

Stevenson KO's 'Big John'



Cuba's Teofilo Stevenson (right) caught U.S.A.'s John Tate with a right here in a semifinal heavyweight Olympic bout yesterday. Stevenson knocked Tate to the canvas only 1:29 into the first round.

Cuban favored for 2nd gold

MONTREAL (AP) — Teofilo Stevenson, Cuba's defending Olympic heavyweight champion, as powerful in the ring as he is mysterious outside it, crashed American John Tate's gold medal dreams with one sweep of his right hand yesterday.

Stevenson knocked out Tate at 1:29 of the first round with a right hand to the jaw that sent the American reeling across the ring. The 21-year-old Tate grabbed hold of the ropes in a neutral corner, then sank to the floor and was counted out.

The Cuban never chased the American as he staggered backwards. Stevenson knew it was over.

Asked his feelings about the fight, the 24-year-old Stevenson, an overwhelming favorite to become the first man to win two Olympic heavyweight boxing gold medals when he fights the final tomorrow night, replied through an interpreter:

"The fight was short. Did you see that fight? You probably saw it better than I did." The end came with dramatic suddenness. The two fighters had traded harmless lefts when Stevenson suddenly flashed home the right and it was over. The right was the first of the fight for Stevenson and gave him two knockouts in two days with four right hand punches.

The Cuban had gained the semifinals Wednesday when he knocked down Pekka Ruokola of Finland with a right hand, hurt him with a second right hand and floored him again with a third.

Tate, a Knoxville, Tenn., truck driver who



has been fighting only 19 months, was still dazed when he was led back to his corner. He went immediately back to the Olympic Village without seeing newsmen.

Stevenson, whose mystery is heightened by his aloofness and by the fact that he is rarely seen outside Cuba, cut his news conference short and went to the track stadium to see fellow Cubans compete.

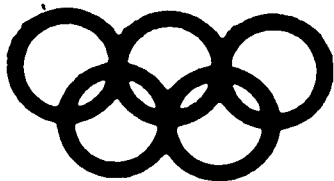
A second heavyweight gold should go to Stevenson when he meets the winner of last night's fight between Clarence Hill of Bermuda and Mircea Simon of Romania.

Stevenson's performance capped a devastating display of knockout punching by four Cubans who advanced to the semi-finals during the afternoon. Three of them scored first round knockouts. The other two were 145-pounder Andres Aldama and 178-pounder Sixto Sorio.

Aldama hit Bulgarian Vladimir Kolev so hard with a left hook that he was unconscious for several minutes and after being revived, was taken from the ring on a stretcher. The knockout was Sorio's third in the tournament.

Olympic Roundup

MONTREAL (UPI) — Salvaging some of its tarnished pride, the United States track and field team finally broke into the winner's circle again at the Olympic Games yesterday.



Americans watching the games on television will be most familiar with the 6-foot-2, 195 pound Jenner before the decathlon is over this evening because of his ability and movie-star good looks.

Arnie Robinson, 28, of San Diego, Calif., won the long jump with a leap of 27-feet, 4 1/4 inches to present the United States with its third Olympic gold in track and field and 23rd in all sports. Randy Williams of Fresno, Calif. won the long jump silver medal.

Leon Spinks, went for berths in the finals last night. The American freestyle wrestling team has six men still unbeaten, including feather-weight Gene Davis, a graduate of Oklahoma State and Marine Corp. Lt. Lloyd Keiser, a lightweight, who each won yesterday.

The United States also was hopeful of winning the men's 400-meter dash, but a Cuban speedster named Alberto Juantorena ended that by beating Fred Newhouse, Baton Rouge, La., in the final. Juantorena became the first man in Olympics history to win both the 400- and 800-meter run.

The decathlon, a physical and emotional test of endurance to determine the "world's greatest athlete," opened yesterday. American Bruce Jenner, the favorite, was third after the first five events yesterday with 4,298 points. West Germany's Guido Kratschmer was in first with 4,333 and defending gold medalist Nikolay Avilov of Russia was second.

Jenner, who trains six or seven hours each day, has a simple explanation for his success.

"I don't have a weak event and I have no exceptionally strong one," he said. "People don't really notice me. But when they add up the points—I'm there."

In a political sidelight, Canadian immigration authorities said yesterday Sergei Nemtsanov, a 17-year-old member of the Soviet Union's swimming team, had applied for permanent resident status in Canada.

He was the second communist Olympic defector this week. A Romanian oarsman Walter Lambertus, 20, has also applied for permanent residence in Canada.

Reports that a third Communist athlete, said to be a Ukrainian national on the Romanian team, has also defected are being investigated, the spokesmen said.

ChiSox duo no-hits A's

OAKLAND (AP) — On any ordinary night, 12 walks surrendered by a team during a single game would bolster a manager's blood pressure, let alone his pitchers' earned run averages.

But Wednesday night was not an ordinary night, as Chicago White Sox pitchers John "Blue Moon" Odom and Francisco Barrios combined to give up a dozen walks en route to a 2-1 no-hitter over the Oakland A's.

Oakland manager Chuck Tanner called it "the most tainted no-hitter I've ever seen. Or maybe I should call it the funniest."

Barrios, who relieved Odom in the sixth inning, said he didn't even realize that he was part of a no-hitter until the ninth inning.

Besides the number of bases-on-balls, the game claimed another distinction. Never before in major league history have two pitchers combined to pitch a winning nine-inning no-hitter.

In 1917, Babe Ruth, then one of the top pitchers of his day, walked the first batter he faced, then was ejected from the game. Ernie Shore came on without warming up and did not allow another runner to reach base. Shore was credited with a perfect game, while Ruth was not even credited with an appearance.

In 1967, two Baltimore Orioles combined to pitch a no-hitter, but they lost the game.

Wednesday's game was only the fourth game in history in which more than one pitcher teamed to hurl a no-hitter. The no-hitter was the first in the American League this year, and the

second in baseball. Houston's Larry Dierker hurled the only other no-hitter this season.

Notwithstanding the walks, the no-hitter didn't come easy. Second baseman Jack Brohamer contributed a sharp play in the ninth, fielding Sal Bando's slow roller and nailing him at first to preserve the no-hitter.

The A's scored an unearned run in the fourth, when Odom walked two batters and a run scored on catcher Jim Essian's error. The 31-year-old Odom, who pitched for the A's for 11 years before he went to Chicago said he wasn't surprised when he was yanked in the sixth.

"I didn't have my rhythm," he said. "I'm glad it happened though. Maybe if I'd been around the plate all the time, we wouldn't have gotten the no-hitter. I'm glad I was wild."

Phillies top Cubs, 3-2

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tim McCarver singled home Ollie Brown in the 11th inning yesterday to give the Philadelphia Phillies a 3-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Pinch-hitter Brown drew a one-out walk from reliever Darold Knowles, 3-4. Joe Coleman replaced Knowles and Brown went to second on Garry Maddox' long fly. Jerry Martin was safe on an error by third baseman Bill Madlock and McCarver then lined a single to center, giving the victory to reliever Gene Garber, 5-3.

The Phillies came from behind twice in regulation time, knotting the score 2-2 with two out in the sixth when Greg Luzinski slammed a 3-0 pitch from Rick Reuschel over the right center field fence for his 15th homer of the season.

The Cub's took a 1-0 lead against Steve Carlton in the third inning after the first two batters struck out. Jose Cardenal reached first when third baseman Mike Schmidt fumbled his bounce for an error. Cardenal stole second and scored on a single by Madlock.

Philadelphia tied it in the fifth when Tommy Hutton opened with a double and advanced to third on a passed ball. Jerry Martin singled home the run.

Chicago moved in front again in the sixth as Manny Trillo doubled, stole third and scored on Wayne Tyrone's single.

Following Martin's run scoring single in the fifth McCarver walked but Reuschel struck out Carlton and got Dave Cash to hit into his second double play.

After the Cubs went down in order in the 10th, the Phillies got a runner to third with two out but Schmidt struck out. Bobby Tolan batted for Carlton and beat out a scratch hit to short to start the inning. Cash sacrificed Tolan to second and he took third on an infield out.

Pirates edge Mets in 10th

NEW YORK (AP) — Rennie Stennett scored from third base as Bill Robinson grounded into a double play in the 10th inning, giving the Pittsburgh Pirates a 2-1 victory over the New York Mets yesterday.

Stennett opened the 10th with a single off New York reliever ace Skip Lockwood, 6-5, and raced to third when Al Oliver smashed a single off the glove of first baseman Joe Torre into short right field.

Robinson then grounded to short but the Mets had no play at the plate and completed a double play as Stennett scored to give the Pirates their second consecutive extra-inning victory over New York.

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