

American GI Is Italy's Top Basketball Player

AP Features

LEGHORN, Italy—Italy has selected as its outstanding basketball player of 1953 an American soldier from Atwater, Minn.

He is Pfc. Dave Westlund, one of a number of young Americans who have given a strong boost to the court game here. The soldiers also have created as much good will among Italians as a battalion of diplomats.

Westlund, who plays with an all-soldier team from the big U. S. Army Supply Base in this port city, was picked as Italy's top player by officials, coaches and sports writers—all Italians. Three other American servicemen were chosen among the top seven. They played in Italy's national amateur basketball league.

A graduate of Atwater High school where he was a football, basketball and baseball star, Westlund completed two years at St. Cloud State Teachers College in Minnesota before entering service.

He plans to go back and play basketball at St. Cloud when he finishes his tour of duty.

Most of the games in which Westlund's Leghorn "Lions" participated were sellouts. And, Westlund commented: "Never have I seen any bad feeling or heard harsh words between American and Italian players or spectators."

About 20,000 kilowatt hours of electricity are used to produce two short tons of aluminum.

Lost on Plane



MRS. CLARA MCGOWAN (above), 50, of Boston, was aboard the Transocean four-engined plane which crashed in the Pacific 300 miles east of Wake Island. Mrs. McGowan was en route home from Guam. (International)

Children Playing At Home Must Be Carefully Watched To Lessen Accident Danger

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Keep a close watch on the children these vacation days, even if they are playing in your own backyard, especially if they are playing alone. Accidents can and frequently do happen in the yard.

If an accident occurs, says the Red Cross, care given within a matter of seconds may determine whether the minor injury becomes a major one or whether the major injury becomes a fatality.

One of the common activities that need supervision is wading in a pond or home-type wading pool. Even though there is very little water in most of these, a very

small child could drown if he fell face down.

Falls and cuts are the most common accidents around the home. The Red Cross urges parents not to leave garden tools about, or permit their children to leave their toys lying around the yard or stairs.

If a child suffers a severe fall, check first for injuries before moving him. Many injuries are aggravated by moving the victim improperly. If breathing has stopped, artificial respiration should be applied immediately. If a person is bleeding profusely, the first-aid should apply direct pressure on the wound, with a pad and tight

bandage. Other Red Cross first aid tips for parents of a child involved in an accident:

Help prevent shock by keeping the injured child lying down in a comfortable position with his head level with his body until you know how serious the injury is. Keep the injured child warm, maintaining normal body temperature if possible. Never give water or other liquid to an unconscious person. If he's conscious, and there is no evidence of abdominal injury, water may be given in sips. Hot tea or coffee may be given, particularly if the victim is cold. In cases where the accident appears to be serious, send for a physician or an ambulance.

In 1950, Scotland had one house for every 3 2/3 persons.

The average Scottish worker spends about 5 1/2 per cent of his wages on rent.

Graduation Showers

NORMAN, Okla. (AP)—A group of University of Oklahoma engineering students finally gave in to the long-suppressed desire to duck an instructor before the start of final examinations.

The students gave an engagement shower for Edwin Jackson, student instructor in engineering—and just as the last gift was being presented they grabbed Jackson, carried him to the University's Mirror Pool and dumped him in.

Jackson recovered quickly, returned to the Baptist Student Center, scene of the shower, grabbed a garden hose and turned it on his tormentors.

Tradition has it that a broad skull is linked to aggressiveness, leadership and sociability and a narrow skull with intelligence.

Glasses are worn by 67.3 per cent of all American adults.



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