

Games' Site Missing Snow

Albright Cleared For Test

By STERLING SLAPPEY
CORONA, D'AMPEZZO, Italy (AP) — A scarcity of snow worried winter Olympic officials Saturday but there was good news with the announcement that Tenley Albright, injured U.S. figure skating star, would be able to compete in the games opening Thursday.

While more than 1,000 athletes from 22 nations were putting in final practice licks, the injury jinx struck the Russians here and an East Berlin skater broke the Soviet monopoly in the Swiss International Speed Skating Championships across the Alps at Davos, Switzerland.

Miss Albright, the 20-year-old world skating champion from Newton Center, Mass., was examined by her doctor father, who said she would probably be able to resume her full training schedule Tuesday. She gashed her leg severely two days ago while skating.

The best hopes for United States gold medals in the games are Miss Albright, and another world champion figure skater, Hayes Allen Jenkins of Colorado Springs, Colo. Russia's dominance in speed skating at Davos was shattered by Helmut Kuhnert, 19-year-old East German youth who captured the 10,000 meter (6 miles, 376 yards) race.

Kuhnert sped over the course in 16 minutes, 32.2 seconds, beating out Kees Broekman, veteran Dutch internationalist, with a 16:33.5 clocking. Kuhnert's time was only six-tenths shy of the world record.

Russian skaters had won the 500, 1,500 and 5,000 meter events during the last three days, but Saturday they could do no better than a third place by Oleg Goncharenko in 16:36.4. Pat McNamara of Minneapolis, only American to qualify, finished 23rd in 17:46.7. His time was an American record.

TRIAL RUNS
The Russians joined the injury brigade when two of their star women skiers and one male downhill ace were hurt during trial runs on icy Tofana Mountain's icy downhill course.

Valentina Nabalenko suffered a broken right leg in a nasty spill. Alla Vasiljeva sprained her right ankle and Victor Turinin sprained his left ankle. But Russian team officials were unable to say whether they could compete in the games.

Five days before the games are due to start they have a greater casualty list than the entire 1952 Oslo games. Katy Rodolph of Reno, Nev., one of the top U.S. skiers, is definitely out with a fractured neck vertebra. Evi Lanig, German downhill star, broke her arm and the Romanian alpine star John Secu fractured his leg Friday.

Belgian bobsledder Charles de Sorger has a broken arm. U.S. bobsledder rose when Weightman (Bud) Washington of East Hartford, Conn., sped down the Olympic course in the fastest two-hour time of the day's practice runs. Washbond piloted his two-man sled down the twisting, 1,700-meter chute in one minute, 24.33 seconds, and 1:24.11.

COMBINED
His combined time of 2:48.64 bettered the 2:49.30 total for Eugenio Monti, ex Italian driver who is rated the one to beat in the Olympic championship.

Over on the ski jump, Dick Raboh of Iron Mountain, Mich., soared 249 feet, 4 1/4 inches for the best performance of an American in the trials. But the best leap of the day, 259 feet, 2 1/2 inches, was turned in by Koba Tsakadze of Russia, who had a bad spill.

In the past week the weather has jittered daily from near Lapland temperatures to the sunny 60's. As the snow now lies, the games could be held but many skiers believe the performances would be poor.

There are bare patches in melting snow at several places on alpine trails.

Twenty-four gold medals emblematic at first place will be awarded between Thursday and Feb. 5 for these events:

Men's and women's downhill, slalom, giant slalom, singles figure skating, pairs figure skating; the 10 meter and 3 x 5 meter cross country women ski races; men's 15, 30 and 50 meter and the 4 x 10 meter relay cross country races; nordic combination; special jumping; two and four-man bobsled races; ice hockey; and speed skating over 500, 1,500, 5,000 and 10,000 meters.

Unless all signs are wrong, the Russians will be dominant, winning at least six or seven gold medals. They are not entered in the bobsled races or figure skating.

Henley '5' Bounces Bly

At Fairchild's Henley Hornets bounced back onto the victory trail Friday night by dumping the invading Big Bobcats 46-40 on the Hornets home floor in a non-league game.

After trailing 14-8 and 23-19 after the first two periods, Henley jumped to a 32-30 lead at the close of the third quarter.

Randy Montgomery with 14 and Lee Roberts with 11 led the Henley scorers, while Gary Lee paced the Bobcats with 15.

Henley also won the preliminary game with a 40-30 decision over Big B cagers.

Shortscore:
P. Henley (40) Bly (40)
P. Perry (22) Herra (22)
C. Albright (2) Robin (2)
G. Miller (2) Jones (2)
S. for Henley: Roberts (11), Searcy (10), Montgomery (14), Arant (16).
Officials: Patske and Overen



DOING THEIR BIT towards helping the United States Olympic team prepare for the 1956 Olympics at Melbourne, Australia, are these members of the Toketee Lions Club of Klamath Falls. Club president Karl Glos, right, and local fund drive chairman Gerald Clemens, left, hold a "money baton," while Ralph Hill, center, star of the 1932 Olympics, and former University of Oregon track standout, drops in his share. At the Toketee's meeting last Wednesday evening, Hill supplied the program as the Lions group donated money towards the Olympic Fund. The Richmond, California, Lions Club is the backbone of the drive, issuing voluntary challenges to other Lions clubs throughout the country to aid the financial problems.

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Albany Falls In Prep Play

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Only one of Oregon's top high school basketball teams was upset Friday night, and the lone defeat came only as a mild surprise.

That was Albany's 57-55 loss to Bend. Albany, ranked No. 10 in the weekly Associated Press poll, also was downed last Tuesday and now has a 5-8 record for the season.

Jefferson, the state's No. 1 team, had the closest squeak of the night. The Portland city leader had to come from behind to shave the strong Lincoln team of Portland, 51-50.

Meanwhile a sophomore center in the far courts of Eastern Oregon was running up 57 points by himself as he led Helix to a 100-55 victory over Ukiah in class B play.

The sophomore was 6-6 John Stevens. Scorekeepers said he made 23 of them. He also added 11 free throws in running up 57 points by himself as he led Helix to a 100-55 victory over Ukiah in class B play.

The record is held by Gerry Bloom of Crow, who scored 67 points in one game in 1952.

Eugene, the state's No. 2 team, after downing Milwaukie in a double-overtime at Milwaukie earlier, had an easier time of it Friday night and trimmed Milwaukie 67-52. Milwaukie ranks No. 5 in the state.

Medford, the No. 3 squad, managed to get past Grants Pass, 43-39.

Fourth-ranked Franklin of Portland defeated Benson, 55-51, and set the stage for a crucial meeting with Jefferson next Tuesday.

Marshfield, No. 6 in the poll, downed arch-rival North Bend, 70-50. The No. 7 team, South Salem, got past Sweet Home, 51-48, and the No. 9 squad, Beaverton, walloped Tigard, 74-37.

SHA Whips Merrill 53-34

Sacred Heart's Trojans pulled the strings Friday night as they knocked off previously undefeated Merrill in the featured County B League basketball game of the week. The Trojans handed the 2-0 Huskies a 53-39 beating on the Academy floor.

Dean Michaelis led the Sacred Heart uprising with 17 points that twisted the twine from all angles. Dick Durrell added 11 and Dick Wickline 19 for the Trojan cause. High pointer for Merrill was John Reed with nine.

In the first quarter's play, the Trojans boomed to a blistering 15-4 lead. The halftime margin favored Sacred Heart by a 25-7 count. At the close of the third stanza Merrill had started to move, but not enough as SHA still led 39-21.

Merrill played without the services of their two leading hoopers, Herb Schlecht and Terry Sherrill who were benched because of training rule infractions.

Sacred Heart made a clean sweep of the evening's play by sailing down the preliminary contest with a 41-31 win over the Merrill B squad.

Shortscore:
Pos. Merrill (34) Sacred Heart (53)
P. Moore (10) Durrell (11)
F. Hodges (8) Wickline (19)
C. Laney (3) Reed (10)
G. Reed (2) Depue (9)
G. Barry (0) Michaelis (17)
Subs for Merrill: O'Neil (2), Everston (2).
Subs for Sacred Heart: Sear (2).
Officials: Daves and Russell.

Ticket Theft Nets 800 Free Ducats
WACO, Tex. (AP) — About 800 young fans saw the Golden Gloves bouts free one night this week.

Police said a 10-year-old boy reached through the ticket window, grabbed about 800 tickets, and then stood in front of the arena passing them out free. Police Sgt. Glenn Gibson estimated attendance at 1,500 but a checkup showed only 700 paying customers.

Between You'n Me

Isn't the Southwest Conference carrying on a personal vendetta to "get" Bear Bryant at Texas A and M... doesn't Bear know it... and wasn't putting the Aggies on probation just the start of a vigil aimed at cramping their entire athletic program? ... Julius Helland, the clean-cut-up business commissioner, is an avid follower of the ponies.

Is there still doubt that the International Managers' Guild was organized to serve the needs of Jim Norris... isn't it true that he had to keep promoting in New York because his Friday night program threatened to chuck the sponsor if it couldn't be telecast from the hallowed confines of Madison Square Garden, still an important name in the trade? ... There's a good reason why Maryland's Ed Vereb failed to go all the way on his long-gaiter early in the Orange Bowl tussle.

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