

Three Torrid Grappling Bouts, Headed By Szasz And Ross, To Greet Fans On Saturday Card

Al Szasz' return to the Roseburg Armory Saturday night in a main event against Tony Ross is stirring considerable interest among Douglas County wrestling followers—but the ringbirds are also talking about the two splendid supporting bouts arranged by Matchmaker Don Owen on the three-star card.

Rene LaBelle, the French-Canadian from Montreal, who meets Mike Nazarian, the villainous Armenian, in the semi-final, is one of the most popular grapplers ever to appear here. In fact, most Roseburg mat fans believe his current victory march warrants a little engagement with Frankie Stojack.

Fans can't remember when the drop-kicking expert last lost in the Roseburg arena. He handed Buck Davidson a beating in his last appearance. "Iron Mike" Nazarian is a rough-and-tough exponent of the hammerlock school and will be a formidable foe for LaBelle.

The curtain raiser, getting underway at 8:30 p. m., also has its attraction. Davidson, the kidney-punching ex-Texas cowpoke, will be meeting a rival who is equally rough and tough—in

Tony Olivas, the Mexican who wears a cape and chin whiskers.

Major interest, of course, will be centered around the Szasz-Ross skirmish. Ross has never been guilty of a bad performance in Roseburg, although he was defeated by Sugi Yamamoto in a "jacket" match in his last local appearance. The fistic-minded Ohio villain is expected to give the bounding Hungarian all of the action he wants.

The headliners look like "natural" opponents. Szasz will match speed and agility against Ross' punches and other usual illegal tactics. The deadly whip-wristlock employed by Szasz is considered a more effective hold than anything Ross can muster. Elton Owen is scheduled to be on hand to referee all three matches.



1949 INDIAN BASEBALL TEAM—Above are members of Coach George Erickson's baseball team. In 14 games played, they have won seven and lost seven. Two games remain on this year's schedule. Monday, Roseburg plays Medford under the lights at Finlay Field. Tuesday, the Indians wind up the season in a game with Sutherlin. Roseburg Indians in the above picture are, from left, first row, assistant coach Norm West, Dexter Garey, Bob Sanders, Stan Cornutt, Neil Wissing, Leo Bowers, Frank Weber, Buddy Mathews, Mickey Coen and Coach George Erickson. Second row, Manager Maurice Ketchum, Howard Barnett, Wayne Reitman, Tom Johnson, John Raushart, Howard Stumbo, Lloyd Stumbo, Don Campbell, Manager Paul Holtein and Manager Morgan. Third row, Chet Rowe, Gene Henry, Bob Barrows, Barry Kenny, Kenny Payne, Paul Wilson, Tom Taylor, Clint Agee, Max Chase and Bill Morgan. Payne and Agee have since turned out for track. (Picture by Rod Newland)

Junior Legion Baseball Presents Stepping-Stone To Glory And Gold In The Rosters Of Major Leagues

Junior Legion baseball will attract many players throughout the United States, Al Fiegel, mayor and local sports enthusiast said in calling attention to plans for Pee-wee and Junior Legion play to start here June 6.

More than a million American boys will be offered the opportunity to participate in the summer baseball program, to be sponsored by 16,000 American Legion Posts and 7,800 Ford - Mercury dealers. In addition, Fiegel said, organized baseball will help out with a \$50,000 cash donation.

"Each year another group of embryo stars among the Junior baseballers graduate into faster company," Fiegel related. He told how at the conclusion of last year's professional baseball campaign, 3,700 ex-Legion-Ford Juniors were listed in professional baseball rosters.

The Detroit Tigers of the American League topped all others in the majors with 20 ex-Junior Legion players, Fiegel said, followed closely by the world champion Cleveland Indians with 17.

Fiegel indicated that the New York Giants and the Chicago Cubs of the National League topped all clubs in their circuit with a total of 19 former Junior Legion players.

Top Stars Listed
Pointing to specific individuals, Fiegel said Rex Barney, Brooklyn Dodgers; Lou Boudreau, Cleveland Indians; Stan Musial, St. Louis Cardinals; Hal Newhouser, Detroit Tigers and Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox, all got their starts in Junior Legion uniforms.

"The gates to the pot-of-gold are always open," Roseburg's Mayor stated. He said that each major league team has "about 10 scouts" out looking for new material.
"Some of these boys, products of a program such as the Roseburg Legion and the Park Commission sponsor, will be the future stars of organized baseball," Fiegel said.

Percy Croft, City Councilman and Chairman of the Park Commission states that he would like to see every boy of baseball size or age participate in this year's program. A large turn-out of beginners is especially wanted. "It should be impressed upon the youngsters that this program is not only to play ball but also to teach the game to those not having played before," Chairman Croft stated.

Lower Umpqua Striped Bass Derby Slated

The Lower Umpqua striped bass derby will run from May 15 to July 15.

Sponsored by the Lower Umpqua Chamber of Commerce, which embraces Winchester Bay, Gardiner, Scottsburg and Reedsport, the derby is expected to attract large numbers of anglers.

George Gratke, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, reports an exceptionally good run of pilchards which, he states, means that striped bass will soon be in the bay to feed. In fact, a few strippers already have been taken by gillnetters, who started fishing for shad and bass May 10.

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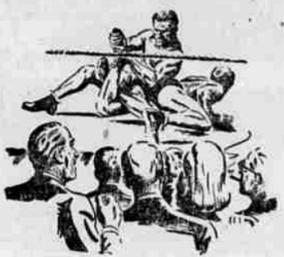
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