

600 Fans See Return Of Wrestling At Armory

(Dick Clark)
Approximately 600 local wrestling fans watched the sport return to southern Lane county with a sensational bang at the Cottage Grove Armory arena Monday night. Featured were four of the top light-heavyweights in the Owens brothers circuit.

The main event escaped being a brawl by minutes with clean Rene' Labelle having to reach deep in his grab-bag of grappling skill to come to life in the last six minutes and hold the unpopular Herb Parks to a draw. Parks took the first fall in the hour time limit event, after ruffing Labelle up on the ropes and with body slams, by applying a head swing and body press at the 39 minute mark.

Labelle wasted no time in the second encounter as he met Parks with a series of body slams and head kicks before the Canadian grappler could leave his corner. The sturdy Parks countered with a mild airplane spin however, and started tossing Labelle around the ring bodily. This proved to be Park's mistake, for Labelle boomeranged back in a play off the ropes and a series of body slams to gather in the second fall in 12 minutes flat. In the remaining time Labelle applied arm locks, body scissors and body slams all to no avail as the tricky and rope-conscious Parks held him to a draw.

In the preliminary Bill Sledge, a newcomer out of Waco, Texas, bested Sugy Hayamaki in a scientific match by garnering two out of three falls in the one hour time limit. Sledge took the first fall from the wiry Jap on a body press after a series of body slams at the 21 minute point.

Sugy bounced right back with a lesson in Judo for the Texan however, and 8½ minutes later had claimed the fall on a series of leg stompers. Hayamaki was definitely fooled by the dynamic Sledge in the return encounter. After having worked on Sledge's weak leg the Jap got overconfident and walked into the Texan's version of the rare sitting cradle hold and lost the match.

For an opener the local National Guard backed Robert Glenn and Don White in a three two-minute round boxing exhibition and the pleased crowd donated to the armory upkeep fund by tossing coins in the ring after the boys. Glenn was awarded the decision.

Elton Owen announced that he was pleased with the local interest in wrestling and that if such support continued the public is to be assured of a good match every Monday. Watch all local papers for schedule of the matches to be held next Monday. Whitey Wahlberg and Red Lyons, originally scheduled to clash in the preliminary, were unable to attend and Owen made the Sledge-Hayamaki go as a substitution.

Referee for the matches was Ray Steel, one time heavyweight matman.

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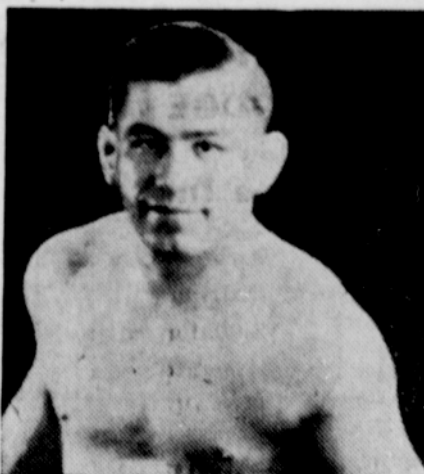
Monday, March 28, 1949 — 8:30 P. M.

MAIN EVENT
2 out of 3 falls - 1 hour limit

Herb Park
186 lbs. Vancouver, B.C.
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High School Track Season to Start With Strong Team

Coach Bob Dusenberry, who has just closed out Lion basketball, is now eyeing the prospects for the coming track season and from all appearances the Grove team will be stronger than ever.

Returning lettermen number 10 with a possibility of 11 if Dwayne Coop, regular high jumper last season, recovers from a broken ankle in time to take part in the regular meets. Two newcomers are also on the roster and show much promise. Larry Anderson, who lettered at Redding, Calif., in the shot put event last year, and Jim Webb of St. Helens, who is an "all around man" with a specialty in the high hurdles, will aid the Lion cause greatly.

The Grovers will have strength to spare in the sprints and hurdles events, but will probably display the usual Lion weakness in the weights. Only returning letterman will be Bob Gasper, who throws either the javelin or discus. Others who show much promise and will probably letter in the weights include: Red Engdort, shot put; Don Eastburn, discus; and Herb Laycock, javelin.

The strong sprint section includes four lettermen: Ron and Robert Hite, both the century and 220 events; Albert Martin, either 220 or 440 event; and Wes Thompson, 100, 220 or 440 distances. All the above sprinters will undoubtedly form the nucleus of the relay teams also.

Back for the distances will be Leo Hawkins, letterman in the mile last year, who will run the 880 and mile again this year. Leo Layng will probably earn his letter in the distances also this year.

Another strong event for the Grovers will be the low hurdles, with three returning lettermen and a host of good talent awaiting an opportunity. Back from last years regulars are Marvin Schaffer, Ron Chapman and Al Martin. Newcomers will include Jim Webb, Richard Ryan and possibly Jerry Miller, who lettered in the high sticks last season. Mainstays in the high hurdles will be Miller and Webb.

In the pole vault event the burden will fall on the shoulders of Marvin Schaffer, Vernon Coop and Ron Chapman, who lettered in the event his sophomore year but was kept out last season because of an injured shoulder.

Dusenberry will pull a rabbit out of the hat to find additional high jump lettermen. At present Vernon Coop is the only repeater from the stellar three-some that emerged last year. Les Porter, state champ in '47, graduated last season and Dwayne Coop is on crutches, suffering from a broken ankle. Bob Cook, Jim Webb or one or both of the Hite brothers may be called upon to fill in the vacant spot.

Pre-season practice has begun but has been mainly confined to the gym because of rainy weather and sloppy track. However they are making use of the good days and seem to be in excellent condition.

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Dorena B League Basketball Champions



Dorena basketball team won the southern Lane division and the County B League championships, with one trophy for each event. BACK ROW, left to right: Wanda Conklin, Georgia Mae Smith, cheer leaders; Charles Leonard, guard (sub); Captain Manuel Moore, guard; Joyce Kelly, Shirley Lisenby, cheer leaders; S. F. Clark, principal and coach. FRONT ROW: Guy Hancock, forward; Max Bruce, center; Del Lortie, guard; Stewart Burge, forward (sub); Dave Crawford, forward; Charles Conklin, forward (sub).

Dorena Team "B" District Champions

The Dorena basketball team, winning 10 out of 14 games, emerged at the end of the season southern Lane division B league champions and county champions.

Coached by S. F. Clark, principal of Dorena school, and ably assisted by Jack Miller of Row River, the championship team overcame the handicap of practicing without a gymnasium of their own. Mr. Miller is given much credit for the success of the team.

The few times that they could not use the Dorena high school gym, the team traveled to Cottage Grove and played at Jefferson junior high.

Dorena won the district B title by defeating London and Disston. At the county tournament at Springfield last week end they defeated Crow, Fall Creek and Culp Creek.

Roughriders Win State Title From Coos Bay Pirates

The state high school basketball title went back to Portland again as the Roosevelt Roughriders defeated the Marshfield Pirates, 62 to 50 in the final game of the tournament.

The wild title fight was close until the early part of the last half when the Roughriders began to move away from the Pirates. The Coos Bay boys were handicapped by the loss of most of the starting five through personal fouls, after the half.

Three tournament records fell by the wayside during the final game. Roosevelt's tourney score of 249 broke the 237 mark set by Salem in its consolation playoff Saturday morning. The "high score, final game" mark of 55 set by Ashland in 1944 was broken by Roosevelt's 62 points. The total 112 points made by Roosevelt and Coos Bay together beat the previous high score of 106 tallies scored by Marshfield and Klamath Falls in their playoff in the 1947 tournament.

The Roughriders victory is only the fifth win made by a Portland team in the state tournament's 31 years of existence.

Oregon Hunters Given Compliment

Final tabulation by the Oregon State Game Commission of return report cards from deer and elk hunters show an eighty per cent return. Oregon hunters are revealed as being one of the best groups in the nation for their cooperation.

Mr. C. A. Lockwood, Oregon State Game Supervisor, pointed out that although this very high percentage of the 163,989 deer hunters and 22,311 elk hunters who bought tags has cooperated, there are still many who have not sent in a report.

Mr. Lockwood believes that those who have not reported possibly have lost their report cards or did not understand that they were to report even if they had made no kill. The Game division is anxious to have as accurate a picture as possible of last season's kill. All those who have not reported are asked to do so at once. If report cards have been lost, a letter to the Game Commission will serve the purpose. The letter should contain information as to whether a kill was made or not, the area hunted, the location of the kill, the date of kill and the antler class if a kill was made.

Mr. P. W. Schneider, Director of Game for the Commission stated that a complete return is vital to the proper management of the deer and elk herds of the state. He also pointed out that under the deer tag law those not reporting their 1948 hunt can be refused a tag for the coming season.

Final tabulations show that 36,838 legal buck deer and 4,777 elk were killed during the general seasons last year.

Perfect Score in Telegraphic Shoot

The Cottage Grove Rod and Gun club scored its first perfect score in the Telegraphic Shoot last Sunday, March 20, when they scored three 25's in addition to seven 24's. The 25 shooters were: B. I. Claska, W. M. Harpole and Hap Wolfard, while the 24's were scored by: C. O. Anlauf, A. D. Baker, J. M. Edwards, H. Harpole, Jack Maulding, Harry Rente and Alton Woodard.

The shoot was well attended and very successful in spite of a rather late start. Clay Galdabini won both legs of the Graber-Gettys handicap trophy by breaking 24 birds from the 20-yard line.

The club held its regular meeting at Petersen's hall on Monday night, with about 50 in attendance for both the Rod and Gun club and the Southern Lane Rifle and Pistol club meeting which was held immediately after the Gun club meeting. Refreshments were served after the meetings adjourned.

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1949 National Wildlife Restoration Week Is Announced for March 20-26

National Wildlife Restoration Week this year will be held during the week beginning March 20th marking the first days of Spring. It is the twelfth such event sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation whose headquarters are in Washington, D. C. The late Franklin Delano Roosevelt first proclaimed National Wildlife week in 1938. In his proclamation he appealed to the Nation's citizenship to recognize the importance of conservation and urged the American people to work for the protection and preservation of "the denizens of field, forest and water."

National Wildlife Week is a part of the educational program of the Federation and seeks to bring home to the Nation's citizenship the need for soil, water and plant conservation.

National Wildlife Week was inaugurated to bring out these facts as a challenge to the nation to preserve its natural wealth which

is so vital to its future security.

To carry on this work, the National Wildlife Federation issues each year a sheet of Wildlife Conservation Stamps. This year the art work has been painted by Walter Weber, one of America's great wildlife artists.

The sheet sells for \$1.00 and may be obtained from the National Wildlife Federation, 3308 Fourteenth Street, N. W., Washington 10, D. C.

Army Day Open House to Be Held

Preparations for the observance of Army Day are now underway at the armory. M. A. Bullard, captain of the local National Guard company, announced Wednesday.

An open house will be held, giving all visitors a chance to inspect the equipment which will be on display. Members of the company will be present to explain the operation of these weapons.

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