

Wings Fade Again

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Landy Beaten In Half-Mile Tryout Race

MELBOURNE (CP) — Australia's John Landy, the world's fastest miler, who is attempting a comeback, was beaten in a special half-mile tryout race Wednesday night by Lon Spurrier of San Francisco.

Spurrier, holder of the world half-mile record, staged a strong finish to beat Landy by a step in one minute, 51.8 seconds. Landy, who led going into the final 50 yards, had the same clocking. John Murray was a body behind third.

Landy, who went into semi-retirement shortly after his record-shattering 3.58 mile, is seeking to get ready for the 1956 Olympic Games here. Spurrier's half-mile record is 1:47.5.

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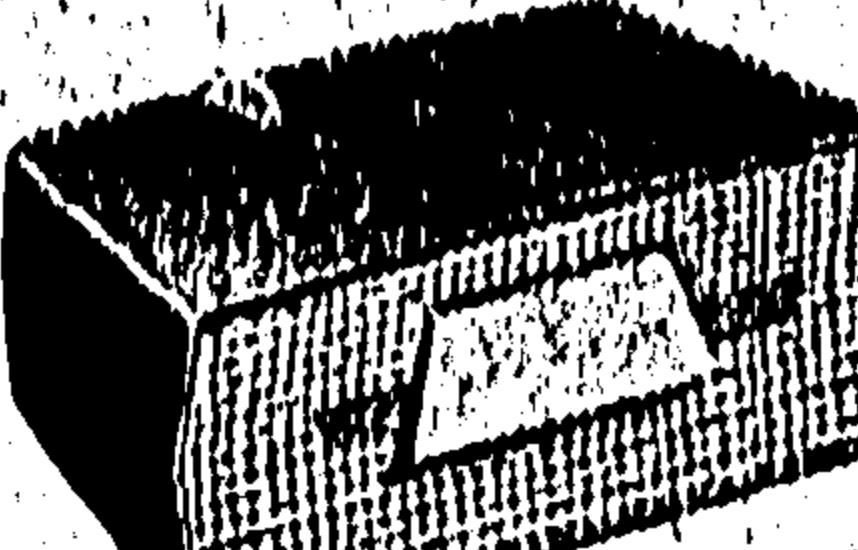
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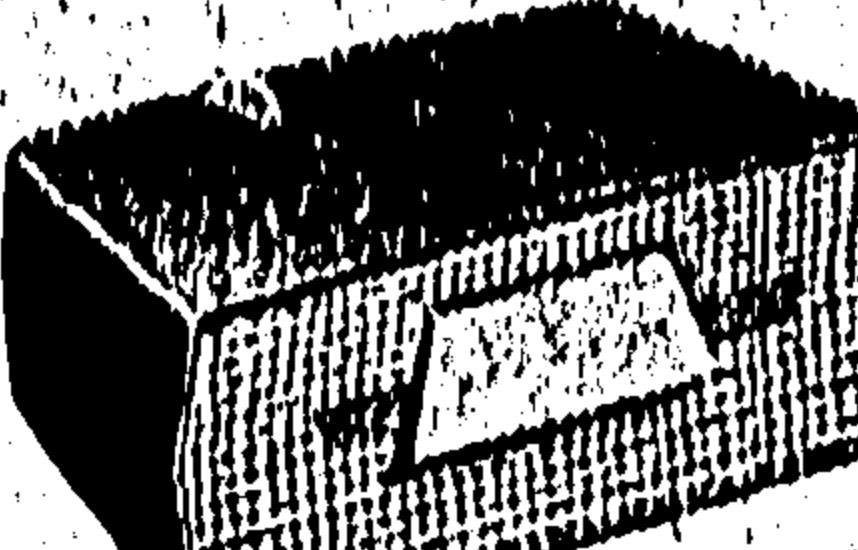
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Two Tallies Places Sloan In Top Seven

Tod Sloan of Toronto climbed into the select 20-goal class Wednesday night as the Maple Leafs downed Chicago 4-2, and at the same time took over seventh place in the National Hockey League individual scoring race.

Sloan potted two goals and an assist, boosting his output for the season to 20 goals and 12 assists. Dave Creighton and Andy Bathgate of New York and Gordie Howe of Detroit also gained ground in Wednesday's action.

Bathgate picked up one assist to move into a tie with Maurice Richard of Montreal for second place with 40 points.

Howe also had one assist and moved into a tie with Bert Olmstead of the Canadiens for fourth place.

Creighton assisted on two goals to boost his points total to 33 one more than Sloan.

The leaders:

	G	A	Pts
Beliveau, Mtl.	23	21	44
M. Richard, Mtl.	22	19	40
Bathgate, N.Y.	11	29	40
Howe, Detroit	16	22	38
Olmstead, Mtl.	7	31	38
Creighton, New York	15	18	33
Sloan, Toronto	20	12	32

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NEW YORK (CP) — Patricia Jane Berg, who once quarterbacked football team that included Oklahoma coach Bud Wilkinson, was the woman athlete of the year for 1955 in the opinion of sports writers and sports broadcasters.

The stocky, 35-year-old Patty won this honor on her ability as a professional golfer. Her football playing days as one of the 50th St. Tigers in Minneapolis ended before she took up golf at the age of 15.

As the acknowledged "queen" of women's golf and possibly its most intense competitor, Miss Berg led all the pros on the women's circuit in 1955 money-winning with a total of \$16,492.34.

In ballooning by 170 sports writers and broadcasters in the Associated Press year-end poll, red headed Patty beat out another celebrated golfer, Babe Didrikson Zaharias by 54 points — 200 to 146.

ILLNESS HAMPERED BABE

Mrs. Zaharias, outstanding woman athlete of 1954, didn't see much competition in 1955, but the selectors still showed great respect for her ability and for her courageous fight against cancer. The Babe played in nine tournaments and won two of them.

Doris Hart, who turned professional after winning the women's amateur tennis title for the second year, received 92 points. Swimmer Florence Chadwick placed fourth with 90.

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A&Q Edge Bo-Me-Hi In Exhibition

Arnold and Quigley eagles had to go all out in the final quarter last night to down Booth Memorial High school Rainmakers 50-50 in an exhibition game played at the high school gym.

The Rainmakers, sparked by John Newton rallied to tie up the game 38-38 at the three quarter mark.

Lineups:

Arnold and Quigley: McKay 2, McAfee 2, Morrison 2, Hartwig 4, D. Young 8, Kristmanson 2, Nickerson 30. Total 50.

Rainmakers: Helin 12, R. Sankey 4, N. Morven 8, Johnson 2, M. Young 4, Nelson 4, Newton 14, Leask 2. Total 50. Referees Robert Smith and Jimmy Stewart.

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