

# Wrestling alive and well in Portland

## 'Clan;' saga continues

and fall to Jack, Strongbow, and Gee.

Pandemonium broke loose in the and deciding fall. Jack, a land native, had the Crippler in middle of the ring and was dishing the punishment. Oliver's partners attempted to come to his aid but were quickly cut off by Strongbow and Gee. All six men were in the ring during battle when Jack held Oliver's shoulders to the mat for the three minutes.

The semi-main event featured a huge match between the wily veteran Alberto Madril andaukee's up and coming young star Billy Bourne. The match was slated to be the best two out of three falls or to a 15-minute time limit.

Both wrestlers exchanged advances throughout the opening minutes, but Bourne soon gained control. Madril relentlessly taunted his opponent much in the same way his father, "Big Boy" Tony, had during the 60's and 70's. Madril was held at bay

despite the efforts of the partisan crowd. Several times the crowd chanted "We want Al!", but Madril couldn't retaliate.

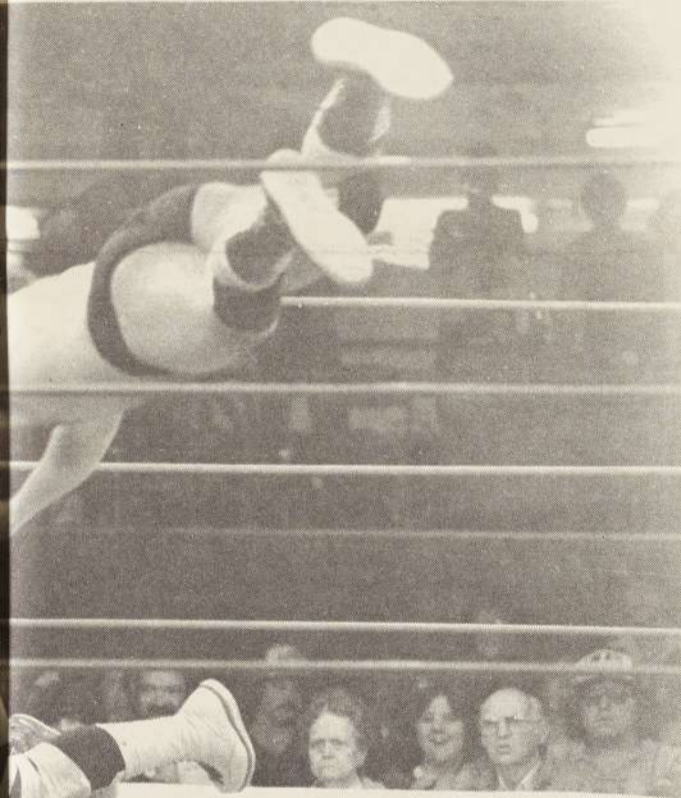
Bourne recorded the first and only fall at the 7:16 mark of the match. Madril was whipped into the ropes and attempted to execute a victory roll, which got a two count. Bourne then reversed the hold and held Madril for the count of three.

In the closing minutes Madril pulled out all of the stops in making a last ditch effort to tie the match. Three times in the final two minutes he was able to get two counts from referee Sandy Barr. With only seconds remaining, Madril secured Bourne in the grapevine, usually a submission hold. The bleach blond Bourne was able to hold on until the bell sounded, escaping with the victory.

Preliminary action saw the Great Tia and Jerry "O" grapple to an exciting draw while "Irish" Pat McGee dove off the top rope to stop Chief Tapu.



INCREDIBLE HULK—Fan favorite Billy Jack



flies through the air. The team of Jack, McGee, and Chief Strongbow took Saturday night in the Portland Sports Arena.

## Wrestling excellence

Newton, but I have been a

right I had the good fortune that reminded me an awful lot about nine years ago. My boys, 7, are growing up with the same way Rich and I did.

at home, sharpening the skills of Billy Jack and Buddy Lee, becoming a professional wrestler. My shares more the same as he said.

s Ricky and Jimmy both patented full-nelson. It is a full-nelson also. And "our boys" you may have heard of

him, he is now billed as "The Superfly," from the Fiji Islands, he is the now nationally famous Jimmy Snuka.

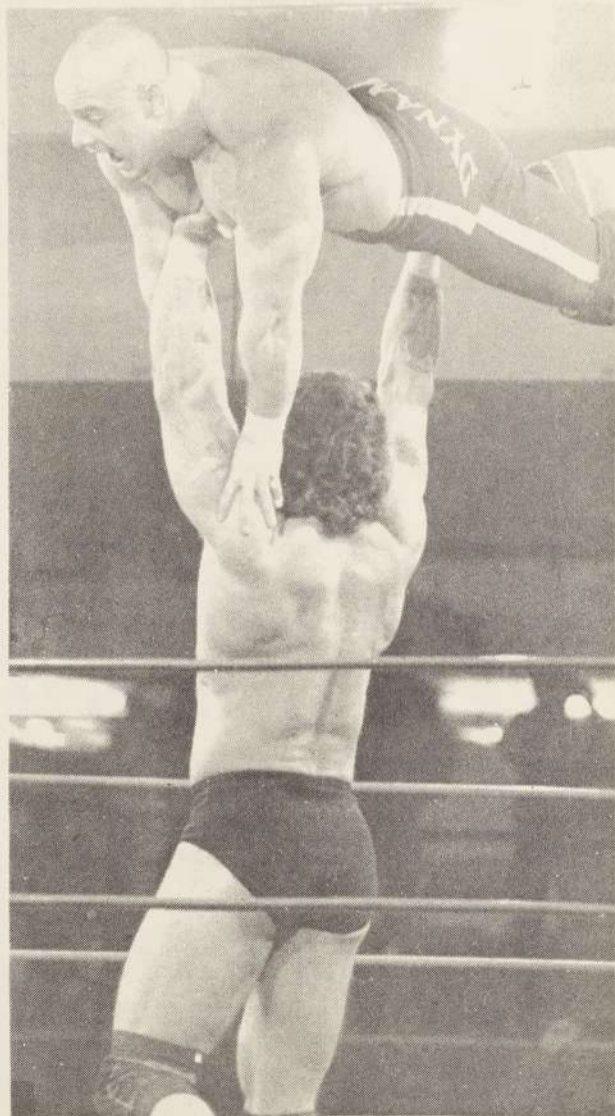
There is something about live professional wrestling that is unlike any other sporting event. Maybe it's the fans. These are the most loyal fans in the world. They never boo their favorites, the way fans in the King Dome boo Jim Zorn or David Kreig. It is simply tremendous.

I have been to Atlanta, Ga. for professional wrestling and they may get 20,000 spectators sure, but in no way do they stand up against the great fans I met and talked to in Portland. Just as the Northwest produces the best wrestling talent, it also produces fans that go with it.

You can't beat pro wrestling as an entertainment value. Compared to the other professional sports in the area (a \$14 Blazer ticket, a \$15 Seahawk ticket, or \$8 Mariner ticket) for \$5.00 a pro wrestling ticket buys you two hours of nonstop action.

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BOMBS AWAY—Billy Jack prepares to body slam the Dynamite Kid

