

Haynes travels long road of wrestling

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As I walked into the gym I saw a few people working out on the weight sets, then I saw the subject of my interview.

Standing six feet three inches tall and weighing in at 255 pounds, he nearly blends in as one of the four green and yellow walls. Billy "Jack" Haynes has been a professional wrestler for nearly six years.

Determination, motivation, and charisma are three things that Haynes reflects upon about his career. "People can sense charisma from all over the stands...not many people have it," he said, "Hulk (Hogan) has people eating out of his hand."

Before wrestling, Haynes was a professional bodybuilder. In March 1982 Haynes participated in his last bodybuilding competition. He took second place in the Mr. Pacific Coast contest. That qualified him for the Mr. America contest.

Haynes passed up the chance to contend for Mr. America to go into professional wrestling.

He went to Alberta, Canada and trained and wrestled with about 40 other men. "I went with one pair underwear, one pair shoes, one pair jeans, one shirt, and had only \$100 when I

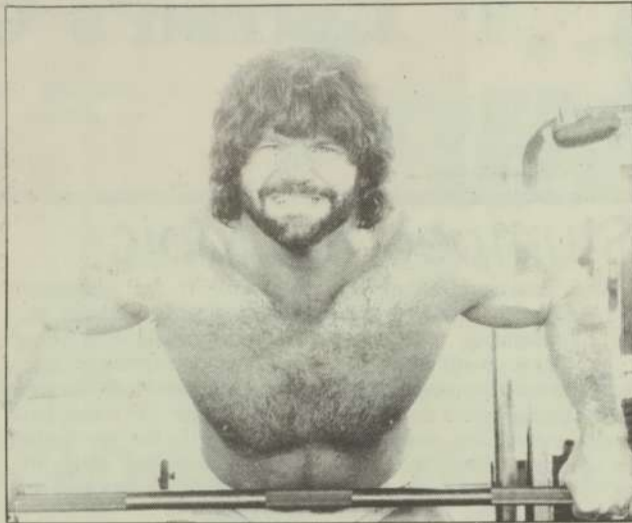


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Oregon City native Billy "Jack" Haynes working out in his new gym.

got to Alberta," stated Haynes. In early November of 1982 Haynes was brought to Portland by promoter Don Owen.

Haynes wrestled in Portland until January of 1984. He then went to Florida because he felt he had to get on to bigger things. During his nine month stay in Florida he won the heavyweight championship.

Next up was Texas. It took Haynes just one month to attain the championship there while

staying six months. After that he went undefeated in two months in Atlanta.

Haynes wrestled in Portland until April of 1986. He then received an offer from the World Wrestling Federation (WWF) to wrestle in "the big time."

Haynes is now the number five ranked wrestler in the WWF. Hogan is number one, followed by Randy Savage, the Honkytonk man, and King Kong Bundy.



Sports off Campus

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NFL Strike: waste of time

NFL players say free agency will give them the freedom of movement that is enjoyed by most occupations. However, in this quest for freedom of crossing the picket line through intimidation. Hats off to players such as the Jets' Mark Gastineau, who was not intimidated and crossed the line.

Free agency is not needed. In the past, players unhappy with their workplace have been accommodated with trades. Under free agency, parity would be endangered, an element vital for a healthy league. The players seem to have trouble realizing that in the NFL, distribution of players is part of the game.

The strikers want free agency for bargaining power more than freedom. They argue that an average career lasts four years, and they need to gain security during that span. But who's going to feel sorry for someone who works for four years and retires with a pension?

Strikers' taunts at their replacements are equally gutless.

These replacements deserve credit for chasing their dreams even if it means crossing a picket line that blows more hot air than Colonel Kaddaffi's line of death. Any NFL player would do the same if the situation was reversed.

Some union members argue that if these replacements weren't good enough to make it in the first place, they shouldn't cross the line. But if the strikers would take time to review how they got to the NFL, they would remember taking every break available and never believing they weren't good enough.

The strikers need to ask themselves if union brotherhood is worth \$20,000 a week. Couple that thought with a concern that some replacements are impressing coaches and strikers will start coming back to work. They have to come back, they simply can't make as much money elsewhere. The owners are smart businessmen and sometimes businesses write off a year for future prosperity. The owners are sticking to their guns and the players know it.



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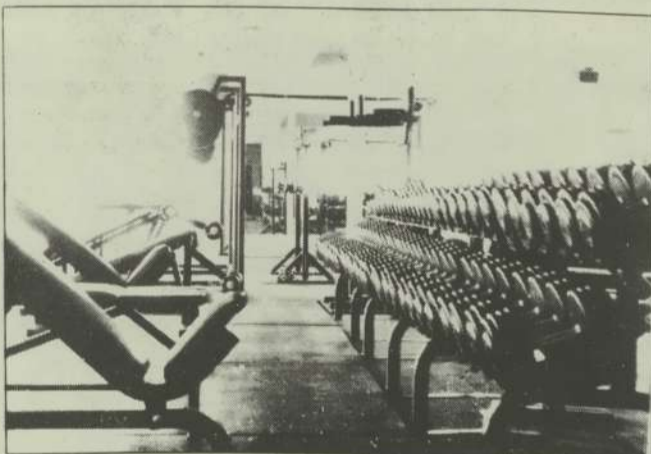


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