

Medals Likely For Canada In Olympic Rowing Events

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MELBOURNE (CP) — Canada's Olympic ambitions, frustrated so far on land, are showing greater signs of fulfillment on water.

Two Vancouver crews flashed to eye-opening victories in their semi-final heats Monday, guaranteeing sure points and probable medals when the rowers move into the finals today.

The medals continued to go else, virtually every event. Canadian competitors trailed the leaders by a wide margin.

RANK AS FAVORITES

For the first time in Olympic history, a Canadian crew reached the finals of the four without a swim. And the University of British Columbia eight-oared shell easily led Sweden, Czechoslovakia and Italy in one semi-final heat while the American crew from Yale University, under strong pressure from Australia's eight, was pushed

to a slightly faster time in winning the second heat.

Canada's earthbound contingent harvested a single point from a sixth-place finish by David Bailie of Montreal and Noranda, Que., in the heavyweight weightlifting class.

JAVELIN RECORD FALLS

A Norwegian, Egil Danielsen, broke the world javelin record in a fantastic competition in which Cy Young, the American who set the Olympic record in 1952, improved on it, in the qualifying round and still wasn't good enough to reach the finals.

Danielsen's heave of 281 feet, 2 1/2 inches, left Young's old Olympic mark of 242 feet, 3/4 inch far behind and bettered the world record of 274 feet, 5 1/2 inches set by Janus Sidlo of Poland only last June. Sidlo took second place, his best heave of the day falling short of Danielsen's by nearly 20 feet.

But the Melbourne crowd let loose its biggest roar for the first Australian gold medal of the games, won by blonde Betty Cuthbert Sydney in the women's 100-yard dash.

The slight Sydney girl, who broke the Olympic record with an 11.4 qualifying heat Saturday, only matched the old 11.5 mark this time although Christa Stubnick of Germany pressed her to the limit.

U.S. LEAD GROWS

In the other two track-and-field events, the United States added to its first-place margin over Russia in the unofficial point standings with a record-shattering display.

Tom Courtney outlasted Britain's Derek Johnson in a spine-crowning duel for the 800 - metre Olympic record and a fifth equalled 47. Courtney's 1:47.7 time compared with the 1948 clocking of 1:49.2 turned in by fellow countryman Mal Whitfield.

Audun Boysen of Norway was third and Arnold Sowell of the U.S. fourth.

The other American success was the expected victory of Rev. Bob Richards in the pole vault, in which the agile parson tacked a fraction of an inch onto his 1952 Olympic record with a 14 - foot, 11 1/2-inch effort.

It all added up to another tremendous gain by the Americans in the point standings, in which they pushed their lead over Russia to 65 points.

SPRINTERS DROP OUT

Canada's sprinters did a quick fadeout in the preliminary heats of the 200-metre dash, their demise speeded by the withdrawal of Toronto's Stan Levenson with a pinched leg muscle. Levenson had survived two rounds of heats

in the 100-metres before bowing out in the semi-final.

Neither of Levenson's fellow-townsfolk, Jack Farrington and Joe Foreman, survived the first round of preliminaries.

Doug Kyle of Vancouver fared no better in the 5,000 - metre preliminaries, finishing eighth in a heat from which four men qualified.

Misfortune dogged Canadians in other events. Gerry Gratton, the Montrealer who loomed as Canada's brightest hope in weightlifting, was out of the running in the 152-lb. weight class, a shade overweight for the light-heavyweight division and was disqualified.

Montreal fencer Roland Asselin couldn't win one of his six matches as he was ousted in the preliminary stages of the foil competition. And middleweight boxer Ralph Hosack of Edmonton became the fourth straight Canadian fighter to meet elimination in his first outing as he dropped a close decision to Russia's Gennadi Charkov.

The Canadian basketball team, which had two strikes on it ever since an opening - night loss to Russia, finally gave up the ghost with a 79-62 defeat by a superior French team and was shut out of championship play.

With Only Nine Seats Left Flying Curlers' Trip Assured

Mr. J. Finley MacLeod, secretary-treasurer of the P.E.I. Curling Association and organizer and director of a planned trip to Scotland by members of the Maritime's Flying Curlers Club, announced yesterday that with only 9 vacancies left to be booked the flight is virtually assured.

There is room on the DC 4 chartered M.C.A. aircraft for 58 passengers and 49 of the seats have already been spoken for by curlers from all parts of the Maritimes. Maritime curling centres which will be represented on the flying trip that will take curlers as far as St. Moritz, Switzerland and Monte Carlo, are Sydney, Halifax, Bridgetown, La Havre, Wolfville, St. Stephen, St. John, Woodstock, Campbellton, Moncton, Charlottetown, Summerside and Montague, P.E.I.

At this time 11 lady curlers have booked passage and it is interesting to note that a total of six doctors and the possibility of a seventh will be included in the party. So the health of the group will be in safe hands.

Mr. MacLeod leaves Charlottetown this morning for curling centres in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton and expects to be back home with a full payload of passengers Saturday night.

The Flying Curlers will leave Moncton about 3 p.m. on Jan. 16th and after a refueling stop in Gander Nfld., the four motored planes will arrive in Preswick, Scotland the next morning.

Curlers in Glasgow will look after the entertainment of the group on the 17th and 18th and the next stop in the trip is Edinburgh on the 19th to 21st. The famous "Flying Scotsman" train will take the group to London and from there it is Paris.

While in Paris about 75 percent of the curlers will visit St. Moritz in answer to an invitation to curl there. Another group will spend some time in Monte Carlo.

While in Paris individuals will be on their own and do as much sight-seeing as they wish to.

Arriving back in London about February 1st, or 2nd the curlers will spend a week in England's capital and then head for Moncton.

It is a point of interest to note that when these curlers arrive in London they will be making curling history because it will mark the first time a group of Canadians have crossed the Atlantic to curl there.

S'ide Defeats Saints 7-3 In Penalty-Studded Game

The Summerside Aces defeated Saint Dunstan's University at Civic Stadium last night by the score of 7-3 in an Island Hockey League game. The game was raged in spots and penalty studded particularly in the third period when five minors, two majors and two team misconduct were called. Six of these were the result of a donnybrook which broke out around the half time mark when Coke Grady and Miner MacDonald became involved in fistfights and members of both teams joined the combatants.

Neither team showed the team play displayed on first game at the Stadium. The first period was a bit listless and finished with the Aces sporting a 3-0 lead.

The Saints fought hard to get back in the game in the middle session, and the teams scored two goals each. This period was much faster and displayed the first hockey of the night. The Aces outscored the visitors 2-1 in the final frame. Twice the home boys scored when they were a man short.

Coke Grady got two goals for the victors. Davey shot two counters for the Saints. Eustace Reeves who got one goal and played a very steady defensive game, won the Holman "Most valuable player" award.

Brian Lewis was in ace livery for the game, and placed on the first line with Coke Grady and Vance Harris.

Joe Mahar played for the Saints

100 Sleepy Fans Greet Eskimos

EDMONTON (CP) — Sleepy eyed Edmonton Eskimos slipped quietly into Edmonton in the pre dawn hours Monday and wasted little time before heading home.

About 100 fans, wives and reporters were on hand to welcome the Grey Cup champions when their special Trans-Canada Air Lines flight arrived at Edmonton airport at 5:20 a.m.

There were few cheers and no speeches as the players, still groggy from the 9 1/2-hour flight from Toronto, paused only long enough to greet their wives and pick up their baggage before heading for waiting cars.

The team will have a day to rest up before the real celebrations start today with a Grey Cup parade and reception.

The Eskimos defeated Montreal Alouettes 50-27 Saturday after trouncing them 49-19 in 1955 and 26-25 in 1954.

Several of the Eskimo imports including star halfback Jackie Parker, guard Art Walker, full back Johnny Bright and tackle Reed Henderson headed straight to their homes in the United States from Toronto.

IN THIS CORNER

Maritime Hockey Swings Back To Homebrew Brand

Other Maritime hockey leagues, notably the Cape Breton Senior loop have been apparently taking leaflets from the P.E.I. hockey notebook and are now featuring almost entirely teams composed of home-brew players. The success of the "Great Experiment" on the Island obviously hasn't gone unnoticed by other Maritime hockey bodies and they are beginning to feel as a lot of us in these parts already do that the Maritimes just aren't capable of supporting high priced hockey teams for the most part imported from other parts of Canada.

We feel that if fans in Cape Breton will just give the players a reasonable chance then there is no reason in the world why their loop shouldn't be just as successful as the Island league was last year and continued to be this year. The hockey dished up probably won't be as on a high level as that displayed by Sydney Millionaires and Glace Bay Miners in years past but the Island league has made most local fans forget about Charlottetown Islanders in one year which proves that hockey doesn't have to be an N.H.L. level to draw fans to the games.

The main ingredient in a hockey squad to please the palate of Joe Fan was shown here to be competition, which comes from balance and spirit. We feel almost any league anywhere will pack 'em in if the players play hockey like they mean it and the teams are

To Protect Injury With Rubber

MELBOURNE (CP)—Bill Patrick of Calgary, Canada's only Olympic diving hope, is going to try a combination of foam rubber and a woman's bathing cap to prevent a head injury from keeping him out of competition.

But his coach, Tommy Walker of Toronto, says the diver may have to withdraw anyway because of the head cut he suffered in practice last Friday.

Six stitches were taken after Patrick struck his head on the springboard in a back dive and he spent a day in hospital. But he still was eager to compete in the springboard competition which starts Friday.

He plans to put a foam rubber pad over the cut and hold it in place with a woman's bathing cap to protect the cut from the impact of further diving but Walker is going to leave it up to the doctor.

CURLING AT CHARLOTTETOWN

The Turkey Bospital has been changed. It had been decided to have a play off between the different sections to decide a winner for the Turkey, now each section winning team will receive a high grade chicken making a total of 24 chickens as prizes for the Special.

DRAW FOR TONIGHT

Section C-7 p.m.

Lee 1 Doug Saunders skip-K. Acorn - Dr. Moreside - Howard MacDonald vs. Dr. W. MacDonald skip - G. Stewart - Tarkey Whitlock - Chick Williams

Lee 2 Doug Cameron skip - Gil Henry - R. McClair - V. Rood - vs. W.R. MacNeill skip D. Wonnacott. Pres: Brydges J. Balcom

Lee 3 Dr. Giddings skip - Eddie MacDonald D. Peterson - M. Waddell vs. Cliff MacDonald skip Paul O'Rourke - S.S. Carson - Joe Eskom.

Section D - 8:30 p.m.

Lee 1 - Doug Hill skip, Wes. Storey - Dr. L. Cox - Gerald Hurge vs. J.S. MacDonald skip Henry Peters - Frank MacInnis Don Shaw.

Lee 2 F. Hansen skip Don Broadley - Cliff Campbell - Ed Brown vs. J.S. MacDonald skip Harper MacNeill - Geo Henderson - Leslie Doyle.

Lee 3 Dr. L. Prowse skip Al Rogers - Dr. H. MacKenzie Clud Whitehead vs. H.C. Atkinson skip J. H. Cameron. Dr. Brown-Dave Walker.

Lee 4 opens at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.

SPORT FORUM

HOWARD CONFIDENT

Richard (Kid) Howard, Canadian lightweight champion, is completely confident that he will not only even up matters with Willie Towel of South Africa, but will knock the colorful South African out of the picture when they get together in a return match December 1st.

Howard's colorful trainer, Tom McCluskey, says the plucky Canadian hits every bit as hard as Towel and if the Kid should get Willie in trouble he'll never escape.

A legitimate lightweight, Towel has won himself supporters by his clean sharp hitting and his ability to weather the rough going.

The one big edge Towel possesses is his speed. Howard is a rather slow starter so if Towel gets to the front and piles up an early lead and then can withstand Howard's spurt in the late stages he can well account for another victory.

Howard is 27 years old and is now beginning his 11th year in the squared circle. He has to date a record of 66 wins out of 86 fights. This match will be Howard's chance to even things for his loss to Towel in a bout several weeks ago.

Towel is 22 years old, a former olympic boxer and has been boxing pro for four years. His record reads 28 bouts and 18 of his wins have been on knockouts.

MCGINNIS BROS.

According to the latest word out of Newark, N. J., brothers Paul and Jim McGinnis continue to make good in ring bouts. Paul is the current welterweight Golden Gloves champion of New Jersey while brother Jim is campaigning in pro ranks in and around New England.

They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus McGinnis of Tignish, P. E. I.

In the 32-year period between 1918 and 1950 there were 104 deaths in the U. S. A. as a result of competitive sports. Believe it or not most resulted from baseball. This game led with 43 deaths; football was next with 22 and boxing third with 21. Soccer and wrestling each accounted for 2 fatalities; basketball, 7; handball 3 and golf, cricket, relay races and polo each were responsible for one death.

Bobby Dodds, negro lightweight who holds the record for boxing bouts with 1,024, engaged in his last fight at the age of 39.

WILFRED O. MCCLUSKEY, Charlottetown.

Two Ounces Ruins Canada's Chances In Weight-Lifting

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MELBOURNE (CP)—Canada's chances of almost certain points in the Olympics weightlifting competition were lost Monday by a slim two ounces. Gerry Gratton of Montreal was that much overweight for the light-heavy division and was disqualified.

"It is the first time in my 12 years of weightlifting career that I have been overweight," said the downhearted Gratton in an interview.

"I am always six to eight pounds overweight in training and have taken that weight off easily. I tried everything possible this time and it just couldn't make it," Gratton on a silver medal for Canada at the 1952 games in Helsinki, competing then in the middleweight division. He was British Empire Games champion in the same division in 1950 and light-heavy champion in the Empire Games of 1954, and is by far one of Canada's outstanding men in the weightlifting sport.

SURE OF MEDAL

Kure Farmer of Montreal, president of the Canadian Olympic Association, when informed of Gratton's disqualification, said: "It's one of those unfortunate things. He has always been a great competitor and still is."

Charlie Walker of Montreal.

Smrke, Hicks Lead Q. H. L. Scoring Race

MONTREAL (CP)—Stan Smrke and Gagu Hicks, both of Chicoutimi Saguenay, are tied in the race for the Quebec Hockey League scoring title with 23 points each.

Smrke, in a three-way tie for first place last week, garnered four assists while Hicks scored two goals and three assists to move up from fourth spot.

Lou Smrke, also of Chicoutimi, and Marcel Bonin and Skip Teal of Quebec are bunched behind the leaders with 21 apiece.

Lou got three goals and three assists last week while Teal and Bonin, tied with Stan Smrke for first spot a week ago, were held to a goal and an assist each.

Stan Smrke's and Hicks' 12 goals lead in that department while Teal's 16 assists tops the league.

The leaders with goals, assists and total points:

S. Smrke, Chicoutimi, 12-11-23; Hicks, Chicoutimi, 12-11-23; L. Smrke, Chicoutimi, 9-12-21; Teal, Quebec, 8-13-21; Bonin, Quebec, 5-16-21; Corvaise, Montreal, 5-18-20; Burnell, Montreal, 10-9-19; Tessier, Quebec, 10-8-19; Perreault, Chicoutimi, 4-14-18; Kapusta, Trois-Rivieres, 3-11-14.

LATE OLYMPIC FLASHES

MELBOURNE (CP) — Australia defeated Thailand 87-48 today in a lower-bracket group of the Olympic basketball tournament. The Australians led 48-23 at halftime.

MELBOURNE (CP) — Dorothy Kozak of Calgary, formerly of Winnipeg, failed to qualify today in the preliminary round for the women's Olympic broad jump. Maurer Rever of Regina, a tentative entrant, did not compete.

MELBOURNE (Reuters)—Leading Melbourne newspaper said Monday the Olympic Games are not having a sell-out and blamed television.

Citing the many hours of coverage a day given to the events by Melbourne's two recently opened TV stations, the newspapers said many tickets were still available for all centres except the main stadium for Wednesday and Saturday and for certain swimming events.

Randy Turpin Cops Open Title

LEICESTER, England (AP)—Randy Turpin won the vacant British light-heavyweight championship Monday night by scoring a fifth round technical knockout over Alex Buxton. Each fighter weighed 175 pounds.

Turpin, former world middleweight champion, had too much power in close and at long range for his opponent. Buxton kept rushing forward but hardly landed a hit on Turpin's punches.

AT SPORTS ARENA

Primroses Play Flyers Tonight

Bobby Dowling's Montague Primroses and Allie Carver's undefeated Parkdale Flyers tangle in their first meeting of the season tonight at the Sports Arena in an Island Senior Hockey League fixture.

The Primroses with two victories in three starts are tied with Basilica Youth Club for second spot behind the Flyers and a win will lift them into sole possession of the second slot.

Only the Primroses remain unbeaten by the Flyers. Allie Carver's potent Parkdale outfit now own victories over all teams in the league except Montague. The Flyers have defeated Saints 6-4, B.Y.C. 3-2 and Summerside Aces 7-5.

But they may have a tough time taking the measure of the Primroses for fans will recall last year when Montague gave a weaker team than they have this term the only team in the loop to hold the edge over Parkdale in the season's play. Montague won three of four games.

So it may be that Montague has

Alouettes Disband; Several Imports Will Not Be Back

MONTREAL (CP) — Montreal Alouettes, defeated Saturday for their third successive year in the annual Grey Cup classic, began disbanding Monday and chances are several of this year's imports will not be back.

Coach Douglas (Peabody) Walker said he will leave here Thursday to search the United States for players capable of making Alouettes the best football team in Canada.

Walker wouldn't say yet who will be dropped but he did indicate that his 1957 team will again be built around quarterback Sam (The Rifle) Echeverry. The 26-year-old quarterback, rated Canada's best passer, joined Montreal five years ago from Denver University.

"I am not disillusioned about the power of the past," said Walker in a post-mortem of Saturday's game. "I still think that a good passing team can beat a good running team. But to win with a passing team you have to protect your passer and in Saturday's game our protection for our passer was not good."

MINOR HOCKEY

Following is the minor hockey program for today at the Sports Arena:

11:00-12:00: Skate for girls of Notre Dame Academy.

4:00-5:00: Midget Vic's practice.

6:00-7:00: Able Juniors Practice

N.H.L. SCORING

BIG SEVEN

Jean Bellevue of Montreal scored a goal and an assist in two weekend games to maintain a one-point lead in the National Hockey League scoring race with 25 points.

The leaders:

Bellevue, Montreal 9 16 25
Lindsay, Detroit 10 14 24
Hewitt, Detroit 10 13 23
Ulmer, Detroit 5 14 19
M. Richard, Montreal 5 13 18
Harvey, Montreal 1 17 18

OLYMPIC STANDINGS

MELBOURNE (CP) — The United States piled up a margin in track-and-field and weight lifting events Monday to run up a margin of better than 3 to 2 over second-place Russia in the unofficial Olympic point standings.

The standings, unofficial because Olympic records recognize only individual achievements, are computed on a 10-5-4-3-2-1 basis for the first six placings in every final event.

The standings among the 67 competing countries on completion of Monday's events:

1. United States 172
2. Russia 107
3. Germany 83 1/2
4. Sweden 68
5. Italy 60
6. Britain 53 1/2
7. Australia 33
8. Poland 21
9. Iran 15
10. Norway 14
11. Hungary and France 13
12. Korea and Czechoslovakia 11
13. New Zealand and Argentina 10
14. Canada and Denmark 7
15. Japan and Finland 6
16. Switzerland 5
17. Trinidad, Greece and Bulgaria 4
18. Nigeria 3
19. Malaya, Spain, South Africa and Yugoslavia 1

REBUILDING STARTED

Al's president Leo Dandurand said Walker started a month ago to rebuild the team for the 1957 season.

That was a reference to the

Lefty Grove In For Checkup

CUMBERLAND, Md. (AP)—Robert Moses (Lefty) Grove has entered hospital for a checkup.

The hospital reported the 56-year-old former southpaw pitcher complained of losing weight and not feeling well.

Grove, who lives in Lonscoting, Md., was elected to baseball's hall of fame in 1947. He was the last major league pitcher to win more than 30 games in one season and to strike out 300 during a career.

American Leads Qualifiers In Opening Discus Round

MELBOURNE (CP) — Alfred Oeder of New Hyde Park, N.Y., led qualifiers today in the preliminary round of the men's Olympic discus competition with a throw of 51.19 metres—167 feet, 11 inches.

The qualifying distance was 47 metres, or 154 feet, 2 1/2 inches. No Canadians were entered.

Stephanus De Plessis of South Africa was second in the qualifying round with 166 feet, 3 inches.

Shella Hoskin of Great Britain, one of the favorites for the broad jump title, fouled three straight times in the qualifying round and was eliminated.

Qualifying distance for the broad jump was 5.70 metres—18 feet, 8 1/2 inches—and for the hop, step and jump 14.8 metres, or 48 feet, 6 1/2 inches.

First to qualify in the broad jump was Martha Lambert of France, with 5.78 metres.

Ademar Ferreira da Silva of Brazil, world record holder, Bill Sharpe of Philadelphia and Leonid Cherbakov of Russia easily qualified for the hop, step and jump final.

Dorothy Kozak of Calgary, formerly of Winnipeg, was eliminated from the broad jump event when she failed to make the qualifying distance.

Elzbieta Krzesinska of Poland led the 11 qualifiers with a distance of 20 feet, 1 1/2 inches. Willie White was the sole United States qualifier.

Nancy Borwick of Australia and Beverly Weigel of New Zealand easily qualified, along with two Russian girls.

The hop, step and jump preliminary concluded with 22 of 32 entrants bettering the qualifying mark. Ken Wilmsmuth of Great Britain was the Commonwealth's sole qualifier. The United States had three—William Sharpe, George Shaw and Ira Davis.

Sullivan Out For Four Weeks

NEW YORK (AP) — George (Red) Sullivan, veteran centre, will be lost to New York Rangers for about four weeks following a spleen injury, club officials announced Monday.

Sullivan's ailment was diagnosed as a "contusion of the spleen" at a hospital where the Peterborough, Ont. player is undergoing treatment.

The injury came in Sunday night's National Hockey League game with Montreal Canadiens. The game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Oregon To Play Iowa

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Oregon State College Beavers were unanimously selected Monday as the Pacific coast conference team to meet Iowa of the Big Ten in the Pasadena Rose Bowl football game Jan. 1.

Oregon State finished with a 6-1 record.

Iowa Hawkeyes finished their season last Saturday with a resounding 48-3 win over Notre Dame. Iowa had a 5-1 record in the Big Ten and an 8-1 overall record.

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