

Hager Wrests Coast Title From Hessel

Surprise Flop Registers Decision; Jones Defeats Knox in Wild Battle

By WARREN MACK
The Pacific Coast gained a new light-weight wrestling champion Saturday night when Tex Hager used speed and the surprise element to pin Gordon Hessel in the third and deciding fall of the main event at the Roseburg Armory. What the preliminary fighters, Rufus Jones and Glen Knox, lacked in speed and agility they more than made up in rough action as Jones laid his opponent out by throwing him into a corner post. Jones was declared the winner when Dr. Shoemaker, board physician, ruled that Knox was suffering from a possible concussion.

The two main events entered the ring for the third fall with a win apiece and neither Hager nor Hessel lost any time in mixing it up. The former champ had taken the first fall with his spectacular rolling short-arm scissors. The second fall looked like a repetition of the first as Hessel first dominated the action with head scissors and arm bars. But the "Creswell Cyclone" took Hessel by surprise with a cross-leg figure four and Hessel gave up.

as Hager turned on the pressure. The final fall was fast and furious from start to finish. Hager led off with a flying drop kick that nearly topped the show in the opening seconds but Hessel retaliated with arm-lock body slams and both fighters staged a whirling dervish bit of action in a neutral corner. Hessel was determined to work on the Creswell fighter's sore arm with his punishing arm locks but Hager broke these effectively with knee butts.

It looked like it was all over near the end of the last fall as Hessel slammed the challenger around the ring with another application of the rolling short-arm scissors. But right in the middle of it all, Hager blocked the hold with his arm and leg and pinned Hessel's shoulders just long enough for the required three counts. It was a very surprised ex-champion who sat in the middle of the ring and watched Referee Elton Owen hand the title belt to Tex Hager.

Cavalman Battling
Glen Knox nearly lost the first fall in his preliminary with the Detroit Negro, Rufus Jones, as he lit into the prostrate colored wrestler with vicious kicks after the referee had already awarded him the fall. But Jones refused to take it that way and left the ring vowing revenge amid the cheers of the sympathetic crowd.

As it turned out, "Puddin' Head" Jones didn't need that first fall anyway. He tore into the Tennessee bad man with a succession of punches and lead butts that sent Knox reeling, but Knox made a comeback to throw Jones out of the ring. In fact, most of the second round action took place outside the ropes. Referee Owen was the next victim and Knox followed him through the ropes as Jones kicked his opponent out of the arena.

But the Detroit Negro got over-anxious and joined the other two as Knox made it a clean sweep by pulling Jones through the ropes to join him and the referee. Knox floored his opponent with a succession of rights and lefts but turned away from Jones and Owen to defend himself from the crowd as the referee helped Jones back into the ring.

Neither fighter was to be confined by the ropes for long, however. But this time it was Knox who spent all his time on the ring's outer edge. Every time he attempted to clamber back, Jones would knock him back into the fans' laps with his specialty, the head butt.

Knox's last try to re-enter the ring ended in disaster. Using the ropes for added leverage, Jones threw Knox the full length of the

A'S REGAIN AMERICAN LEAGUE LEAD

Mackmen Defeat Tigers, Cleveland Overtakes Bosox

By JOE REICHLER

(Associated Press Sports Writer)

An ordinary three-cent postage stamp can cover the first four teams in the closest four-club pennant race the American League has enjoyed in its 48 years of operation. Only eight percentage points separate the first four teams.

Here is the picture as it appears today. The Philadelphia Athletics are back in first place, but are only eight points ahead of the fourth place Boston Red Sox. In between are the Cleveland Indians and New York Yankees.

Based on games won and lost, the Red Sox are in a virtual triple tie for second place with the Indians and Yankees. All are one game behind the A's.

Here is how one day's activity scrambled up the junior league's first four teams.

Connie Mack's A's, in second place after Saturday's games, jumped into first by defeating the Tigers in Detroit 4-2 yesterday. The Indians advanced from third to second by sweeping a doubleheader from the Red Sox, 12-2 and 6-1. The double defeat dropped the Red Sox from first all the way down to fourth. The Yankees moved up from fourth to third by vanquishing the Chicago White Sox twice, 8-2 and 7-5.

Marchildon, the Canadian right-hander, gained the honor of boosting the Athletics to the top Sunday. He limited the Tigers to five hits for his eighth victory.

Fain, draft-purchased first baseman, led the 13-hit A's attack against Trout with a two-run homer and three singles.

Cleveland Halts Bosox
Lemon and Zoladak held the hard-hitting Red Sox to three runs and 13 hits in making it three in a row over Ted Williams and company. A Cleveland crowd saw the Tribe get a route-going affair for the first time since July 15 when Lemon limited the Sox to six hits in the opener. It was Bob's 14th victory of the year.

Raschi and southpaw Byrne pitched the Yankee victories. Raschi allowed the White Sox only six hits in the first game, and batted in three runs to win his 13th game. Joe DiMaggio helped with his 24th home run. The Browns and Washington Senators divided a doubleheader, St. Louis winning the opener, 8-5, and Washington the nightcap, 4-3.

A four-run fifth inning against Potter enabled the St. Louis Cardinals to defeat the Braves in Boston, 9-6. The defeat cut the Braves' first place National League margin to five games over

ropes and heading into a corner post. The bald bad man crashed to the floor to take the full 20 counts. For a full five minutes after he was counted out, Knox remained on his back and when he finally came to, it took the referee and two strong men to lead the maddened fighter to the dressing rooms. Jones was declared the winner when Dr. Shoemaker delivered his "no fight" verdict.

Baseball Standings

(By The Associated Press)

NATIONAL

	W	L	Pct.
Boston	56	38	.595
New York	50	43	.537
Brooklyn	48	45	.516
St. Louis	46	45	.505
Pittsburgh	41	54	.432
Philadelphia	41	53	.437
Cincinnati	39	57	.405

AMERICAN

	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia	59	40	.595
Cleveland	55	38	.591
New York	54	39	.580
Boston	47	45	.511
Detroit	46	49	.484
Hollywood	41	54	.432
St. Louis	35	58	.375
Chicago	31	64	.325

PACIFIC COAST

	W	L	Pct.
Oakland	72	56	.563
San Francisco	72	53	.574
Los Angeles	68	57	.543
San Diego	67	62	.518
Seattle	59	65	.474
Hollywood	50	67	.429
Portland	56	68	.452
Sacramento	59	75	.383

The New York Giants

Rain washed out three other National League scheduled doubleheaders.

Americans Fail In Field Events, But Lead in Olympiad

OLYMPIC STADIUM, Wembley, England, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Every one admits now that the freshly made 1948 Olympic games track and field events, the Americans are asking today what's the matter in the field events.

Six regular Olympic track championships, now have been decided. In the three running races, two Olympic records have been bettered and one tied. In the three field events, Olympic records are untouched.

Of the six events run off, aside from the 50 kilometer walk, the United States has now won three and the disappointments have all come in the field events.

T. Winter of Australia won the high jump at 6 feet, 6 inches, considered well within the range of the Americans. L. Nemeth of Hungary won the hammer at 183, 114 inches, a distance that Sam Felton of Harvard has bettered, but Felton wound up fourth. Willie Steele of the U. S. won the broad jump at 25 feet, 8 inches, well below his capabilities.

The Olympic high jump record is 6 feet, 7 5/16 inches; the hammer record is 185 feet, 4 inches; and the broad jump record is 26 feet, 5 5/16 inches. In the track events it is another story. Harrison Dillard won the 100-meter dash for the U. S. in 10.3, tying the Olympic record. Roy Cochran won the 400-meter hurdles for the U. S. in 3:11, a new Olympic record subject to ratification, and Emil Zatopek of Czechoslovakia won the 10,000 meters in 29:58.5, also a new Olympic mark.

In the unofficial team standings at the start of the third full scale day of competition the score in men's track and field was: United States 61, Sweden 23, Australia 15, Great Britain 12, France 10, Czechoslovakia 10, Norway 10, Hungary 10, Ceylon 5, Switzerland 5, Yugoslavia 5, Panama 4, Finland 2, Belgium 1, Canada 1, and Italy 1.

SUES IN ESTATE
W. H. Young, administrator of the estate of Ernest Gates, deceased, has filed a complaint in circuit court against O. S. Chambers asking for a judgment for \$1000 plus interest at six per cent from Dec. 20, 1947. The amount specified allegedly relates to a real estate agreement entered into by Gates, prior to his death, and Chambers.

JUDGMENT ENTERED
Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly Friday entered a judgment by default in circuit court in favor of Sara D. Land against Claude Crow to recover \$395.12 plus costs alleged due the plaintiff. The judge ordered sold to cover the amount a list of specified property.

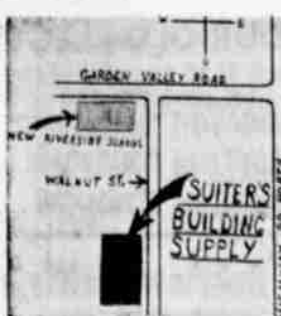
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Major League Baseball Leaders

(By The Associated Press)

NATIONAL

Batting—Musial, St. Louis, .391; Dark, Boston, .330. Runs Batted In—Mize, New York, 82; Musial, St. Louis, 80. Home Runs—Kiner, Pittsburgh, 28; Sauer, Cincinnati, 27. Pitching—Bickford, Boston, 7-2 .788.

AMERICAN

Batting—Williams, Boston, .385; Boudreau, Cleveland, .346. Runs Batted In—Di Maggio, New York, 90; Stephens, Boston, 88. Home Runs—Keltner, Cleveland, and Di Maggio, New York, 24. Pitching—Fowler, Philadelphia, 10-2 .803.

The tallest mountain in Hawaii is Mauna Kea (White Mountain), with a height of 13,675 feet.

Tri-City, Chiefs Slated Tuesday

Roseburg's Finlay Field will see more than its share of activity this week. Besides the three regularly scheduled softball doubleheaders, Umpqua Chief Secretary Elmore Hill announced a pair of night baseball games slated for Tuesday and Thursday.

The first of the two non-league games will bring Tri-City to the brilliantly lighted field with the diamond action slated for 8 p. m. Plans were still in the tentative stage for Thursday night's game and Hill said only that the visiting team would be "an excellent one."

The Tri-City-Chief game will be the third meeting between the two clubs. Tri-City took the first encounter, 3-2, on their own field at Myrtle Creek May 16. But an indication of how the Chiefs have improved since then was

Bobbin' 'Round

By Bob Pemberton

Babe Fenton says, "If you're not in shape, you know before you enter the ring you can't win."

Babe was not in shape Thursday night when he met Joey Ortega at the Roseburg Armory. Why? Because no athlete in the world can work ten hours a day, then train at night and expect to be in form.

When the Babe entered the ring against a top-rate boxer who fights for a living he was completely outclassed. Ortega was confident to the point of being cocky, while Babe predicted his own downfall and showed the lack of poise needed to win.

There is no doubt Ortega is good, but he had his trouble until he landed two solid blows to Babe's kidneys. Incidentally, just before the bout, Babe complained of a bad back gained from over-exercising while working. This, coupled with the kidney punches, was just too much.

Does this end the Ortega-Fenton affair? Not according to the Babe, who wants another crack at Ortega when he is in the top condition. And from what Thursday night showed, watch out Joey.

Here's a forecast. Dick Nyberg will knock out Al Cliff, Vanport boy, in their rematch.

Note: Watch this boy, "Kid" Nazelrod. He's tops.

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given by the 7-4 win the local club posted a week ago. With the wins standing at one apiece, the Chiefs will be out to better the count and take a one-game edge.

TRAFFIC FINES LEVIED

Justice of Peace Thomas C. Hartfield reports the following traffic fines imposed in his court Friday: Howard M. Fly, unit overload, \$10; Charles V. Zavolosek, passing with view obstructed, \$10; Edward Garcia, overload, \$10; D. A. Van Epps, unit overload, \$10, and overload, \$15; R. H. Johnson, overload, \$20; G. W. Pearcey, overload, \$15; Harold Clifford, axle overload, \$10; Hurlchel Davis, overload, \$10.

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