

# Russian Hoopsters Use Giant On Olympic Team

ROME (AP) — A 7-foot-3 woodchopper who plays basketball and 161 other neatly-clad athletes from the Soviet Union settled into the Olympic Village yesterday and forgot their iron curtain.

They opened their quarters to visitors, lolled on the lawn, chatted amiably and even waved a friendly greeting to a handful of American neighbors—quartered some 50 yards away.

## U.S. Swimmers Cite Japanese, Aussie Mermen

Rome (AP) — Australia's fearsome of Murray Rose and John Konrads and Japan's Tsuyoshi Yamanaka are rated the favorites in the Olympic 400 and 1,500 meter free style swims. And that's fine with young Alan Somers of Indianapolis.

"The pressure is on them, not us," said the 19-year-old American leader in the 400 and 1,500. "We're going to be the wolves—the hunters instead of the hunted. It was the other way around for me in the United States. I was the man to beat and heat was on me. I can relax now and let the other guys worry."

"Rose and Yamanaka are the ones to beat instead of Konrads on the basis of times right now. But George Breen, Somers' Indianapolis teammate and I are not scared. They can be taken. I think George and I get under 17:20."

Somers, a 6-foot-1, 165-pound Indiana sophomore, Breen and other members of the men's swimming team worked out yesterday in the practice pool at the Olympic Village while the girls slept late.

Both Somers and Breen believe the Aussies played possum in their recent trials.

"They can go a lot faster," said Somers. "They're pointing for the Olympic competition late this month and don't want to leave their strength in the pool now. They'll be fast when they're ready. So will we. It's going to be interesting."

## AZ Wins Over 489'ers For IM Softball Crown

Alpha Zeta won the Summer League intramural softball championship Thursday evening, taking the championship game from the 489'ers, 9-6.

Alpha Zeta had previously won the League B championship with a 7-0 record, the 489'ers took the League A pennant with an 8-1 record.

## DuMars All-American?

Mark DuMars, Penn State basketball ace, looms as a 1960-61 All-America bet. He has scored 805 points in two seasons.

Not a member of MKVD secret police or a bureaucrat showed himself although Olympic officials said they had received strict instructions that interviews with the Russians henceforth must go through channels.

The Giant, Janis Kruminsh, a towering figure who weighs more than 300 pounds, was the center of attention in the first group of 75 basketball players, boxers, wrestlers and pentathlon competitors who stepped off a giant Russian jet shortly after noon.

He is the biggest man in the games that open Aug. 25 — a woodcutter from the Ukraine used by the Russians to try and counteract American beanpoles in basketball. Kruminsh played on the Soviet team in 1955 at Melbourne but was too clumsy to be effective.

A second Soviet delegation, 78 water specialists, arrived in the late afternoon and promptly moved into the village along with America's second planeload, including 16 cyclists, 12 canoeists, nine weightlifters and 27 managers and administrative personnel.

The Russians, who won 98 medals and took unofficial team honors four years ago, were the center of attention.

The men were dressed immaculately in blue slacks and jacket to match, with a gleaming red hammer and sickle crest on the pocket. The women wore beige suits, hose and high-heeled brown pumps. Many of them had on lipstick.

The American swimmers, intent on breaking the Australian supremacy, took the first look at the Olympic pool and called it "fast." Most said they expected record times in the games.

The Japanese gymnasts went through their precise routines at the fire brigade school near the international airport and later their coach predicted Japanese men would win the team title from Russia.

Takashi Kondo, team manager, said Japan, led by Takashi Ono, appeared certain to win four individual gold medals and might beat the Russians in as many as eight.

Gymnastics long has been a virtual Russian monopoly in the games.

## MAJOR LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Baltimore	56	47	.540	—
Chicago	56	47	.540	—
New York	52	45	.579	½
Washington	55	56	.495	9½
Cleveland	53	54	.495	9½
Detroit	49	59	.454	14
Boston	47	61	.435	16
Kansas City	41	68	.376	22½

  

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Pittsburgh	58	42	.580	—
St. Louis	53	49	.519	6
Milwaukee	50	47	.561	6½
Los Angeles	59	49	.546	8
San Francisco	52	55	.486	14½
Cincinnati	50	61	.450	18½
Chicago	42	66	.389	25
Philadelphia	38	68	.357	26½

## Frick Favors American Loop Team In L.A.

NEW YORK (AP) — Don Topping of the New York Yankees has been rallying support from fellow American League club owners in his fight to expand the loop into Los Angeles, it was learned yesterday.

At least two club owners, as well as Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick, share Topping's sentiments that Los Angeles, now officially regarded as closed territory, should be opened to the American League. The AL clubs behind Topping are Chicago and Cleveland.

It is Frick's feeling that because New York is open territory to the National League, so must Los Angeles be free to join the American.

The commissioner made this statement in response to a direct question from Topping at the Yankees' Old Timers' dinner Saturday night. Topping said recently that despite a special major league committee's recommendation to absorb the Continental League, four teams at a time, in an unprecedented expansion move, he would oppose New York's return to the National League if Los Angeles is not opened to the American.

Dodger President Walter O'Malley who controls the Los Angeles territory, is opposed to an AL club in California until, at least, the Dodgers have their own stadium in Chavez Ravine.

Frick's support of Topping's stand is interpreted by many as a victory for the Yankees president and the American League.

## Paterno Served Brown

Joe Paterno, Penn State backfield coach, served as co-captain for the Brown University eleven in 1949. He was a quarterback.

## Law Says Never Aims For Batter

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Vernon Law, the ace pitcher of the league leading Pittsburgh Pirates, said yesterday he has "never tried to hit a batter in my life and I never will."

"I won't play rough house baseball," Law said as he rested at his suburban home with his wife and four children. "I want to be a credit to baseball and to myself and family."

Law, a 30-year-old right-hander, appears headed for his best season in the National League. He has won 17 games, tops in the majors, and lost five.

Law, a great control pitcher, has given up only 30 bases on balls in 208½ innings and several of them have been intentional.

"I know the batters dig in when I pitch but that does not bother me," Law declared. "I depend upon my control and if my control isn't good enough that is too bad. I simply will not throw intentionally at a batter. That does not mean I will not brush back a batter. I will throw to a batter close but I won't try to hit him."

"I have been hit a few times myself, and I know how it feels. Once, a few years ago, I got hit in the head and I suffered a ruptured ear drum."

Law, a deacon in the Mormon Church and an athlete who does not drink alcoholic beverages or smoke, is a 6-foot-3, 200-pounder always in top condition. He has started 28 games and finished 15 to compile an 2.81 earned run average. He has struck out 22.

Law said he "wasn't as sharp as I would have liked" Sunday in beating St. Louis 9-4 in the first game of a doubleheader.

"I've been pitching on four days' rest and every now and then I like to get five days off. But that has been impossible with our schedule because we have had some doubleheaders."

Law is almost certain to win 20 or more games as he should start about 10 more games. He had his best year in 1959 with an 18-9 record.

"Every pitcher wants to win 20 but it all depends on a lot of things," Law said. "One thing, though, I won't be throwing at the hitters. Lots of times I have seen pitchers throw at a batter, get behind in the ball and strike count and then blow up. Often those pitchers are taking a shower while I'm still on the mound."

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