

Rooks Nudge KU Grapplers

The Oregon State College Rooks had to go right down to the wire before they were able to turn back a high-spirited Klamath Union High School wrestling team in Monday night at Pelican Court, 32-30 in an excitement-packed non-conference mat meet.

Coach Dutch Simons' grapplers from KUHHS took an early lead in their home meet against the power-packed Rook lineup, but fell to their third defeat of the year in the final bout. But the defeat was a moral victory for the Whitebirds, as they were given much of a chance against the torrid OSG team which included three Oregon state high school champions and two others who received second place honors last season in the prep meet.

Going into the last bout, pitting the teams heavyweight, the Pels held a one-point, 30-29, margin, but Harris Hansen, former Beaverton High School star, won 4-0 over Klamath's Pedro Colley to give the Rooks three points and a hard-earned 30-30 victory.

Ken Kuhlman and Jim Brown started the Klamath preppers off on what looked to be an upset as they scored pins for the Pels in the first two matches. Then Gary Roberts battled Joe Neuschwander, 1954 state champ, to a 6-0 win in one of the best bouts of the evening's program, as Klamath led 12-2.

Another pin by Klamath's Pete Barnhine put the Pels up to a 17-2 lead. Then the Rooks closed the gap to a 17-12 margin on two quick pins by Johnny Oving and Bill Warrell. Oving was a 1955 state titlist, while Warrell placed second.

Bill Steiner outpointed Lee Mack 10-6 to push the Pels back in front, 20-12, and Harold Day added another decision for the Whitebird grapplers to make the team score read 23-15 after the Rooks' Larry Wright outscored Klamath's Richard Berg, 3-2 in another exciting bout.

Two draws followed by a decision by Roy Rupp shot the Pels into the lead, 26-15, and the Klamath point production came to a sudden end. OSC's Darrell Fort scored a second round pin over Bill Badorek and Ken Nabeboom registered another fall over Klamath's Darryl Peterson in 35 seconds of the first round to close the point gap to a 30-25 difference, setting the stage for Hansen's win over Colley.

This Friday afternoon at Pelican Court the Klamath preppers tangle with Grants Pass in the second Southern Oregon Conference mat meet of the year for the Pels. The first bout is slated for 2:45.

Mike Garcia Accepts Cut, Inks Contract

They call Mike Garcia "the big bear" and the burly pitcher growled like a dangerous bear today when he said, "Let's face it—I had a bad year."

The 27-year-old right-hander made the painful admission as he signed his Cleveland Indians contract for 1956 for \$25,000, a pay cut of about \$5,000. And he also made a solemn promise that things will be different this year as the Indians try to seize the pennant from the Yankees.

Garcia is the 15th Indian to sign but only the first of their "big three" pitchers — Bob Lemon and Early Wynn still being outside the fold.

Garcia's let-down, as much as anything else, has been blamed for the Tribe's loss of the A.L. flag last year. He won only 11 and lost 13 for his worst mark since he joined the team in 1949.

BAD YEAR

Hank Sauer of the Chicago Cubs is another big man who had a bad year in '55 — he hit only 12 homers and had 28 runs batted in. In 1954, his record was 41 homers and 103 RBIs. Sauer announced today he's going to do something about it — he'll report to spring training on Feb. 20, the earliest he has ever started.

The Cubs also announced the signing of outfielder Solly Drake from Los Angeles and pitcher Vito Valentinetti, who had a 4-15 mark for Charleston of the American Assn. The Cubs now have signed 28.

The Chicago White Sox brought their signees to 24 by getting the signatures of outfielder Bob Kennedy, a 294 hitter last year, bonus first baseman Ron Jackson and rookies Sam Esposito and Bob Powell. But they admitted that rookie Luis Aparacio — the man they are counting on to replace the traded Chico Carrasquel at shortstop — has balked at \$15 mark.

The world champion Brooklyn Dodgers signed relief pitcher Ed Roebuck, who had only a 5-6 record last year but played a big part in their last start that broke open the pennant race, plus rookie catchers Mike Napoli (.269) from Elmira and Herb Olson (.289) from Mobile.

PURCHASED

Outfielder Frankie Baumholtz, who was purchased from the Cubs on Dec. 9 for pinch-hitting duties, signed with the Philadelphia Phillies, as did rookie outfielder Fred Van Dusen.

Pitcher Bob Miller, the one-time \$60,000 bonus baby who spent two years with the Detroit Tigers, was farmed out last year, and returned in time to beat Cleveland in two key games, signed with the Tigers, as did rookie Tom Sharkey (6-12) from Terre Haute.

Catcher Bill Sarni, a 255 hitter and pitcher Larry Jackson, who had a 4-2 mark, signed with the Cards. And the Yankees signed lefty pitcher Bob Wiesler, who had a 0-2 mark, plus rookie catcher Lou Berberet (.265) from Toronto and outfielder Dick Tettlebach (.309) from Denver.

George Nicholson, former sparring partner for Joe Louis, is a New York City bank guard.

Calif. Skater Goes All Out For Ice Crown

CORTINA, Italy (UP) — The first man to break through the "sound barrier" in figure skating is going all out to grab the 1956 Olympic title by showing the most sensational jump ever seen on an ice rink.

He is Romy Robertson, 18, Long Beach, California, and the jump will be a so-called "triple axel" — three and a half turns in the air during a breath-taking "atomic spin."

No skater in the world has ever succeeded in performing this triple jump in competition — the dream of every champion.

"It took me one year of hard work to get the triple and down pat," Robertson, last year's world championship runner-up said. "Sometimes I had more than 100 falls during my nine-hours a day practice for the triple axel. I owe much of my success to my trainer, Gus Lussi, who always gave me courage when I wanted to give up," he said.

Lussi, former coach of such famous skaters as Barbara Ann Scott and Dick Button, described Robertson as the "most acrobatic figure skater I ever met."

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Fraley Tabulates A-A Team

OSCAR FRALEY
United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK (UP)—The mailman toted in almost as many All-America ballots as he did bills today so it seems about time to announce Fearless Fraley's Fantastic Five—and duck for the storm cellar.

Such pulsating periodicals as the Chicken Growers Guide and the Subway Sun are demanding swift answers. There's also one from the First National Bank (oops, that's one of the bills) and, just so I won't inadvertently scoop myself, here's my team for all and not only Sunday but the rest of the season, too:

F. Si Green, Duquesne.
F. Len Rosenbluth, North Carolina.
C. Bill Russell, San Francisco.
G. Robin Freeman, Ohio State.
G. Darrell Floyd, Furman.

Naturally, if you have managed to stagger this far, you by now will be grabbing for something to throw with one hand and writing implements with the other.

JUSTICE

Easterners will be screaming about the injustice of not naming Tom Heinsohn of Holy Cross or Hal Lear of Temple. The unsmoothed South will be doing a galloping trot a w l about North Carolina State's Ron Shaick and Vic Molodet, Kentucky's Jerry Bird and Bob Burrow, Alabama's George Linn, Hot Rod Hundley of West Virginia and Louisville's Charley Tyra.

Southwesterners undoubtedly will oil their six guns for Temple Tucker of Rice. The Midwest will throw cornballs for Jim Paxson of Dayton and Paul Judson of Illinois, while the effigy burners on the Coast should have a whale of a bonfire because of ignoring K. C. Jones of San Francisco, Art Butts of Utah and Willie Naults of UCLA.

The trouble is, fellers, there are only five places. And it's sort of like trying to put five pounds of oatmeal in a ounce pound bag.

FOEMAN

If that sounds like an apology, it isn't. Russell seems a cinch to make just about everybody's All-America team even though a lot of people insist the six-foot, 10-inch defensive star leaves them "cold." It's simply that he does yeoman chores in a star-studded cast. He'll make anybody's college club.

Green, although only six feet, three inches, is another defensive star and has a 22.5 scoring average to boot. Try and keep him on your bench.

Floyd, "only" six feet, one inch, is the nation's leading scorer with a 33.4 average. He is a fine outside shot and also a great rebounder. Right behind him in scoring with a 33.4 average is Freeman, a young gent with a terrific jump shot who proves his worth in the tough Big Ten even though he is only five feet, 11 inches.

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U.S. Olympic Hopes Fall; Reds Invincible

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy (AP)—High United States hopes for a strong showing in the Winter Olympics dwindled today to a point where two gold medals look good.

For a time, the Yanks had hoped to win as many as four first places in the carnival opening Thursday.

But the Russians have shown themselves to be invincible in speed skating. Even the Americans admit they can't beat them. Mrs. Andrea Mead Lawrence of Parkersburg, Colo., who won two women's skiing events in the '52 games, has not rounded into form after giving birth to her third child. And, finally, the Italians look unbeatable in the bobsledding.

Even one of the "certain" American winners appears to be in doubt. Tenley Albright of Newton, Mass., regarded as a sure gold medalist in figure skating, injured her ankle.

Miss Albright, however, is under the care of her physician-father and appears to be recovering fast. Her father's latest bulletin is that she'll be all set and today she tested her ankle with no ill effects.

If Miss Albright falters Carol Heiss of Ozone Park, N.Y., could win.

Hayes Allen Jenkins of Colorado Springs, Colo., is the best men's figure skater on the scene and he should score impressively. His younger brother David probably is the second-best skater here.

The United States won four gold medals in the 1952 games in Oslo to pile up 89 1/2 points in the unofficial team score. This was second to Norway, the "home" team, which came out on top with 125 1/2 points. Russia did not compete in '52.

If anyone beats the Italians, who know the bob run here like their own streets, it probably will be the Americans.

Kenneth L. (Tug) Wilson, the American Olympic Committee president, said the United States bobs have not cut loose yet and have braked heavily when making fast turns.

In the speed skating, William Carow of Madison, Wis., was only 1.1 seconds behind Russia's Eugeny Grishin when the latter set a 40.2 world record in the 500 meters.

Uncle Sam's hockey team also is strong and might challenge the Russians, Canadians and Czechoslovakians.

"Ironically," said Wilson, "this is the best Winter Olympic team ever assembled. The Russians have come up strong, we've had our share of injuries and, of course, the Scandinavians are always tough in the ski events, so we may be in for a disappointment."

Bob Pettit Jumps Into Scoring Lead

NEW YORK (UP)—Bob Pettit and Clyde Lovellette swapped the National Basketball Assn. scoring lead today for the 17th time in the last eight weeks. Pettit coming out with first place this time by a margin of 14 points.

The 17th exchange of the lead between the two stars resulted from Pettit's 39-point performance for St. Louis against Syracuse on Sunday, while Lovellette was scoring only 15 for Minneapolis against New York.

But Paul Arizin, former scoring champion from the Philadelphia Warriors, is starting to barge into what has been a two-man battle so far this season. Arizin actually has passed Lovellette on the basis of average points per game to take second place in that category behind Pettit.

Pettit leads both in total points with 942 and average with 23.6. Lovellette is second in total points with 928, third in average with 22.1. Arizin is third in total points with 879, but second in average with 22.5. Lovellette has played two games more than Pettit, three more than Arizin.

Defending scoring champion Neil Johnston of Philadelphia stands fourth in both respects. He has 822 total points and a 21.1 average. Ed Macauley of Boston is fifth with 769 points and 19.2.

Pettit regained a slim lead in rebounding with 621 rebounds in 40 games, to 606 in only 38 for Maurice Stokes of Rochester.

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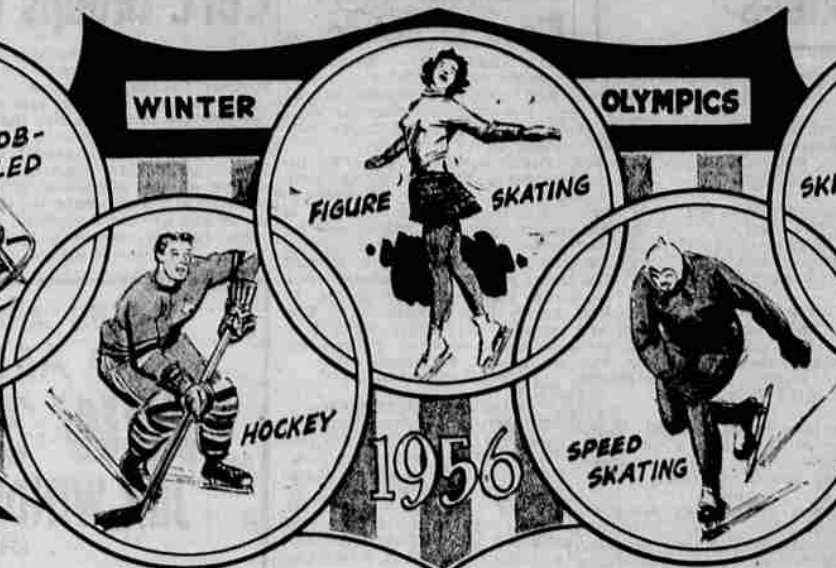
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In Brief

OLYMPICS

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — Italy and the United States bobsled teams turned in the two fastest trial runs as the Winter Olympics elimination competition began, while the injury Jinx claimed American skier Leslie Streeter, who suffered a broken right shoulder in a fall.

TENNIS

MIAMI, Fla. — Eddie Moylan, Trenton, N.J., captured the Coral Gables-University of Miami Tournament, defeating Brazil's Armando Vieira 4-6, 6-3, 6-0, 4-6, 6-3.

GENERAL

PHILADELPHIA — Howard (Hopalong) Cassidy, Ohio State's All-America halfback, received the Maxwell Award as the outstanding college football player of 1955.

MIAMI, Fla. — Billy Evans, 71, baseball executive and former American League umpire, died.

Dunsmuir '5' Beaten

DUNSMUIR — The Dunsmuir high school basketball team were very glad that their games Saturday night with the Yreka Miners were non-league contests. Yreka walked off with the A team game by a score of 58-49.

In the preliminary game Yreka won 47-46 in a close game to the final gun.

Speed Skating Coach Warns U.S. Of Russia

Lamb observed that the Russians have brought along their own masseurs, cooks and so on.

"We don't have the money for that," he continued. "Our skaters don't even have the proper amount of time to train as they should. They've got jobs to hold. The Russians have been out on the ice since the last week of October."

National League batting champion Richie Ashburn of the Phillies, with a .338 mark, hit .336 at night and .339 in 1955 daylight games.

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