

From This Angle...

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OLYMPIC COLD WAR

A copy of the Soviet News, Russian tabloid propaganda sheet, turned up in the Daily Collegian office yesterday. The paper, printed by the Russian embassy in Washington, bore a front page covered with pictures, and two full inside pages that dealt deeply on the subject of Russian athletics.

It was impressive. It made you stop and realize just how badly the Reds want to win the 1956 olympics, and they openly admit that "light athletics," as the newspaper termed it, are being run on a mass-production basis behind the iron curtain right now.

According to the article there are over 2000 stadiums throughout Russia now, built for the sole purpose of promoting these "light athletics" (actually track and field) and providing a training ground for several million athletes, all subsidized by the government, participating with sports societies and clubs.

These societies organize inter-town contests and during the past year, 600,000 athletes took part in those games alone. Two thousand of them were women.

To boost the calibre of performances the Russian "amateurs" who do nothing but train when the weather is right, must reach a certain category or class in achievement.

"The standards are not easy to achieve," says the paper. "Already high, they were raised again last year, owing to the general improvement in the level."

The lowest (third) category in the men's 100 meters, for instance, necessitates doing the distance under test conditions in 12.3 seconds. The time allowed for the men's 400 meter run is 55 seconds. The high jump standard is set at 160 centimeters or about 5 feet 3 inches. The pole vaulter must top 10 feet 6 inches, and the shot put mark is put 37 feet 8 1/4 inches.

The standards don't sound too spectacular. But remember that is the lowest category of three set up by the government.

What is more important, the athlete must be able to reach these marks in all events, not just one. And the newspaper claims that over a half million made it last year.

This, then, is what the Russians are doing in preparation for the 1956 games. They've completely shattered the basic principals of amateurism. While American athletes train only on the funds that our Olympic committee can gather from the public, millions of Russian athletes train constantly at government expense.

The U.S. will never stoop to this level. But it still must be able to give the Russians a good fight in the nearing games. If you haven't donated to the United States team fund yet, and if you're like any ordinary American and love to be on the winning side, you might slip a buck in the collection the next time Olympic chairman Tug Wilson asks for your help. It could mean a lot in 1956.

New Cage Changes

Penn State basketball coach John Egli says he has no argument against the new collegiate game, played in two halves instead of four quarters.

"It doesn't give a coach the opportunity to rest a tired team anymore," he said, "but it is certainly serving its purpose."

"The rule kills the old stall that teams liked to use before the end of the quarter in an effort to get the last shot before the buzzer. I think it's leading to one more change, though. I wouldn't be surprised if the 24-second shooting rule is eventually adopted."

That rule—used by the pros now—requires a team to shoot the ball within 24 seconds of gaining possession. If the shot is missed, a new 24-second period begins.

Basketball fans, in general, appear to be happy with the other major rule change in the game this year. The new one-and-one foul shooting rule has been a popular move.

Under this ruling, one free throw is awarded on normal fouls and a bonus shot is added if the first attempt is good. If it misses, the ball is in play.

For fouls committed against a player attempting a shot, or fouls committed in the final two minutes of play, two shots are awarded. **The Other Side Of The Game.**

As in any sport there's always a laugh somewhere in basketball. Bill Mokray, writing for Converse's 1954 Basketball Year Book has compiled a page of cage anecdotes that stop and make you wonder about this world of sport.

For instance Mokray tells of a player in a Buffalo, N.Y. Municipal League game who had scored all of his teams points and the club was leading 50-23. The player, 18-year old Art Dudziak, stepped to the foul line to try for his 51st when Andy Liaros, opposing player-manager kayoed him with a right hook.

Ten-year old Dave Butler of Wakefield, Mich., was the whole show in an intramural game. He tossed the ball into the wrong basket, then rallied to sink two in the right hoop, thus giving his club a 4-2 victory.

Kneidinger, Reich Named Co-Captains

Frank Reich, of Steelton, and Otto Kneidinger, of Belwood, have been selected to co-captain Penn State's 1955 football team. Both were defensive stalwarts for the Nittany Lions during the past season in which Rip Engle's gridders posted a 7-2 record.

At the start of the campaign Reich was rated as the Lions' second

string center behind Don Balthaser. However, an injury to Balthaser early in the campaign gave Reich his chance to take over the No. 1 position. Reich was hurt during the Holy Cross game, and was unable to play full-time in the season's finale at Pittsburgh.

Kneidinger, Nittany right tackle, was named to the Associated Press' All-Pennsylvania college football team this year. Honorable mention was given to Reich

by the AP.

This is the second straight year that the co-captains have been drawn from the line. Balthaser and end Jim Garity were co-captains during the past season. Reich is the third Steelton player to receive the honor the past three campaigns. In 1953 quarterback Tom Rados and end Don Malinak, both of Steelton, co-captained the Penn State gridders.

Reich and Kneidinger are both juniors.

Nine Quintets Post Victories In Intramurals

The Jordan Hotshots featured the nine game intramural basketball card last night with a thrilling 29-27 overtime victory over their rival dorm, the Irvin Buffaloes.

In the first game of the evening, Town Council scored a 14-8 victory over the Hellenic Club. Frank Horgas was high scorer of the Hellenic Club, with 6 points.

The second game saw the Snorks score an easy 31-20 win over the Watts Warriors. John Pammer led the Snorks with 12 points.

Physchem continued its fine record by swamping the McKee Duces 31-13. Once again Job Menges paced the winners with 13 points.

In the fourth game the Ironmen scored an easy 20-7 win over the Kingsmen. Don Brown was high man with 8 markers.

In the fraternity division, Charles Stachel, the evening's high point producer, led Delta Chi to a hard fought 34-28 victory over Alpha Phi Alpha. Rosey Grier was high man for the losers with 13.

Alpha Tau Omega had an easy time of it as they smacked Lambda Chi Alpha 39-19. Al Williams scored high for the winners with 16 points.

In another fraternity game, Sigma Chi took an early lead, and then coasted in for an easy 34-19 win over Sigma Phi Alpha. In the last game of the evening, Kappa Delta Rho hammered Theta Kappa Phi 32-16. George Simpson topped KDR, and Carl Giardini led Theta Kappa Phi with 8.

Barbell Club to Hold 'Odd Lift' Exhibition

An "Odd Lift Meet" will be held at 7 tonight in the weightlifting room at Recreation Hall, Bill Pearce, Penn State Barbell Club president, announced yesterday.

According to club adviser Norm Gordon, various unusual means of lifting weights, such as the dead lift and the two-hand curl, will be demonstrated.

Steve Flamporis, Mr. Berks County of 1954 and a student at the University, may also put on an exhibition, Pearce said.

When Lenny Moore gained 68 yards against Pittsburgh, he broke a 42-year-old Penn State record for total yardage. The Ghost ripped off 1082 yards to smash the old standard of 1031.

Olson Picked Top Boxer

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP)—Middleweight Champion Carl (Bobo) Olson, today was voted the Edward J. Neil Memorial Plaque as "Fighter of the Year" for 1954 by the Boxing Writers Assn.

The 26-year-old Hawaiian-born Olson will receive the award at the association's annual dinner Jan. 13.

Olson, now a San Francisco resident, puts his title on the line for the third time this year on Dec. 15 against France's Pierre Langlois in San Francisco.

A busy fighter in the ring, and truly a fighting champion, Olson won the 160-pound title by walloping England's Randy Turpin in New York, Oct. 21, 1953.

He whipped Cuba's Kid Gavilan in his first defense in Chicago, April 2, and followed up with a decisive triumph over

Cleveland's Rocky Castellani, the No. 1 contender at the time, in San Francisco, Aug. 20.

Originally he was scheduled to face Joey Giardello, currently ranked as the No. 1 challenger, but the Philadelphian was forced to withdraw because of a knee operation.

WRA Results

VOLLEYBALL

League 4 — Alpha Kappa Alpha forfeited to Little Lions; Sigma Delta Tau forfeited to Kappa Delta. Kappa Delta over Little Lions.

League 5 — Kappa Kappa Gamma over Tri Sigma; Gamma Phi Beta over Alpha Chi Omega.

League 6 — Chi Omega over Delta Gamma; Alpha Omicron Pi over Zeta Tau Alpha.

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