

WEATHER JINX LANDS ON SLED TRACK AND DISRUPTS OLYMPIC WINTER CONTESTS AT PLACID

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LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Feb. 11. (U.P.)—The weather jinx that has hampered the third Olympic winter games ever since the athletes of 17 nations began gathering here for practice weeks ago, returned to all but wipe out the program today.

A Palm Beach thermometer reading and a drizzling rain prevailed all day, forcing a postponement of the four-man bobsled race—three star event of the games—and putting a serious crimp in the final of the combination ski championship.

The combination event, limited to those men who both ski-run and ski-jump, was won by Johan Grottnusbraaten, Norwegian veteran of three Olympic winter games. Although Grottnusbraaten's best jump—one of 57 meters, was beaten by a dozen or more of the competitors, the points he gained by leading home the combination field in the 18-kilometer event yesterday, were enough to bring him victory.

Ole Stenon, Hans Vinjarengen, and Sverre Kollerud, all of Norway, finished behind the winner in the order named.

Ivan Sven Eriksson of Sweden, was fifth.

Some 10,000 persons, the largest crowd of the Olympics to date, watched the combination boys battle it out in the second and deciding specialty of their event. About 2,000 of the spectators huddled in the small fan-shaped grandstand at the foot of the jump, with the others scattered all over the mountainside on which the interval ski-jump is built.

The crowd received its biggest thrill when Hans Vinjarengen, also of Norway, and winner of third place, established a new record for the jump. Taking off from the high tower that rises high above the crest of the hill, and soaring through the air with the speed and grace of a bird in flight, the Norwegian landed 204 feet, or exactly 62.5 meters, below.

Despite Norway's great showing in the combination event, the United States still held a commanding lead in the team point score with 76 points. Norway was second with 49 and Canada third with 38. The other scorers are: Sweden 24; Austria 15; Finland 10; Switzerland 5; Germany 4; Roumania 3; Italy 1; Belgium 1; Czechoslovakia 1.

Unless the thaw and rain passes with the night, the first and second heats of the bob races will have to be postponed until Saturday. This would throw the third

and final heats over to Sunday, thus tacking an extra day to the games. There will, however, be no postponements after Sunday.

The Olympic rules, while they allow an event to be postponed two days, specify that the games proper must be completed within 24 hours after the time set for their termination.

Holding of the bob races today would have been tantamount to condemning the riders to death. The rain and high temperature robbed the tortuous chute of every flake of snow, leaving a glazed ice runway upon which even the most cautious and skillful driver would have found it difficult to stay. The foreign riders, the minute they woke up and heard the rain, called the officials and demanded a postponement.

When the games were mapped out, the events were so arranged as to bring matters to a climax tomorrow, with the running of the finals in the four man bob races and the ski jumping championship.

Among the thousands of visitors who arrived by train, plane and automobile today was Mayor James J. Walker of New York. The mayor took the postponement of the event he had come to watch in good spirit, and announced he would wait until it was on.

The Belgian team was forced to drop out of the four-man bob races today when their brakeman, Louis Van Hegge developed a badly swollen right shoulder, from injuries in practice early this week. Van Hegge, brakeman on the team, rode in the two-man events using only one hand because of his strained shoulder. The racers came here without a reserve man and therefore have no one to step into Van Hegge's place at the brakes. They will leave Lake Placid for New York Saturday night, sailing for home Tuesday.

ART SHIRES NEAR MOTHER; BEHAVES

ITALY, Tex., Feb. 11. (U.P.)—Art Shires, one-time "bad boy of baseball," is behaving himself this winter. He's spending the season at home and his mother is seeing that he's being a "good boy."

Shires, visited at the old family homestead, said Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis advised him it would be better for him "to spend my time at home instead of hanging around Chicago with a lot of prize-fighters."

The farthest Shires has ventured afield has been to the county seat town, 12 miles away.

NEWS OF THE SPORT WORLD

MAY BE FAR WESTERN CHAMPS



CATS LEAVE FOR NEEDLES TO MEET MUSTANGS IN HOOP TILT

Nine determined Wildcat basketball players and their coach will leave this noon for Needles, California, where they will invade the court of the Mustang squad. The Wildcats have not been defeated since they resumed playing after a forced layoff and are intent on keeping their record clean. The Needles squad defeated the locals last year at Needles by a one-point margin, but the Cats expect to take the game this evening.

Those who will make the trip are Stewart, Kay, Foremaster, Speer, Jarrett, Croal, McKenzie, Dunnigan and Willets.

Stewart, a junior in the local high school, is playing his second year of basketball and leading his teammates in scoring and all around playing. Kay is following closely in both scoring and playing, and both have had a very successful season so far. Stewart and Kay will probably start at forwards.

Speer and Foremaster will probably take the guard positions. Speer has been playing a good game at guard all year and is expected to continue doing just that. Foremaster started off in the last game with a bang but was ruled off in the second quarter for too many fouls.

Croal has not seen much service this year but has given good account of himself while in the game. McKenzie is one of the new players this year and rates as one of the best on the local squad.

Jarrett, Dunnigan and Willets are also new members of the squad but are dependable players.

The Wildcats will play two

J. HAM LEWIS IS CANDIDATE

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 11. (U.P.)—Petitions asking that the name of Senator James Hamilton Lewis be placed on the April 12 primary ballot as a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, were filed today with the secretary of state.

The petition for Lewis contained 6,000 signatures. A similar petition in behalf of Joseph Irwin France of Maryland for the Republican presidential nomination, contained 3,000 names.

Lewis has until February 17 to withdraw if he wishes. He has never announced as a candidate for the nomination and when, informed in Washington that the petitions had been filed, said he was making no effort to secure the backing of Illinois delegates.

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NOTICE
Mrs. Sampson, formerly at Underprice Store, is now located in the rear of the Rose Garden, Vegas Verde. p42

ADVANCE DATE FOR I. C. A. A. A.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (U.P.)—Advancement of the dates for the I. C. A. A. A. outdoor track and field championship meets was announced today by the executive committee of the association. The contests will be held on July 1 and 2 instead of a week later, as originally planned.

The change was made at the request of the three California colleges which are the hosts for the event this year, the University of California, Stanford, and the University of Southern California. The date also will permit winners to rest before competing in the final Olympic tryouts on the west coast, later in July.

TEMPERATURE IN NOSE DIVE

CHICAGO, Feb. 11. (U.P.)—The Midwest's weird weather started a nose dive to below freezing tonight after a record breaking "heat" wave, midsummer thunder storms and several miniature tornadoes.

In Indianapolis, where temperatures were expected to skid 25 degrees before morning, a windstorm of near-tornadoic force ripped through the city, killing two, flooding streets, damaging dwellings, breaking windows and tearing down telephone poles.

A 100-ton crane at a gas plant toppled in the gale, killing George Carpenter. Lightning killed William Clark while he walked through the heavy rain.

A tornado injured two persons when their home crumpled at Mapleton, Ill. The wind picked up the grammar school building and crashed it six feet. Charles Ely rubbed his eyes to see his back yard garage fly to a nearby hill, leaving his automobile undamaged on a concrete floor. His chicken house was wrecked and 500 hens were killed.

PRIVATE CAN'T KEEP ON GROUND; BORROWS PLANE

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Record Seeker



Dave Bunch, Seattle airline pilot, who plans an assault on the world's sole flight record, now established in the United States at 18 hours and 30 minutes. He is awaiting return of an official barograph from Washington, D. C., officials before starting the non-refueling endurance attempt.

'LEGGERS TAX' IS PROPOSED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (U.P.)—A 100 per cent tax on bootleggers' profits and heavy levy on passports to keep Americans and their money at home was proposed by William Gibbs McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, to congressional Democratic leaders today. He quoted estimates that the illicit liquor traffic profited by \$1,500,000,000 yearly.

In a letter to Senator Thomas J. Walsh, Dem., Mont., McAdoo outlined a new tax program. He asserted the present generation is paying too much of the public debt, and suggested taxes be increased to meet only 40 per cent of the deficit. The remaining 60 per cent should be funded through issuance of long-term government bonds, McAdoo said.

Noted for his strong prohibition views, McAdoo said his bootleggers' levy would "dry up" the wholesale liquor business.

"The government has the unquestioned power to destroy the illegal business by taxing all the profit out of it," he said.

He also proposed a tax to take all profits of the illegal narcotics trade.

JACK DEMPSEY SCORES HIS 26TH KO

By GEORGE KIRKSEY
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CLEVELAND AUDITORIUM, CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 11. (U.P.)—Jack Dempsey scored the twenty-sixth knockout of his exhibition tour here tonight when he stopped Meyer "K. O." Christner, Akron, Ohio, veteran after 2 minutes, 53 seconds of the third round of a scheduled 4-round exhibition bout.

FLOORED THREE TIMES

A crowd of about 10,500 paid approximately \$27,000 to see Dempsey floor Christner three times before he finished him with a left hook to the jaw. Dempsey weighed 195, Christner 204. Both fighters used 10-ounce gloves.

Dempsey dropped Christner with a left hook to the jaw in the first round, and the battle-scarred Akron fighter was barely able to stagger to his feet at the count of nine just before the bell sounded. Christner was in bad shape, bleeding from the mouth and nose and had to be led to his corner by one of his handlers.

Christner came back courageously in the second round, and actually hit the former champion with a right and left to the head. Dempsey landed few solid punches in the second round, and was very tired at the bell. He wobbled slightly as he walked to his corner.

In the third round Dempsey opened a furious two-fisted attack to the head, and had Christner on the floor three times.

RIGHT TO JAW

A terrific right to the jaw upset Christner the first time. A light right glanced off Christner's jaw and tapped him on the chest, sending him down for another count of nine. Christner dropped flat on his stomach more from exhaustion than from the punch Dempsey landed.

A long, left hook put the finishing touches on Christner a few seconds later. After knocking him down this time, Dempsey had to walk from his own corner across the ring to Christner's corner while Referee Matt Hinkle counted out the Akron veteran.

Dempsey's legs supported him unsteadily, and Jack actually had trouble getting across this space, about 20 feet. When he reached the corner, he looked all in, tired of body, arms and legs.

The crowd booed Dempsey slightly early in the first round when he failed to charge in after Christner, but cheered wildly when he dropped his opponent the first time. The second round provided little action except for a right and left Christner landed on Jack's jaw. For a man who looked tired in the third round Dempsey certainly packed a lot of dynamite.

Christner, who has fought most of the past three years including Jack Sharkey, Ernie Schaaf, Johnny Risko, Frisco Carnera and Young Stribling, absorbed one of the worst beatings of his career.

Three preliminary fights all ended in knockouts.

Adolph Heuser, 175, Germany, scored a technical knockout over George Manley, 174, Denver, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-round fight.

Billy Wallace, 135, Cleveland, knocked out Eddie "Kid" Wolfe, 137½, Memphis, Tenn., in 48 seconds of the first round.

Babe Tiscaro, 114, Cleveland, knocked out Jackie Powers, 113, Youngstown, Ohio, in the first round.

GRID PLAYERS LEAVE ACADEMY

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 11. (U.P.)—Navy's football plans for 1932 suffered a blow today with announcement of withdrawal from the academy of Kinsey Jones of Denver, Colo., and John C. Hampson of Wayne, Pa.

Jones and Hampson were two of the speediest halfbacks on the navy squad, although Hampson had been forced to relinquish his place on the first string last year because of injuries.

Both men resigned because of deficiencies in scholastic standing.

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JOE JINKS The Crafty Old Manager By Vic

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Dear Ed— Well - Dynamite and I are crawling each other out again! Wad Wadhams of the Olympic Club is trying to sign Dynamite to fight some guy who won't let his name be used in connection with the fight. I naturally suspect he's got some big shot who doesn't want it known to the fight public in case he got licked. You know I'm not sap enough to fall for anything like that. No sir - not me. It's probably some guy like Sharkey or Schapp and it's OUT! How can we plan our fight if we don't know who we are to fight? Steve Hannas would be a good match but Charlie Harvey is hard to

BUT DYNAMITE WANTS TO FIGHT! HE'S TIRED OF THE SET UP TOUR -

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