

# Young Joe Stecher Takes Injured Kallio's Place in Bout

## GOOD CARD IS STILL ASSURED

Eugene man Faces Wildcat and Klemmings Will Engage O'Reilly

Following news that Gus Kallio, world's champion, middleweight wrestler, suffered a broken jaw at Astoria Tuesday night, Matchmaker, Harry Plant, announces that young Joe Stecher, junior middleweight champion of the world, will meet Wildcat McCann at the armory tonight in place of Kallio.

Joe Stecher is the grappler who was engaging Kallio at Astoria Tuesday night when the latter got his jaw broken. The report stated that Stecher had thrown the champion and while he was stretched out helpless, some ringside fan placed some punches on Kallio's chin breaking the jaw bone. Kallio is not able to talk at present and will be laid up for some while with the broken member, but his manager indicated that he would fill his dates in the northwest later when he was able.

While Matchmaker Harry Plant was sorry that Kallio could not appear here as originally billed, he was pleased to announce that Stecher would be here in his place. Young Joe Stecher holds the junior middleweight championship belt which he won from Waino Ketonen at Eugene. Ketonen had taken the belt from Wildcat Pete a few months earlier. Being a lighter man, Stecher and McCann will be more evenly matched, according to dope, than Kallio and the Wildcat would have been.

McCann is in his best condition and while a bit disappointed at not getting the chance at Kallio tonight, is just that much more determined to claw Stecher to pieces. McCann who can take more punishment than most any of his antagonists, is likely to prove too good for Stecher tonight or at least stay with him the full two hour limit. Stecher was introduced in the local ring a few weeks ago and those who have seen him perform are enthusiastic over tonight's bout.

At 8:30 tonight the fireworks will open with Art O'Reilly of Eugene meeting Karl Klemmings, who is a wrestler, in a match with five 10 minute rounds. O'Reilly needs no introduction to Salem fans and as for Klemmings, he is a body scissor specialist and has a pair of legs which are working on his opponent all the time. He is one of the matmen who spends his time in the ring actually wrestling and not using rough tactics. His type is seldom seen nowadays and his clever foot work is expected to stand him in good stead.

## KALLIO MAY FILE ASSAULT CHARGES

ASTORIA, Ore., March 11. — (AP) — Gus Kallio, champion of the world's middleweight wrestling championship, was in a hospital here tonight, his jaw fractured in two places.

Kallio was thrown from the ring here last night by Young Joe Stecher. He landed in the lap of a ringsider who had been "boozing" him throughout the bout. As Kallio attempted to regain his feet the hoodier ringsider pushed him and kicked him in the back. Kallio turned and struck at him, ringsiders said. He missed and the unidentified spectator struck him. As Kallio staggered backward another man struck him.

Unaware of his injuries, Kallio climbed back into the ring and defeated Stecher. After the bout a physician discovered Kallio's jaw was fractured.

Reports here today said Kallio or his friends would file warrants for the arrest of two Seaside men who allegedly were the assailants. Hospital attendants here said Kallio probably would not be able to wrestle again for two months.

## TILLAMOOK'S MAT TEAM DUE FRIDAY

The Salem high wrestling team is rapidly rounding into condition for the opening in Salem Friday night against the Tillamook grapplers.

In the meet at Tillamook, the Cheesemakers won, 54 to 27, but it was the first match for the locals and Coach Philpott believes that his men have improved sufficiently to outpoint the lads from the coast here Friday. The squad is working hard and displaying a lot of interest. The meet will include seven or eight matches in different weight classes.

At present the members of the squad include: Oslund and J. Lindstrom, below 100 pounds; A. Richardson and George Yoshiko, 118; Edwards and Ferris, 135; Cannon, Tennant, B. Wicklander and Anderson, 145; B. Smith, Miltonberger and A. Greene, 155; Don Sugi and C. Fisher, 160, and W. Peters and B. Otjen, 175.

**District Volley Tournney Listed**  
District volleyball games for the section in which Salem is located will be held in Portland, April 4. Astoria, Longview, Eu-

## District Tournney Opens Tonight; Monmouth and Indians in First Game

### HE'S READY



Young Joe Stecher of Chicago, who will meet Wildcat McCann here tonight, due to Gus Kallio's injury, which will prevent him from appearing. Stecher was wrestling Kallio at Astoria when a spectator smashed the champion's jaw.

gene, Portland and Salem will be represented.

A northeast contest will be held at Westminster, B. C., but Salem will not enter because of the excess of 400 miles distance to travel.

## COUNTY BASEBALL SCHEDULE LISTED

The coaches of the Marion county high school A and B leagues met at Salem high Wednesday night to discuss plans for baseball and to arrange the spring schedules in that sport.

It was decided to conduct the B league in baseball in the same manner as it was conducted in basketball, with the county divided into the northern and southern sections. The A teams of the county include Woodburn, Chemawa, Silverton and Salem. Last season Woodburn won the A league championship and Mt. Angel won out in the B league. Pariah junior high will play in the B league in baseball.

The coaches decided to use the Rawlings ball for the season. The Rawlings ball is handled locally by Cadwell and Parker, who are offering a trophy to the winner of the A league and offer to get at cost a trophy for the B league.



Queer happening that, down at Astoria the other night when a spectator into whose lap Gus Kallio fell, diving out of the ring, socked him in the jaw and fractured it. Guess our recent criticism of sportsmanship levels in wrestling as compared to boxing should have taken in ringsiders as well as participants.

As a matter of fact there's a close connection because wrestlers wouldn't do the things that would be unsportsmanlike in other sports, if the spectators didn't condone it.

Probably some of you read what Grantland Rice had to say about modern wrestling in Collier's last week. He quoted an unnamed wrestler as saying the boys had to put a lot of hokum into the game to get the crowds. We have contended for a long time that a lot of the rough stuff was generally hokum and that straight wrestling was really more punishing, and there was one wrestler who admitted it.

Art O'Reilly, who took part in the preliminary at Astoria Tuesday night, said Kallio showed plenty of reason why he was a champion, but that Stecher made a good showing against him. O'Reilly wasn't sure just what the unnamed spectator had against Kallio, but the presumption seems to be he didn't like to be landed on in such unceremonious fashion.

Anyway we're going to see one champion in action tonight, even if not the one who held special glamour because he came from afar.

H. G. Damon says our poetic efforts are lifting this column out of the "obscure" which has been attributed to it. He adds further that the legislature passed up a bet when it failed to create the office of poet laureate which he claims would have been particularly appropriate just now for reasons we don't care to go into.

Anyway he nominates us for the job.

Lazy boys are barred from the Henry country, Alabama, 4-H club, only youths who will do their work promptly and keep accurate records being members.

## STATE TOURNEY PLAN ARRANGED

Willamette Athletic Chiefs Preparing to Entertain 11 Visiting Teams

Plans for the state high school basketball tournament to be held in Salem March 18 to 21 under auspices of Willamette university, are progressing nicely and everything is being made in readiness for the 12 teams which will be here.

This will be the 12th annual high school tournament conducted by Willamette university and indications are that it will be the most prominent one in the history of all the tournaments.

Season tickets for the tournament are now on sale at the Willamette gymnasium and down town at Anderson's sporting goods store on Commercial street and at Cadwell and Parker's sporting goods store on State street. A number of seats have been sold, but that the good seats are going fast, is a bit misleading for all seats are good and in none of the places is there any obstruction to the view.

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made to the seating capacity of the Willamette gymnasium. Two new balconies will add room for approximately 600 more spectators. The bulk of the work has been completed on the balconies and the finishing touches will be added before the week is over. The balconies are high enough to command full view of the entire playing court and none of the seats will be undesirable because of the backboards.

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the tournament for a long while and mainly through his untiring efforts the proposal to erect the additional balconies went through. Leslie J. Sparks, graduate manager of Willamette university, and "Spec" Keene have managed the tournaments in recent years and have handled them with efficiency and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Sparks took some tickets to Portland Monday and reported on his return that interest is keen in that town over the tournament and that Jefferson high will have a large following at the state classic. Benson high which will be the other Portland entry also has a good following and both have chances to be shining lights in the tournament.

John L. Gary of the state high school athletic association is also working in cooperation with Willamette and reports that the trophies this year will excel those of last year. Four trophies will be presented at the close of the tournament; championship, runner-up, consolation, and individual trophy for the outstanding

## ANDY JEORG BEATS YOUNG OF SILETZ

SILVERTON, March 11—Andy Jeorg of Silverton won a decision by a wide margin over Jack Young of Siletz in one of the six-round bouts on the Legion-Company 1 fight card here tonight.

Another Indian bit the dust when Young Johnson, a local boy, took a decision over Dave Martin, also of Siletz. Martin put up a good fight but his reach was far too inferior.

Ray Hannan of Silverton and Terry Kileen of Independence fought a six-round draw. Two Henrys collided when sportsman among the tournament players. Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss will award the trophies and President Carl G. Doney of Willamette university will address the audience on the significance of the tournament.

Hank Brady won a technical knockout in the third of a scheduled four-round bout, over Hank Berglund. Young Douglas and Lefty Arthur fought a draw in the other four-rounder.

## HOOPERS TO LEAVE FOR N. W. TOURNEY

Salem Y. M. C. A. basketball team will journey Friday morning to Portland for the two day northwest tournament. An elimination contest will be the style. Drawings for play will be at 4:30 p. m. and the first game is scheduled for 6 o'clock, Friday. Hob Boardman, director of the Y. physical department said, Wednesday, "Our boys have a fair chance of winning." This statement is borne out by the fact that the team beat the local high school quintet Tuesday night by a score of 38 to 28. There will possibly be eight teams entered, according to a letter received here.

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## Tennis Tournney Is Dallas Plan

DALLAS, March 11—A meeting will be held in the chamber of commerce room, Thursday evening for the purpose of arranging details for a city tennis tournament. This will be the first time such a plan has been made for a tournament outside of those sponsored by the high school. Mrs. Elwyn Craven is assisting in the arrangements and plans.