

B.C. Sprinter Determined To Prove He's No Quitter

PERTH, Australia (AP) — A young man of fierce urgency in the British Empire Games sprint here Thursday is Canada's record-setting sprinter Harry Jerome—moodily, a mile bitter and afebrile with determination.

He wants to prove first that he is truly the world's fastest human and second that he is no quitter.

Sometimes it seems the latter provides the bigger driving force for this quiet, 22-year-old son of a Vancouver train porter and bust of the 1960 Olympic Games.

They have never let me forget that I was a failure at Rome," the trim, good-looking runner said Tuesday.

Although I pulled a leg muscle in the preliminary heats,

Athletes At B-E Games Indecided On Spikes

By JACK SULLIVAN
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PERTH, Australia (AP) — Athletes here for the British Empire Games can't make up their minds what to wear when the track program officially gets under way Friday morning. The confusion is all about spikes—should they use their short ones, three-eighths of an inch long, or their long ones, nearly an inch long.

The indecision was evident this afternoon as scores of track stars walked gingerly on the

Oscar Robertson Shows Value To Cincinnati

NEW YORK (AP) — While Bill Chamberlain continues to set the pace in the individual scoring race in the National Basketball Association, Cincinnati's Oscar Robertson is showing his all-around value to the royals.

Official statistics released today showed Robertson fourth in individual scoring, second in field goal percentage, second in assists and fifth in free-throw percentage.

Chamberlain, who seems to break a record every time he scores a basket, has an even 800 points for a 33.3 average.

On Friday, he broke the Madison Square Garden individual game record when he dropped 73 points. The old record was 71 set by Elgin Baylor.

Baylor is in second place in the scoring column with 536 points and if Chamberlain keeps pulling away, he could wind up with double the points of the runner-up, Walt Bellamy of Chicago is third with 472 points and Robertson's 463 is good for fourth.

National Poll Is Completed

NEW YORK (AP) — Willie Mays, Warren Spahn, Arnold Palmer and Bob Cousy Tuesday were named athletes of the decade (1950-60) for their respective sports, completing a national poll of 250 sports writers and broadcasters who selected 12 athletes.

Mays of San Francisco giants was picked outstanding hitter in the field and Spahn of Milwaukee Braves as top major league pitcher. Palmer was golf's representative and Cousy was the basketball selection.

The four will join football's Jimmy Brown and Chuck Bednarik, auto racing's Roger Ward, boxing's Rocky Marciano, hockey's Maurice Richard, bowling's Don Carter and Racine's Eddie Arcaro and Del Miller on the dais at the Decade Dinner to be held Monday for the benefit of retarded children.

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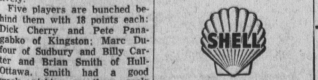
Kingston Snipers Head EPHL Race

OTTAWA (CP)—Prolific hotshots of the Kingston Frontenacs continue to hog the top spots in the scoring race of the Eastern Professional Hockey League.

Front runner Bob Lett leads the Kingston pack of four running at the front of the race, according to league statistics released Tuesday. Lett scored three times and got three assists during the last week to bring his total to 30 points.

Teammate Jeanott Gilbert, a quick-scoring rookie, follows with 26 points. Two other Kingston players, Don Blackburn and Gerry Ouellette, are close behind with 24 and 21 respectively.

Despite a back injury, Ernie Wakely leads goalenders with a 2.16 goal-per-game average. He allowed only eight goals in four games to drop his average from 2.25. The over-all Hull-Ottawa average is best in the league at 2.80.



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Groups Bid For Titans

NEW YORK (AP) — Owner Harry Wismer of the New York football Titans said Tuesday a group headed by former Notre Dame coach Frank Leahy has "made me a very good offer" for the financially distressed American Football League club.

Wismer said if the Leahy group buys the Titans, Leahy would be coach and general

manager. He retired from coaching when he left Notre Dame in 1954.

Wismer said the Leahy group is one of four who have made offers for the Titans.

"Leahy's got the team," Wismer said, "unless one of the other groups makes me a better offer. I will step out of the ownership and retain 25 per cent of the stock as a minority stockholder."

Wismer reportedly was asking \$2,000,000.

Wismer has claimed the club for 2½ years and plans he will cost \$1,750,000.

Mexico Applies For Olympics

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP)—Mexico has informally applied for the 1968 Olympic Games, it was learned Tuesday.

The offer to stage the games in Mexico City was contained in a private letter by General Jose Clark, president of the Mexican Olympic Committee, to Otto Mayer, chancellor of the International Olympic Committee which has its headquarters here. The offer was made after Lausanne had withdrawn its own application.

The IOC made no immediate comment on General Clark's letter which is not considered a formal application. This must be made jointly by the Mexican National Committee and the authorities of Mexico City.

TRACK EXCELLENCE

"The track is excellent. It's in great shape," said Kidd, who plans to use his ordinary long spikes in the steeplechase event Saturday afternoon.

Sprinter Bob Fisher-Smith of Ottawa thinks he might also go for the short spikes but Harry Jerome, Vancouver runner who shares world marks in the 100-yards and 100-metres, plans to continue with long spikes.

"It's a real good track," said Jerome. "I'm going to wear my usual long spikes. I don't care what the others do—that's up to them."

Don Bertola of Rossland, B.C., isn't going to take any chances—he'll take both short and long spikes to the stadium on the days he competes.

Sprinter Betty Cuthbert, Australian triple gold medalist in the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, has made up her mind for "very short and very sharp spikes."

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