

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE last week predicted the U.S. will win more medals than the Russians in the current Olympic Games at Tokyo but that the Russians, who will dominate most of the events outside of track and field and swimming, will emerge the winner on

the unofficial point count. The U.S. track and field team, the magazine says, "is the best ever assembled, one that by proven performance could break 15 of the 24 Olympic records. American swimmers, too, are better than ever, if possible, and could win more medals than all the other nations put to-

Exactly 99 countries, the largest total in the history of the Games, are competing for exactly 499 medals (gold, silver and bronze) at the XVIIIth Olympiad, a Roman numeral which actually represents the 15th summer Olympic competition since the renewal of the Games in 1896. Three Olympics, 1916, 1940 and 1944 were canceled because, as the International Olympic Committee president, Avery Brundage, has noted, "It used to be they stopped fighting to stage the Games. Now we stop the Games to have a war.

Competition in the modern Olympics, nevertheless, has been achieving an increasingly broad international base; and in its estimate of the distribution of the 499 medals Sports Illustrated sees at least 40 different nations winning at least one medal. In total medals Sports Illustrated ranks the U.S. first with 97, Russia second with 94, Germany third with 38, Japan fourth with 28, Hungary fifth with 25.

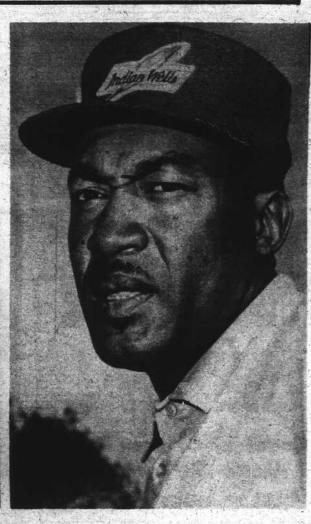
In points (five for gold medal, three for silver, one for bronze), which theoretically don't exist but which somehow seem to make almost every sports page in the world, this would again assure Russia of over-all victory, which theoretically doesn't exist either, because all Olympic performances are supposed to be contests of individuals. Sports Illustrated sees

the U.S. winning 35 gold medals to Russia's 41. TEN GOLD MEDALS are assigned to the U.S. men's track team, 11 to the men's swimming team. U.S. gold medals in track, as predicted by Sports Illustrated: 100 meters--Hayes; 200 meters—Carr; 400-meter relay; 1,600-meter relay; 5,000 meters—Schul; 110-meter hurdles—Jones; 400-meter hurdles—Cawley; Broad Jump-Boston; Pole Vault-Hansen; Shot-put-Long. Gold medals in men's swimming: 100-meter freestyle--Ilman; 400-meter freestyle--Schollander; 1,500-meter freestyle--Saari; 200-meter breastroke--Jastremski; 200meter backstroke-Graef; 400-meter individual medley-Saari; 400-meter freestyle relay; 800meter freestyle relay; 400-meter medley relay; three-meter springboard dive-Andreasen; 10-meter platform dive-Webster. This outcome would represent a U.S. sweep of the men's swimming events with the exception of the 200-meter butterfly, in which Australia's Berry is favored over our Robie and Schmidt.

In men's track and field events (traditionally the U.S. Olympic showcase), the threat to U.S. domination this time will come from more In 1960 it came largely from Germany and Russia, neither of which countries looks nearly (See SPORTS, page 10)

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SAHARA INVITATIONAL GOLF ENTRANTS -- Pete Brown (left) and Charley Sifford, both of Los Angeles, are among the 120 top professionals competing in the \$77,777.77 Sahara Invitational golf tournament here this week. Both played in the pro-amateur segment Tuesday and yesterday and will continue today through Sunday in the main event at Paradise Valley Country Club. Brown, winner of the Waco Turner Open at Burneyville, Okla., last spring, barely missed taking his second major PGA event last weekend in the Sunset-Camellia Open at Sunset City, Calif., tying for second place one stroke behind the winner for a \$1,900 payoff. Sifford has been a top tour golfer for several years.

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