Russia Unveils Track Team That Might Rival America's

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — Russia unveils today the results of two years of dedicated, almost military-like drive to rival the United States as the dominating world power in the 1956 Olympic track and field games.

The scene is Neufeld Stadium, site of the five-day European Athletic Championships, to which 928 track and field stars from 28 countries have been drawn.

The Soviet Union will field a team of 74 men and women. The men appear almost certain of three championships. The women actually may run off with every title and should place one, two, three in many.

But the greatest interest of Western onlookers centers not so much on well-known individual Soviet stars as on the Russian depth in every event.

A country may enter only two in each event and Russia looks powerful enough to place high in every one of the 24 contests, which include two walks and two relays.

To Russians, athletics have a political tinge and "outstripping the capitalist world has its place on the cinder track as well as in the tractor factory."

These European championships could turn into an Iron Curtain triumph in sports.

Czechoslovakia is bringing a squad headed by the great Emil Zatopek, world record holder in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters as well as a host of other distances. His compatriot Jiri Skoblaf is a strong favorite to win the shot put.

The Hungarians stand an excellent chance of winning the hammer with Olympic champion Joseph Csermark, the discus with Ferenc Klic and the broad jump with Odan Foldessy. Their 1,500-man Sandor Rharos could upset Britain's four-minute miler Roger Bannister.

Poland's Janusz Sitlo is the choice in the javelin. The Russian trio of Leonid Shcherbakov in the hop, step and jump, Yurii Lituev in the 400 meters and Vasili Kuznetsov in the decathlon are almost sure favorites. Other Russian victories are possible in the 100 and 200-meter dashes, 400-meter run, 110-meter hurdles, pole vault and 3,000-meter steeplechase.

PICKLED MINNIE — Minnie Minoso of the White Sox takes off like a sprinter, with Yankee Gerry Coleman, plus ball, right behind him. Minnie got caught in this pickle when he tried to steal second, found ball there before him and tried to retrace his steps to first. (NEA)

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Ezzard Charles Holds Tight When Questioned By Writers

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP) — Ezzard Charles never has been a man who felt at ease in the company of boxing writers. While trying to interview the big Negro fighter one always has had the feeling that he was holding himself tightly in check, saying as little as he could without actually offending those who were probing his thoughts.

This has been understandable to some extent, for Ezzard has been given some rough goings-over on the sports pages from time to time for his failure to fight up to expectations. These have hurt him, for he is a more intelligent and sensitive fighter than some, and his reaction has been to clam up except in the presence of certain intimates.

It is from one of these that we have received a report on what the challenger is thinking as he trains for his second shot at Rocky Marciano Sept. 15 in Yankee Stadium. This is what Ez said to his friend:

"I feel great, better than the last time. You've either got it or you haven't. I had it the last time but I didn't use enough of it. I didn't take advantage of the breaks. When I hurt him I let him get away. It will be different this time.

"I've made up my mind it won't go 15 rounds. I've never made predictions or boasted about what I could do in the ring, as you know. I was confident I could beat him the last time, and now I'm more confident I can knock him out.

"Always before there was too much time. Time heals, but it can kill too. When Joe Walcott took my title away in Pittsburgh in 1951 I wanted to get right back at him, but Joe made me wait almost a year. Have you ever waited for something, not knowing whether it's ever coming off? With Joe, there was no telling. Anyway, I waited and worried too much, and by the time I fought him again I was like an amateur. I had no zing, no pep. . . .

"Finally I got my fight with Marciano. It was one of my best, and even if they gave him the decision I have no excuses. I still think I won it. But if I had fought him in Feburary or March instead of June I would have knocked him out.

"When we signed right back for September I was the happiest I've been for a long time. A short rest and back to work. There is no time now for anything except the fight. Time won't kill me and it won't divert me. My mind is made up and there's no time to change it.

"I'm working for only one kind of fight. I'll either knock him out or get flattened trying. I know now I can match my punch with his. My left hook is as good as his. I will set him up with a left hook and he's an easy target for a straight right.

"You only make mistakes when you're too cautious. I have no more time for caution. This is my last chance and I know it."

SNIPE BOATS NEW RECORD

NEW YORK (AP) — There are now 591 chartered snipe fleets in the world with 10,063 numbered snipes now entered on the Snipe Class International Racing Assn. records. A total of 317 new individual craft have been entered this year in this one-design sail-boat class. The 15-foot craft was first designed in 1931.

Senators Whip Chiefs In 11 Innings

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Damp weather cooled off the red hot pennant race in the Western International League Tuesday night. Games between front-running Lewiston and Yakima, and Vancouver and Edmonton were postponed because of rain.

Salem, however, got in another lick and nudged closer to the league lead by topping Tri-City, 9-4 in 11 innings at Kennewick. The win moved the Senators within four percentage points of Lewiston.

With less than two weeks to go in the pennant chase Yakima and Salem trail the Broncs by only one game each, Vancouver is two games off the pace and Edmonton 4½.

Salem scored five runs in the 11th inning Tuesday night to beat Tri-City after throwing the game into overtime with a freak triple play in the ninth.

The triple killing came with the Braves' Vic Buccola on second and Len Tran on first.

Artie Wilson hit a lowliner fly caught by Don Kellogg at third. Both runners thought the ball was trapped, however, and were off and running. Kellogg pegged to second but the throw was wide and went into right field. Rightfielder Mel Krause, who also thought the ball was trapped, pegged home trying to get Buccola.

Second baseman Glenn Tuckett called for the ball, touched second and Buccola was called out, then Tuckett threw to first where Tran was thumbed out.

Tri-City had men in scoring positions in the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh innings but couldn't get them across.

Wednesday's schedule calls for Edmonton at Vancouver, Salem at Tri-City and Yakima at Lewiston.

Fishermen near Whitefish, Mont., hooked a fish with a coat of fur. Investigation revealed a taxidermist with a flair for practical jokes.

Graham's Name Missing From Ring Ratings

NEW YORK (AP) — For the first time in years, the name of Billy Graham is missing from the top ten of boxing's welterweight division.

The 31-year-old veteran of over 100 pro fights was dropped from the 147-pound division's elite in the latest Ring Magazine's ratings, released Wednesday, as the result of his loss to unheralded and oft-beaten Chris Christensen of Denmark.

In another welterweight change, Johnny Saxton, who meets champion Kid Gavilan in a title fight in Philadelphia, Sept. 1, was dropped from fourth to sixth because he was held to a draw by Johnny Lombardo in a tineup bout.

Harold Johnson of Philadelphia held on to his No. 1 contender's post in the light heavyweight division because of his good scrap with champion Archie Moore but middleweight Rocky Castellani, who was outclassed by champion Bobo Olson, fell from No. 1 to No. 2. Joey Giardello of Philadelphia was moved up into the top contender's position.

Among the lightweights, New Orleans' Ralph Dupas advanced from third to second while Cuba's Orlando Zulueta fell from second to third.

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The STANDINGS

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	77	44	.636	
Brooklyn	74	49	.602	4
Milwaukee	69	51	.575	7½
Philadelphia	58	62	.483	18½
Cincinnati	59	65	.476	19½
St. Louis	58	64	.475	19½
Chicago	48	75	.350	30
Pittsburgh	45	78	.366	33

Tuesday's Schedule
New York 5, Chicago 1
Milwaukee 5, Philadelphia 1
Brooklyn 12, Cincinnati 4
Pittsburgh 8, St. Louis 7

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	88	35	.715	
New York	84	40	.677	4½
Chicago	81	45	.643	8½
Detroit	55	68	.447	33
Boston	53	68	.438	34
Washington	51	70	.421	36
Philadelphia	41	81	.336	46½
Baltimore	39	85	.315	49½

Tuesday's Results
New York 9, Baltimore 3
Chicago 4, Washington 0
Philadelphia 4, Cleveland 1
Detroit 8, Boston 7

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Hollywood	88	58	.603	
San Diego	87	59	.596	1
Oakland	76	69	.526	11½
San Francisco	76	70	.521	12
Seattle	69	72	.489	16½
Sacramento	64	81	.441	23½
Los Angeles	61	82	.427	25½
Portland	57	87	.396	30

Tuesday's Results
Hollywood 6, Seattle 5
San Diego 4, Oakland 0
San Francisco 1, Portland 0
Sacramento 4, Los Angeles 1

Western International League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Lewiston	33	22	.600	
Salem	28	19	.596	1
Yakima	31	22	.585	1
Vancouver	26	19	.578	2
Edmonton	26	24	.520	4½
Tri-City	19	32	.373	12
Wenatchee	18	35	.340	14

Tuesday's Results
Salem 9, Tri-City 4 (11 innings)
Edmonton at Vancouver, postponed, wet grounds
Yakima at Lewiston, postponed, rain

Yesterday's STARS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATTING — Willie Mays, New York Giants, hit two triples and a double in New York's 5-1 victory over Chicago.

PITCHING — Jack Harshman, Chicago White Sox, pitched his fourth shutout, limiting Washington to four hits in a 4-0 triumph. He struck out 10.

'Neslin Night' Planned By Hardtop Association

Track Manager Jack Lutz and the Klamath Falls Hardtop Racing Association have scheduled a special night of racing this Friday evening, and have designated it as "Sam Neslin Night" at Gem Speedway.

Neslin, who has been track manager of the local speedway for the past three years, is moving to Spokane to go into business and has had to give up his position as "boss man" of the hardtop racing program here.

All of the drivers are expected to be on hand for this special event, including some of the California drivers who have been battling with the local hardtoppers for top prize money this year.

For this evening only, the admission prices will take a drop. Children under six will be admitted free, from seven to 15 years of age will be charged 50 cents, and adults will be admitted for $1.00. These prices are just for the special Friday evening show.

The special night for the ex-track manager and downtown business man, will include a full racing schedule, with an added attraction if time allow, according to Lutz.

Four heat races of 10 laps a piece along with the usual four lap trophy dash will start the program, while the final heat, C-race, B-main and A-main will round out the nine event hardtop show.

The main reason for the special evening program for Neslin, is to let the local and outside drivers, along with the Basin hardtop fans, show their appreciation to Neslin for what he has done for hardtop racing in Klamath Falls.

Time trials will start at 6:30 for the "Sam Neslin Night" program this Friday night and the racing will get underway around 7:30. The regular weekly racing program will be held Sunday afternoon also, according to Lutz.

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One Northwest Golfer Victor In First Round

DETROIT (AP) — How Pacific Northwest entries fared in the National Amateur Golf Tournament here Tuesday:

Ray Weston Jr., Spokane, defeated James McCluskey, Inglewood, Calif., 3 and 2.

Richard Price, Longview, lost to Dick Whiting, Royal Oak, Mich., on the 20th.

Erv Parent, Seattle, lost to John Culp Jr., Kendallville, Ind., 5 and 3.

Bruce Cudd, Portland, lost to W. E. Holt, Birmingham, Mich., 3 and 2.

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