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WRESTLING NOW UNDER THE N. B. A.

Series of Elimination Matches to Determine Champions in 4 Classes

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 10 (AP)—Wrestling, a profession which never recognized any national affiliation and frequently witnessed many muddled championship situations, was placed today by the national boxing association on the same organized basis as all governed sports.

Stanley M. Isaac, president of the N. B. A., which last year included the mat game in its jurisdiction, announced that effective immediately all wrestlers are subject to the benefits, championship awards, suspensions and discipline of the national organization. About 1500 wrestlers are affected. High spots of the N. B. A. wrestling requirements call for division of championships three times a year, holding of title apparatus for one year, and a minimum of \$1000 to \$1500, public holding by promoters for the privilege of staging championship bouts, wrestlers to accept terms of the highest bidder, national champions to be decided in recognized classes by April 28, 1930, and championship entries to be matched by public drawing.

To Protect Public
 Isaac said the N. B. A. will not guarantee any wrestler but will guarantee the public. He said it was found necessary to terminate some rules to protect the public from unannounced matches and disputed national championships.

The N. B. A. recognized only four weights—bantam, light-heavy, middle and welter. At present, Isaac said, there is insufficient activity in the latter classes to justify championships.

The wrestler here selected as worthy of an opportunity to compete immediately for championships in each division. One man in each class was given a bye provided all five men enter the elimination. The bye-man will participate only in the final match.

Defeated by any wrestler to enter means his elimination effective in all 22 states under N. B. A. government.

Ranking Heavies
 The ranking heavies are Gus Sonnenberg, Providence, R. I.; Richard Shikat, Philadelphia; John Pesek, Ravenna, Neb.; Jim London, St. Louis, and Pete Bauer (also known as Ray Steele), Tulsa, Okla. Sonnenberg was granted the bye.

Heavy heavyweight aspirant must post \$1000 with the N. B. A. to assure defense of the title every four months.

The light heavyweights recognized are Clarence Ecklund, Buffalo, Wyo.; Ted Tye, Portland, Ore.; Hugh Nichols, Meigs, Tex.; Pinkie Gardner, Schenectady, and Joe Hanakle, Chicago. The same conditions apply as in the heavy class except that the forfeit is \$250.

Oregon Men Listed
 Gus Kello, Finland, was given the middleweight bye. The other four names were Charles Fisher, Hattiesburg, Wis.; Ralph Parquet, Spencer, Ia.; Ray Carpenter, Lancaster, O.; and Bobby Myers, Portland, Ore. The forfeit also is \$250.

In the welterweight class, Jack Reynolds, Cincinnati; Billy Hall, Camilla, Tex.; Robin Reed, Newberry, Ore.; Russell Via, Los Angeles; and Charles Grip, Huntington, W. Va., were named under the same conditions. Reynolds getting the bye. The forfeit is \$250.

BUCKS NEARING TOP OF HOCKEY; TRIM SEATTLE

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP)—Portland today had run its string of victories to six straight and stood eighth on the league table. The Pacific coast hockey league leading Vancouver, having defeated Seattle 3 to 0 on the Coliseum ice here last night.

The Bucks' most recent victory was a wild exhibition from start to finish. In the course of the forty-five minute game, Vancouver scored five goals and the home team scored three. The game was a wild affair, with many penalties, and three 15-minute intermissions.

Smoky Harris and Gordon Teal were each set down twice for the full limit of ten minutes. In the first period Harris and Teal went on the bench for ten minutes for roughing each other. Just before the close of the final session, they renewed their feud, dropping their sticks and starting to work with their fists. Ice gave them another ten minutes in the cooler and then capped on 15th floor.

WILLAMETTE BEATEN
 SALEM, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP)—Composed of six-Oregon basketball stars, the Benefice Oregonians of Eugene, proved too much for the Willamette quintet here last night, the former stars taking a 41 to 27 victory.

Sport Slants
 by ALAN J. GOULD

Perhaps, after all, Art (The Great) Shires and Jack Murphy are the answer to what the tickle fans want nowadays when championship scraps are suggested either of being in the bag or turn out to be monotonously dull.

Shires has leaped into the limelight as an attraction, not because of any particular fighting ability, but because he is a colorful, bawdy character and a good vaudeville actor. At that the Great One probably loses his punches with more earnestness than many seasoned professionals of the ring.

Jack Murphy, a California Irishman with a substantial waist-line and a smile as ring equipment, needs more of an introduction than Shires. His name is not new, but will it ever be in the hearing of Who but he brought the house down at Madison Square Garden recently when he appeared in a four-round emergency bout.

Three straight and rapid knockouts failed to satisfy the customers in Gotham's pugilistic parlor so Murphy was tossed in with a youngster whose name is not recalled, for that matter, important. From a kid Murphy emerged the Irishman emerged to belabor his opponent with much gusto and flourish that quickly had the crowd roaring in delight.

Murphy, a roll of fat around his belt-line, was puffing like a porpoise. The night's work was unexpected but it meant real money for at least a week and he went at his job earnestly. Between rounds Murphy waved to imaginary friends at the ringside, once after taking a smart cuff on the ear, he turned to gesture sarcastically to the appreciative crowd. He took the decision in his favor with all the grand manner of a champion.

Murphy was easily the "hit" of the evening, so much so that when the semi-final contest became horse-some, the galleries yelled raucously for "Murphy." This particular Irishman may not be heard from again but what the ring needs is more and better Murphy, as "Heller's" Joe Humphreys remarked afterward.

Billon Willie Meedy, if he goes on to additional tennis conquests as a matron, will have considerable precedent in her favor.

Dorothea K. Douglass won the British women's championship three times, starting in 1922 before going on to win four additional titles as Mrs. Lambert (Chambers). The famous Norwegian girl, Molla Bjulstrand, won the American championship four times before her marriage to Franklin I. Mallory, New York broker, and added another quartet of victories to her credit afterward. Hazel Hotchkiss was three times champion in 1929-1931 and again won the national title as Mrs. George W. Whitman in 1931. Since then she has frequently partnered with Miss Willie in doubles triumphs.

Miss Willie already has won five national championships and for the past three years has reigned as undisputed queen of the world's courts through her triumphs in France and England.

At the time the Cornell university football coaching situation was a live topic and Bill Doble's scarp in some danger of being lifted, it seems several Cornell leaders privately sought the views of Pop Warner. Pop has always had a warm spot for Cornell. He coached there and his brother, Bill Warner, was an All-America lineman while at Ithaca.

In effect Pop was asked whether he thought as Doble claimed, that lack of man-power was the answer to Cornell's football dilemma.

"Absolutely," he replied, perhaps to the surprise of his listeners. "No matter how good a coach is he will look bad if he doesn't have the material. Give Penn's material to Cornell and vice versa and I think Doble would beat Penn two out of three times without question."

Over at least three decades Glenn Kelsey Warner perhaps has coached conscientiously better material than any other gridiron master. At Stanford now, the Old Pop was unquestionably blessed with as remarkable talent, year-in-and-out, as any other coach in the business, with the possible exception of Knute Rockne at Notre Dame and whoever happens to be directing affairs at Yale.

Pop had a wonderful grasp of physical sports in a general way but especially the curve of the discus. He found the discus a peculiar subject for his descriptive attacking column. Later, at Pittsburgh Warner taught rugged stock with which to meet winning teams again. Since then Pop has found the situation very pleasant on the coast.

Man-power was the chief answer to Stanford's overwhelming victory over the Army in 1928 and, with all due praise for Pop, it was the main factor in the crushing defeat of the Cadets at Palo Alto during Christmas week.

Stanford, from its 1928 array, had two great guards in Post and Holsbeck, as well as Hoffman, Lewis and Sims from the backfield cast. In addition, the star center, Walter Heinicke, was unable to play in the final game at Palo Alto, yet this 1928 Cardinal machine still had enough drive and power in steamroller one of the best teams West Point has ever turned out.

The passing of Brig. Gen. Pierce from the leadership of the National Collegiate A. A. removes from the scene of action the last of the principals who figured in the long and sometimes bitter warfare between the college forces and the Amateur Athletic Union.

For fully a quarter century this conflict has been waged, with Pierce maneuvering first against "Jim" Sullivan and later "Bill" Brent, strong men of the A. A. U. The latter pair, triumphant in their time, now are both dead. Pierce survived to bring about a measure of peace with the new A. A. U. officials, Avery Brundage of Chicago, and the spirit of harmony now seems to prevail.

The N. C. A. A. and its allied forces lost one of their main strategists years ago when Elwood Brown, a former Y. M. C. A. secretary, died. Using Charley Padlock as a pawn in his far-flung battle plan, Brown thrust mightily at the governing power of the A. A. U. until a wrench was tossed into the machinery. Later Brent led a successful fight against Pierce for control of the American Olympic Association.

Major John I. Griffith, commissioner of the Western conference, now the Big Nine, remains as an avowed antagonist of the A. A. U. but in the past year the warfare within his own organization has demanded his exclusive attention and it promises to do so for some time or as long as form is on the outside looking in.

Kicked Her Shins Under Bridge Table

CHICAGO, Jan. 10 (AP)—Winner of many women's track and field events, Helen Filkey won out in the divorce court yesterday and will no longer be known as Mrs. Beach Van Huseen Warren. Miss Filkey, holder of many records, eloped with Warren last April; they separated December 15.

Among other things she charged her husband with kicking her shins under the bridge table when she led the wrong suit and then pushing her over a chair.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—
 The new captain of the Texas Azules is named Emerson Floyd. . . . And the boys call him "Hull." . . . At Simmons' Christmas cards greeted you with this—"A White Elephant wishes you a heap of a Christmas." . . . Naylor Stone, Memphis sports writer, suggests a bout between Art Shires and Dick Burris of Atlanta. . . . Burris fought Manager Doc Prothro of Memphis at Atlanta last summer and scored a knockout. . . . Stone suggests he could ask for no greater pleasure than seeing both Shires and Burris knocked cold. . . . Earl Lumbard, the Georgia Tech backfield boy, will become a missionary.

BAKER WRESTLER WINS
 BAKER, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP)—Freddie Leavitt, Baker, defeated Dean O'Brien, Yakima, in a wrestling bout last night by forcing O'Brien to quit. Leavitt won a coin held to win.

SMALLING TO COACH
 STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Jan. 10 (AP)—Charles "Chuck" Smalling, star fullback of the 1929 Stanford football team, announced he has accepted a position as assistant football coach at the University of Mississippi.

LAKE WORTH, FL.—Joe DeLoach, Naples, and Ray Mitchell, Philadelphia, drew 1191.
HOT SPRINGS, ARK.—Johnny Mason, Cincinnati, knocked out Jack Matlock, Dallas, Tex. (4).
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—Len Deary, Grand Rapids, outpointed Murray Gillies, New York (10).
VANNOCHE, R. C.—Billy Townsend, Vancouver, Canadian lightweight champion, and Hiltch-King, Seattle, drew (14). (This set at stake.)

NIGHT FIGHTS

By the Associated Press
 NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)—Larry Hullo, New York, outpointed Jack Murphy, California, (10).
 NEW HAVEN—Bud Battalino, New Haven, knocked out Phil Verde, Rochester, (2).
 PHILADELPHIA—Mickey Diamond, Philadelphia, outpointed Culbertson, Oklahoma (8).
 MIAMI—Eddie Sparks, Louisville, outpointed Harry Forbes, Chicago (10).
 LAKE WORTH, FL.—Joe DeLoach, Naples, and Ray Mitchell, Philadelphia, drew 1191.

HILGARD PERSONALS
 By Miss Verma Weimer (Observer Correspondent)
 HILGARD (Special)—John White of Alford, was an over night guest at the Five Point camp Tuesday. Mr. Wells had been to his ranch at Starkey after some of his horses. He was taking them to the farm at Alford.
 Bill Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Weimer and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ross attended a recent show in La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Koffman spent the holiday vacation in Walla Walla and returned to camp Thursday. Mrs. Koffman was quite ill with the flu while there but was able to return home.
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kish of Starkey were attending to business in town Friday.
 John Thornston returned to his work at the Tall ranch Monday after a vacation.

Mr. Cartwright and George Wilson were La Grande visitors Saturday.
 Whit Knoff who holds a position with the Morrison-Knutson company of Boise, was calling on friends in Hilgard Monday evening. He visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones and the Weimer family at Five Points.
 Mrs. Ed Salling was a La Grande visitor Friday.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Price spent Sunday at the Five Point station.
 Miss Lela Martin spent the week-end in Coos, returning Monday morning to take up her school work again.
 Mr. Patterson had the misfortune to fall while getting out some wood last week and struck his side on a rock which has disabled him for work at present.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weimer and several guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Baxter on New Year's day. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter returned with them to spend the evening.
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Strapp and several daughters, Irena and Virginia were shopping in La Grande Saturday.
 New Year's day was very pleasant with sunlight in the morning and snow and rain till.

CRICKET FLAT
 By Lois Witherspoon (Observer Correspondent)
 CRICKET FLAT (Special)—A group of friends of Lovetta Cason gave a surprise party at her home in honor of her birthday Saturday evening. The evening was mostly spent playing games and tricks. Refreshments were served at a little hour. Those present were Misses Jessie Jones, Thelma Heitler, Margaret Cowan, Irenita Ross, Wilma Stewart, Virginia Cason, Anna Cason, Lois Witherspoon, Lovetta Cason and Messrs. Harold Seaback, Raymond Cowan, Doug Adams, Ray Metcalf, Fred Davis, Perry Witherspoon, Ralph Cummings, Loran Tucker, Ray Scott and Fred Wilson.
 Merril Bechtel, of Wallawa, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bechtel, who died at the Wallawa hospital Monday night, Jan. 5, was survived by a wife and little daughter, of Wallawa, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bechtel, his sisters, Dorothea Lee, three brothers, Ore., Anita

Layton, Reiselt Meet Tonight In Billiard Final

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)—Johnny Layton of St. Louis and Otto Reiselt of Philadelphia will meet tonight for the national three-cushion billiards championship now in Layton's possession.

The defeat last night of Aurie Klockhefer, Chicago southpaw, by Layton, Kansas City veteran, automatically eliminated Klockhefer and left Layton and Reiselt free to fight it out in the final.

Layton, who lost his first three starts in the tournament, conquered Klockhefer, 10 to 28, in 25 innings for his fourth successive triumph. Earlier in the day Layton had beaten Gus Cupolis of Detroit, 50 to 41 in 41 innings. Cupolis also lost to Allan Hall, youthful St. Louis star, 25 to 31 in 52 innings. In the other match of the day, Charles Jordan, of Los Angeles, recorded his first triumph of the tournament when he defeated Harry Schuler of New York, 24 to 25 in 45 innings.

BISONETTE RECOVERING
 NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)—Del Bisonette, clotting first baseman of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is recovering in St. Mary's hospital, Brooklyn, from a mastoid operation performed there New Year's day. It was the second operation Bisonette had undergone since the close of the 1929 season.

If Mr. Van Line wants to write a real murder story, he should look into the eyes of almost any shopgirl during the Christmas season.

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Strayer, McColloch To Be Candidates

Two state officials, Senator William H. Strayer and Circuit Judge C. H. McColloch have announced their intention of entering the May primaries on the democratic ticket. Representative A. V. Swift, republican, stated he did not want to return to the legislature.

VAN WINKLE, HOSS PLAN TO ATTEND MEET

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP)—Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state; David O'Hara, manager of the elections division of the state department; and I. H. Van Winkle, attorney general, will be among the speakers before the 17th annual convention of Oregon county clerks and recorders which meets in Portland Jan. 11.

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