NEW YORK (AP)—Bob Mathias, twice Olympic decathlon champion, Stanford football star and rated the world's greatest athlete, was proclaimed male "Athlete of the Year" for 1952 today in the 22nd Associated Press poll.

The 21-year-old from Tulare, Calif., was the overwhelming choice of the 155 sportswriters and sportscasters who participated in the nation-wide poll.

Robert Bruce Mathias received 64 first-place votes and amassed 249 points on a 3-2-1 basis. This was far ahead of Rocky Marciano, who knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott last September in Philadelphia and became the new heavyweight champion of the world. Marciano got 19 first-place votes and 133 points.

No other athlete received more than 65 points. That total was piled up by Emil Zatopek, the great Czechoslovakian distance runner, who won the 5,000 and 10,000-meter runs and the marathon in last summer's Olympics.

In fourth place with 64 points came Bobby Shantz, the little Philadelphia Athletics pitching star, whose 24-7 record made him the leading won-and-lost hurler in the American League.

Behind Shantz came Billy Vessels, Oklahoma's All-American back, 52 points; Julius Boros, U.S. Open golf champion, 44; Robin Roberts, Philadelphia Phillies hurling ace, whose 28 games won was highest in the majors since 1934; 40; Mickey Mantle, New York Yankees, who took over Joe DiMaggio's place in center field and helped spark the club to a fourth straight world championship, 39; Clyde Lovellette, Kansas, All-American basketball player, 18; Dick Groat, Duke All-American basketball player and rookie shortstop with the Pittsburgh Pirates, and Stan Musial, St. Louis Cardinals outfielder.

Czech Gave Ashenfelter Clue That Meant Steeplechase Win

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEW YORK (NEA)—Horace Ashenfelter richly deserved the James E. Sullivan Memorial Trophy, and for more than doing most to advance the cause of good sportsmanship.

Ashenfelter also did most for American track and field.

The Pennsylvania State alumnus' record-breaking performance in the 3,000-meter steeplechase was this country's greatest individual victory in the history of the Olympic Games, the most illustrious personal triumph.

The United States had not won an Olympic distance title of any description since 1908.

Ashenfelter's tremendous feat silenced European talk that Duit Americans were excellent sprinters, they were not stayers, couldn't go the route.

It was totally unexpected.

It deprived Russia of its only chance to win its first gold medal in men's track and field.

Perhaps the most extraordinary thing about Ashenfelter's achievement was his knocking so much off the old Olympic record, 9:03.8. Ash won the 1951 national Amateur Athletic Union 3,000 meter, or just a shade under two-mile steeplechase in 9:24.5. Fearless Fordick, as they called him at Penn State, won the Olympic Trials at the Los Angeles Coliseum in 9:06.4.

Imagine the surprise, then, especially of the Europeans, when Ashenfelter, the American, set a new Olympic record of 8:51 in the preliminaries. The Soviet's Vladimir Kazantsev had finished in record time just a few minutes before.

CAGE SCORES

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
By The Associated Press
FAR WEST
Washington State 50, Oregon State 45
Oregon State 80, Lower Columbia JC 45

EAST
Seton Hall 65, Scranton 57
Muhlenberg 71, Lafayette 62
Villanova 88, Millersville (Pa.) 79
Delaware 66, St. Josephs (Pa.) 63
Holy Cross 71, Connecticut 67
Penn State 71, Syracuse 62
St. Johns (Bkn.) 68, St. Francis (Bkn.) 64
Pitt 97, Geneva 75
Slippery Rock 70, Carnegie Tech 62
Boston College 92, Rhode Island 82 (overtime)
CUNY 73, Wagner 60
LaSalle 69, Baltimore Loyola 47
Brandeis 86, Army 77
Columbia 82, Harvard 57
Fordham 81, Brooklyn College 56

SOUTH
Duke 76, South Carolina 67
Murray (Ky.) 89, Kentucky Wesleyan 83
Louisville 76, Dayton 70
Wm & Mary 74, Hampden-Sydney 68

MIDWEST
St. Louis 92, Wichita 76
Akron 80, Penn 51
Youngstown 77, John Carroll 69
Michigan State Normal 88, Hillsdale 55

SOUTHWEST
West Texas 68, Arizona State (Flagstaff) 51
New Mexico Western 64, Grand Butler 55, Wabash 53
Roanoke 74, Bridgewater 54

Chuck Davey Sets Up Lavish Training Camp

CHICAGO (AP)—Chuck Davey is going to have the most lavish, and probably the strangest, training camp in the history of boxing.

He and his entourage will move in at swank Tam O'Shanter Country Club Jan. 15 to begin extensive training for his welterweight title bout with champion Edl Gavilan in Chicago Stadium Feb. 11.

The press room and sleeping quarters will be in the elegant clubhouse suite of George S. May, promoter of the \$100,000 golf tournament at Tam.

The phantom kid—undefeated southpaw, television darling and holder of a masters degree in education from Michigan State—will take over May's private boudoir. It is sound proof and far removed from the maddening pace of bingo parties and clinking glasses on the first floor.

A ring will be installed in a second-floor cocktail lounge—a big room with picture windows overlooking the golf course.

"Business will go on as usual at the club," said May Thursday. "We are open all the year around and provide much enjoyment for the 857 families in our membership. Davey and his group won't have to pay for anything except their meals. I am assigning a special chef to them."

May said Davey's training camp will be a private affair and not open to the public.

"Only our club members will see him in training," he said. "And of course they won't have to pay to watch. This is their club, after all. Won't it be nice for the families to bring their children and all watch Davey work out? He will spar at 1:30 p.m. daily in the upper cocktail lounge."

Cliff Signs As Seal Coach

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Harland Cliff of Yakima, Wash., former major and minor league player, signed Wednesday to coach the San Francisco Seals during the 1953 baseball season.

Cliff succeeded Joe Sprinz who was named the Seals' chief scout.

Cliff got his start in professional baseball with the Yakima Indians of the old Northwest League.

After 10 years with the St. Louis Browns and two with the Washington Senators, he became playing manager in 1946-47 of Yakima's entry in the Western International League.

Lane Praises Cuban Pitcher

CHICAGO (AP)—General Manager Frank Lane of the Chicago White Sox, back from a Caribbean sojourn, is bursting with enthusiasm over pitcher Miguel Fornieles, Cuban right-hander.

"No one in Cuba can understand how the Washington Senators could let a pitcher like Fornieles get away," beamed Lane. "I keep telling myself there must be a catch to the deal. I just can't believe we could get a youngster like him for Chuck Stobbs."

"Fornieles is the finest 20-year-old pitching prospect I have ever seen and I wouldn't be surprised if he is our No. 4 starter this year."

Hopper Named Top Manager

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Pacific Coast League Baseball Writers' Association Wednesday named Clay Hopper of the Portland Beavers "Manager of 1952."

Hopper outpooled Tommy Heath of the San Francisco Seals by a five to three margin. George Goodale, secretary of the association, said, "They were the only managers nominated."

Hopper piloted the Beavers to fourth place in league standings last season.

Bowling Pot Up

CHICAGO (AP)—The prize list has been boosted to a record \$128,000 for the 43rd annual Louis P. Petersen bowling classic in Chicago March 7 to May 17.

First money will be upped \$2,000 from last year's \$2,000 to \$10,000. Petersen also will award \$2,000 for the highest game rolled in the meet and \$1,000 for second highest.

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Olson, Hayes Sign for Bout

BOSTON (AP)—Middleweight title contenders Carl (Bobo) Olson of Honolulu, and Boston's Norman Hayes have been matched for a 10-round televised boxing bout at the Boston Garden on Feb. 7. It will be one of the Callahan A. C.'s series for a national hook-up with New England blacked out.

Ernie Beck Top Scorer

NEW YORK (AP)—Medium-sized Ernie Beck of Pennsylvania is running ahead of giant Walt Dukes of Seton Hall and midget Johnny O'Brien of Seattle in individual basketball scoring among the nation's major colleges.

Figures released Thursday by the NCAA Service Bureau through games of last Saturday show six-foot, four-inch Beck averaged 30.3 through Penn's first seven games.

He dropped to 29.1 when he scored 21 points against Yale Tuesday night. He missed one because of illness.

Dukes, who stands 6-11, had a 28.5 average through Seton Hall's first 13 games and dropped to 27.6 Wednesday night when he counted only 16 times as the unbeaten New Jersey team chalked up its 14th straight.

O'Brien, the small guy at 5-9, has counted an average of 27.4 points in 11 contests.

Dukes, mainpring of the Seton Hall attack, has tallied the most points, 387, O'Brien is second with 301.

SHUFF STUFF

NATIONAL LEAGUE		W	L
Schuss	Bill's Place	7	1
Summers	Lane	6	2
Drumstick		4	4
Roundup		4	4
Buffalo		2	6
47W	Joneses	2	7

Three-one scores were the rule last night in the National Shuffleboard League with Roundup beating VFW, Bill's Place defeating Buffalo Lunch, Summers Lane whipping Joneses and Schuss doing out the same treatment to Drumstick.

Team captains are asked to call the scores into Mary Ann Lyman at the Mecca immediately after matches are played to expedite coverage.

Roberts Wins 28 for Phils With Bad Arm

By JOE REICHLER
NEW YORK (AP)—It is possible for a pitcher with a sore arm to win 28 games in one season and issue only 45 bases on balls in 350 innings, six of them intentional? It is not only possible, it happened. This amazing revelation came to light when Robin Roberts, the great Philadelphia Phillies' right-hander, revealed recently that he pitched nearly all of last year with a stiff arm.

It was a secret shared by Roberts and Philly trainer Frank Weichec the entire 1952 season.

Roberts pulled a muscle in his shoulder early last spring at Clearwater, Fla. When it healed there was a stiffness that restricted his movement.

Despite steady treatments the stiffness failed to disappear. Each day Roberts was to pitch Weichec worked on the muscle for more than 80 minutes. Between innings it stiffened.

But Roberts continued to mow down the opposition as if he had an arm of iron. Finally, in September, the soreness disappeared.

Cole Hinted For Grid Job

WASHINGTON (AP)—The name of George Cole, veteran Razorback assistant, was injected into the No. 1 candidate for the job vacated when Otis Douglas resigned after the 1952 campaign.

But there arose Thursday the question of whether Wyatt could ethically get out of a new ten-year contract at Wyoming which has nine years to run.

Wyatt, who has gone into seclusion at the National Collegiate Athletic Association meetings, here said he planned to confer with Arkansas officials next Monday at Fayetteville, Ark.

A new coaching rumor popped up Wednesday night when a Washington sports announcer reported North Carolina was hot after Oklahoma's Bud Wilkinson as head coach to succeed the departing Carl Snively.

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