



# Russian team arrives

DURHAM (UPI)—Modest Russian head coach Igor Ter-Ovanesyan and his team of competitors arrived at the Raleigh-Durham Airport Saturday for this week's USA-USSR Track Meet on a note of pessimism.

"This meet is the end of the track and field season for you, but for us it is the beginning," said Ter-Ovanesyan. "We expect to be better at the end of the season."

The group has not competed as a national team yet, he said. The coach said that while the squad contained 90 per cent of the best representatives of the track and field in the Soviet Union their form is not the very best yet.

The coach brushed aside a question about comments to the effect the Russians are favored to win the meet this Friday and Saturday, saying that if

that were so "then why would your team participate?"

Ter-Ovanesyan said he felt the U.S. team selected from the national AAU Championship three weeks ago was "very good" and the players should be in good shape. He predicted a "very exciting meet" and said the competition would be "very useful" to the Russians in their quest for the European Track Championship later this year.

American coach Jimmy Carnes of the University of Florida welcomed the Soviet team and told them they were "ranked number one but we're looking forward to possibly becoming number one ourselves." He said he was optimistic about the U.S. team's chances.

Dr. Leroy Walker, North Carolina Central coach and co-director of the meet, predicted the key to winning will be "toss up events."

The Russians are expected to win the hammer throw with Olympic Champion Anatoliy; the 5,000 meter walk and the triple jump where gold medalist Victor Saneyev is the top Soviet entry.

The "toss-up" events as Walker sees it, are the shot put, long jump, pole vault, high jump and 1,500 meter run.

In the long jump, for example, Walker said "Bouncey Moore and Arnie Robinson are as good as the Russians. It's going to be a question of who is better that day."

He predicted Rick Wohlhuter, who broke the 880 mark this month, should win that event over Yevgeny Arzhanov, who edged Wohlhuter in last year's meet. The Americans are also rated a good chance of winning both the 100 and 400 relays, but under international scoring the Russians would still get two points in those events with a loss.

The Russians are also favored in the javelin toss, where world record holder Janis Lusis heads the Soviet field, though Americans San Colson and Fred Luke are expected to offer stiff competition.

In the women's events, the Russian field includes three gold medalists—Nadezhda Chizova in the shot put, Faina Melnik in the discus and Ludmila Bragina in the 1,500 and 3,000 meter races.

The Tar Heel

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## Tar Heels drop five

First place Louisburg took advantage of three North Carolina errors to hand the Tar Heels their fifth straight Summer League loss 6-4 at Boshamer Stadium Sunday night.

Righthander Ron Musleman limited Carolina to six hits and brought his pitching record to 4-1. Mike Merritt was a tough luck loser for the Tar Heels as Louisburg scored five unearned runs.

Louisburg's record is now 8-3. The Tar Heels dropped to 5-8 after being tied for the league lead with a 5-3 record.

Carolina's next home game is this Saturday when the Tar Heels host Appalachian at Cary Boshamer Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

# Soviets led by Borzov

DURHAM—Valery Borzov, Olympic gold medalist in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes, heads the list of Russian athletes who will compete in Durham July 5-6 in the 12th USA-USSR Track & Field Meet. Borzov, who did not compete in the USA-USSR indoor meet in Moscow, did come back to win the 60-meter dash in the European championships and is reported to be in top condition.

Five-time Olympic long jumper and now Russian head track coach Igor Ter-Ovanesyan, said, "Valery has shed his excess weight and is in full training again. He wants to win at the European Championships and the Durham meet will serve as a stepping stone."

Borzov recently ran a 10.2 100 meters (world record is 9.9) on a cold, windy day in Tbilisi on a loose cinder track.

Aleksandr Kornelyuk, who tied the world record for 60 meters indoors in the USA-USSR indoor meet, will join Borzov in the sprints.

Top middle distance performer, Yevgeny Arzhanov, will also make the trip. Arzhanov presently owns a streak of three straight 800 meter victories in USA-USSR outdoor competition. The 800 meters will match Arzhanov against U.S. world record-holder at 880 yards, Rick Wohlhuter. Wohlhuter ran in Durham last year at the Martin Luther King Games, anchoring the Chicago Track Club's two mile relay team to a world record.

At 5000 meters, the Soviets will bring to Durham Soviet record holder Michail Zhebovsky and last year's USA-USSR outdoor champion Nikolai Sviridov.

The Soviets seem clearly superior in this event, having won nine of 11 races prior to this year's contest. Moving up

to 10,000 meters, the Soviets will look to Anatoly Bodrankov to repeat his winning performance of a year ago.

Soviet hurdle star, Yevgeniy Gavrilenko, who upset the Americans last year in Minsk in the 400 meter hurdles, will return to defend his title. Last year's 3000 meter steeplechase winner, Leonid Savelev, will be present along with 1971 steeplechase winner Romuald Bitte.

Leading the Soviet field delegation will be world record holder Viktor Saneyev in the triple jump. Saneyev has been ranked number one in the world in this event for the last five years. Saneyev will be accompanied by teammate Mikhail Bariban, who has a jump of 55-4 1/2 indoors to his credit.

Veteran hammer thrower Anatoly Bondarchuk tops the list of Soviet weight men. Bondarchuk has been ranked number one in the world four of the past five years.

World indoor leader Kestutis Sapka will be entered in the high jump along with young hopeful Sergei Budalov, who is being billed by the Soviet press as the next Valery Brumel.

Long jumpers Valeriy Podluzhnyi and Aleksey Pereversev, who finished 1-2 in the USA-USSR indoor meet, will also compete in Durham.

The Soviet women's team will once again be dominated by world record holders in the field events. Incomparable weight women Nadezhda Chizova, shot put, and Faina Melnik, discus, lead the Soviet contingent. Both hold world records in their events and should be in a class of their own in Durham.

An abundance of talent also abounds in the Soviet women's running corps. Nadezhda Ilyina, who has won the last

two meeting with U.S. rivals at 400 meters, recently set the world indoor mark at that distance and will be a threat to topple the outdoor mark at Durham.

World record holder at 1500 and 3000 meters, Ludmila Bragina, will likely run the 3000 and leave the 2500 to former Soviet record holder Tamara Pangelova.

Sprinter Nadezhda Besfamilnaya, who captured both the 100 and 200 meters at Minsk last year, heads a strong group which includes Soviet 200 meter record holder Marina Sidrova.

Ter-Ovanesyan concluded by saying, "Yes, I think you can call us number one. We defeated East Germany last year, so there is nobody left, although West Germany has yet to be faced."

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