

Aussie Housewife Repeats As Winner

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MELBOURNE (CP) — A tall, graceful Australian housewife who said she still has "something to learn about hurdling," Wednesday became the first woman to win a repeat victory in the same Olympic event and establish herself as probably the greatest competitor since the games were opened to the female sex in 1928.

Shirley Strickland De La Hunty, 31-year-old mother of a three-year-old son, shared the day's honors with Vladimir Kuts, the Russian naval officer whose victory in the 5,000 metres made him the second double victor of this year's games.

While she was "learning" about the event, Shirley broke the recognized world record by winning the 80-metre hurdles in 10.7 seconds, also wiping out the Olympic mark she set at Helsinki four years ago.

The 126-pound geology teacher from Perth has won six medals

in a career that spans three Olympics. She was a member of Australia's second-place 400-metre relay team and took third place in the hurdles and the 100-metre dash in 1948. At Helsinki she again placed third in the 100 metres besides taking her first hurdles title.

TOOK ALL BRITISHERS
Kuts, the fair-haired Russian naval officer who raced Britain's Gordon Pirie into the ground in the 10,000 metres last week, did it again at the shorter distance Wednesday, taking on his British teammates, Derek Ibbotson and Chris Chataway, for good measure.

When it was all over, Kuts was an easy winner again, with Pirie and Ibbotson also breaking the Olympic record in finishing second and third. Chataway, developing a leg cramp at the halfway mark, faded out of the picture, finishing second-last.

Pirie, the 25-year-old salesman who holds the world record for 5,000 metres, later described his conqueror as the greatest runner

in the world.

"My plan was to run like hell, but I couldn't keep up with him," Pirie said.

The monumental performances of Miss Strickland and Kuts temporarily overshadowed the spirited battle between the United States and Russia in which the Russians picked up a little ground by taking four gold medals in the Americans' two. They still trailed the U.S. by nearly 100 points in the unofficial standings.

Americans scored their third sweep of the games, picking up all three medals in the men's 110-metre hurdles, but the Russians countered with a similar performance in the 20-kilometre walk, winning the women's javelin and modern pentathlon team titles as well. A repeat victory by Parry O'Brien in the hammer throw brought the second U.S. gold medal.

CANADA BLANKED
Canada, blanked again in track and field, looked to its promising

young swimmers for better things today with entries in the heats of the men's and women's 100-metre freestyle.

Two of the three Canadian entries in the 400 metres ran good races Wednesday to qualify for the second round of preliminary heats. Terry Tobacco of Cumberland, B.C., leading his field while Murray Cockburn of Toronto placed second.

Both came to grief on their second try, Cockburn fading to sixth and Tobacco just missing a qualifying spot. Laird Sloan of Montreal was ousted in the first round.

Margaret George of Mervin, Sask., couldn't get past the preliminaries in the javelin throw, in which Russia's Inessa Ikonnikova set an Olympic record with a winning effort of 176 feet, eight inches.

Alex Oakley of St. John's, Nfld., the first man out of the park after the circuit of the track that started the 20-milometre walk, was dis-

qualified as Leonid Spirine led two Russian teammates across the finish line.

WRESTLERS DROP BOUTS
Lee Calhoun led the American grade in the 110-metre hurdles, upsetting Jack Davis, the world record-holder, with Joel Shankle completing the sweep.

Canada's wrestlers, welterweight Bruno Ochman of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and lightweight Bob Steckle of Kitchener, Ont., both dropped their opening bouts and the yachtsmen continued to trail as their nine-day competition reached the one-third mark.

Miss Strickland's popular victory came two years after she appeared to have reached the end of her athletic career when she was passed over for the Australasian team at the British Empire Games at Vancouver.

While her winning time eclipsed the official world record of 10.8 set last year by Galina Ermelenko of Russia, Centa Gost of Germany was clocked in 10.6 last July in a

Gene Fulmer To Gymnasium
GROSSINGER, N.Y. (AP)—Gene Fulmer of West Jordan, Utah, skipped boxing Wednesday and concentrated on gymnasium work for his title bout with Ray Robinson at Madison Square Garden Dec. 12.

Kerby Farrell To Manage Indians
CLEVELAND (AP)—Cleveland Indians will go into the 1957 American League pennant race piloted by Kerby Farrell, who guided Indianapolis Indians of the American Association to the championship in this year's little world series of baseball.

The Indians' general manager, Hank Greenberg, who said he had made up his mind about a new manager two weeks ago, let the public in on the secret Wednesday night. He named Farrell at a press conference.

Chief track-and-field interest today will centre on the 1,500 metres—the "metric mile"—in which no less than seven four-minute milers will battle for the 12 qualifying spots in Saturday's final.

The defending champion, Josy Barthel of Luxembourg, is strictly an underdog against world-record holder Istvan Rozsavolyi of Hungary and the other four-minute men Jim Bailey and John Landy of Australia, Britain's Brian Hewson, Ireland's Ron Delany, Gunnar Nielsen of Denmark and another Hungarian, Laszlo Tabori.

Talking Stage Of World Title Bout Dwindles To Tension
CHICAGO (AP)—The talking stage of the world heavyweight title bout between Archie Moore and Floyd (The Kid) Patterson dwindled to nervous tension Wednesday as both engaged in tapering-off drills for their Friday night bout at Chicago Stadium.

For weeks, both have hurled a variety of taunts at each other, the best being that 21-year-old Patterson felt sorry for 40-year-old Moore's advancing years and that Moore pined his callow foe's vast inexperience.

Now it is only a matter of hours before both must use punches instead of phrases in the showdown for Rocky Marciano's vacated crown, which the Rock last defended by knocking Moore out Sept. 21, 1955, at New York.

Moore was an early 7- to 5, choice, but there was talk it would be even-money betting by the time the bell sounds for this 15-round match which will be televised with the Chicago area blacked out.

A veteran of 156 pro bouts over a 20-year span, light heavyweight champion Moore must disprove the "they ain't ever the same" theory some experts apply to victims of Marciano's thunderous fists.

He must also demonstrate that his seemingly sturdy legs can stand the fast pace Patterson is expected to set.

Geoffrion May Be In Tonight's Game
MONTREAL (CP)—Bernard (Boom Boom) Geoffrion, right-winger for the National Hockey League's Canadiens, missed practices Tuesday and Wednesday but should be in the lineup when they meet Toronto Maple Leafs today, the team says.

Geoffrion underwent an elbow operation three weeks ago. At a workout Monday he fell on the ice, bruising it slightly. He told coach Toe Blake Wednesday that a hospital checkup indicates no serious damage was done and he should be able to play today.

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