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Hager to Battle Gray; Kiser Takes On Belcastro

Karl Gray, the former world junior light-heavyweight wrestling champion from Wisconsin, will meet Tex Hager, talented young Oregonian, in the headline wrestling skirmish on Matchmaker Don Owen's weekly show at the Roseburg Armory Saturday night.

Gray, a dynamic grappler who possesses a terrific full-Nelson hold, had his name engraved on the Umpqua Traveling Trophy here last Saturday night by battling his way through a six-man

elimination tournament. The trophy, donated by the Roseburg Boxing Commission, was making its inaugural appearance. Gray, on the strength of his victory, claimed the right to meet another full-Nelson advocate, Georges Duset, for the Pacific Coast light-heavyweight championship.

Hager, however, protested and apparently gained his point. The erstwhile "Creswell Cyclone," who hasn't been beaten in a straight mat match since his return from a triumphant tour of the mid-west, claimed that he had as much or more right than Gray to a crack at Duset and the coveted coast crown.

So, the local commission and Owen have agreed to have Gray and Hager meet here Saturday with the winner assured of a title tilt. With the blue chips down, the speedburning little Oregonian and the hefty and aggressive Gray will more than likely stage one of the most action-packed skirmishes of the season.

Owen has arranged an outstanding supporting match that will include Jack Kiser, of St. Johns, and Pete Belcastro, the "Walloping Wop from Weed" and one of the most colorful two-listed matmen in the business.

Ted Williams in Auto Collision; Little Hurt

EAST DOUGLAS, Mass., Aug. 28.—(AP)—Ted Williams, the Red Sox' home-run slugger who cracked up his brand new 1946 model automobile coming here to attend this town's bicentennial celebration, does not have to worry about a repair bill. He has been promised a replacement when he returns here on Sept. 28.

While Williams was driving his wife, Doris, and State Trooper and Mrs. John Blake to a Red Sox-Cleveland Indians exhibition game, which was rained out, his sedan, which had gone less than 500 miles, was in a head-on collision with another car on a rain-drenched highway in nearby Holliston yesterday.

Williams escaped with a slightly strained leg. Blake suffered a cut on his head and both Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Blake were shaken up. They were treated on the scene by Red Sox Trainer Win Green, who was following them in the club bus.

Winfield A. Schuster, woolen manufacturer, banished Williams' automobile worries by promising to present him with another car.

Bearden Outthurls Jansen to Tighten Coast League Race

(By The Associated Press)

Gene Bearden, tossed into the Pacific Coast League's most terrifying baseball pit, turned a predicted massacre into a triumph which left the Oakland Oaks in shooting range of the San Francisco Seals today.

All Bearden, a southpaw first sacker converted into a pitcher, had to do was shade the mound performance of Loop Ace Larry Jansen, winner of 25 games for the Seals, and win his own game last night with his first home run of the season.

Bearden let the Seals have four infield singles in winning 2-1 for his 12th victory this year.

The victory shoved Oakland up within two games of the Seals in the pennant chase.

The Holywood Stars downed the Sacramento Solons 6-2 as star hurler Eddie Erazo, leading strikeout moundsman of the loop, pitched six-hit ball and fanned 10, boosting his strikeout total to 193 for the season.

Rainiers Down Angelinos

Seattle's rejuvenated Rainiers in a seven-run uprising in the seventh frame bashed the third-place Los Angeles Angels 10-6. Los Angeles built up a 6-1 lead in six stanzas, but starting Pitcher Lynn was battered from the mound in the wild seventh as Seattle turned six hits, an error and two walks into a scoring spree. Five successive batters singled on the first pitch during the Rainier spurge. It was the 11th Rainier victory in 15 games.

The Portland Beavers nosed out San Diego's Padres 10-9 in Heller's 17th mound victory of the campaign. The Padres put over three runs in a ninth-inning rally which was nipped by Relief Pitcher Vince Dibiasi.

Cloudburst, Electrical Storm Hit Washington

(By The Associated Press)

Rain of cloudburst proportions struck in scattered portions of central Washington yesterday afternoon and last night causing slides to trap an estimated 40 to 50 cars on the Stevens Pass highway outside of Leavenworth

and burning out eight transformers in the Washington Water Power Company plant at Davenport.

Single lane traffic on the highway was reported restored shortly after midnight. There was no report of injuries or cars damaged.

Power service in many sections of Davenport in north central Washington, was out for several hours after a severe electrical storm and a short but heavy downpour of rain.

Brooklyn Turns On Cardinals to Again Knot Race

(By The Associated Press)

Failure of the St. Louis Cardinals to capture their final home series from Brooklyn has assured National League fans of a dog-eat-dog pennant scrap down to the final wire with the schedule favoring the Dodgers.

When Manager Leo Durocher took his Brooks on their last tour of the west he said he would be satisfied if his club could split even on the road. So far, the relentless Dodgers have won five of nine games, and, although they have lost their 11 game lead, they still are tied for first place.

Eddie Dyer's Red Birds had a chance to put the crusher on the invaders yesterday as a win would have put them two full games ahead. Instead the Brooks rocked Harry Brecheen, Ted Wilks, Fred Schmidt and Ted Barrett for 16 hits and a 7-3 victory. Kirby Higbe was the winner.

Chicago warmed up for a visit from their old ledger spurring mates by sneezing past New York, 2-1. Bob Chipman, lifted for a pinch hitter, received credit for the victory over Johnny Gee.

Boston furthered its third place ambitions by walloping Pittsburgh, 9-1, as Rookie Warren Spahn spun his seventh victory since his discharge from the army.

Detroit finished its season's business at the Yankee stadium by edging out New York, 7-4, in 10 innings, thus slicing the Yanks' second place margin to three games.

Jess Flores earned his fourth straight victory as Philadelphia made it seven wins in its last eight starts, downing Chicago, 5-2. Flores allowed only seven hits in outpitching Lefty Ed Smith.

The St. Louis Browns had to work hard for a 4-2 verdict over Washington although they pounded Sid Hudson for 13 hits and the Senators collected only four off Sam Zoldak.

Philadelphia and Cincinnati in the National and Boston and Cleveland in the American were not scheduled.

Baseball Standings

(By the Associated Press)

National		
	W	L
Brooklyn	75	47
St. Louis	75	47
Chicago	66	54
Boston	60	58
Cincinnati	54	67
New York	52	68
Philadelphia	50	69
Pittsburgh	47	69

American		
W	L	Pct.
Boston	88	.698
New York	73	.584
Detroit	68	.562
Washington	62	.496

Cleveland	57	.68	.456
Chicago	56	.70	.444
St. Louis	52	.71	.423
Philadelphia	42	.83	.336

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