

Bear, Atlas Top Armory Mat Bee Tonight

"Gorgeous Gus" the rassist bear and "The Great Atlas," erected somewhat like a brain himself, cap tonight's mat menu at the armory. No, they'll not grapple one another, as the vastly egged Atlas, one of the world's top strong men wants no part of the hairy resident of western Canada. Instead, Atlas will tangle with Billy (Marine) Fox in the main event and then "Gus" will go against Leo Wallick and Jack (The Jaw) Lipscomb in a tag team tilt, an added special on the card. Two prelims, first of them starting at 8:30 o'clock, will precede the main event.

"Gus" is being brought back by popular demand. He's appeared here twice before and packed the premises both times. But so many fans want to see the 472-pound bear in action—and he's the top wrestling bear now in captivity—that Matchmaker Elton Owen is bringing him back as a special added feature of his regular weekly show. The bruin polished against two of the top local nasties in Wallick and Lipscomb. Lipscomb goes against rapidly improving Glen Detton in the 8:50 curtain raiser, a one-faller. Then Wallick and Handy Andy Truman meet in the semis. Fox, a 2-of-3-fall rematch after their work of last week. Truman won that via disqualification when Wallick put his pile driver hold on Ref. Harry Elliott and then roughed up the joint in general. Fox is the ex-marine war hero who was a tomcoter in these parts a couple of years back. He'll have to be good to stick with the punishing Atlas. Elton Strong will give another of his feats of strength before his match, as he did last week. This time he'll either bend a 10-inch spike with his teeth or break, with bare hands, a five-eighths inch hemp rope good enough to stand 3500 pounds pressure. There will be no hike in admission fees for the show.



THE GREAT ATLAS
The chest! The ego!

off Tony Ross in his first local venture but lost to a foursome the second time in a battle royal. This will be his first tag team jaunt tonight and he'll be up

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SPORTSLIGHTNER

Part of today's effort concerns Atlas. Not the Grecian god, on the part who makes maps. But about the chesty (and we do emphasize that) guy who bends iron bars with his teeth, busts strong ropes with his bare hands, flips opponents around like pillows and struts like Mr. Cock-a-Doodle-Do himself during his Tuesday night visits to the local Ferry Street Garden where he'll answer, majestically, to "The Great Atlas."

The man is strong. He claims to be the strongest man in the world. But then there are others who will vouch just as openly that he's a bit ticky-tock to go around saying that. Our man is willing to prove it, however, and with an amazing array of stunts that require the utmost in muscles. He displayed one of the gems here last week when he took a heavy piece of construction steel and bent it first with his teeth and then wrapped it around one arm. Figuring the steel might have had a backbone of rubber, we strolled into the dressing room to give it the acid test. When we couldn't so much as make it wiggle with both hands and feet we were convinced Atlas' huge biceps and chest aren't merely there for looks.

From Brooklyn and named Morris Shapiro, "Atlas" is a comparative youngster at the muscles business. He's still in his twenties, has war service behind him and spent a good many years of hard work developing his body and strength. His father was a noted strong man also, but died overstraining himself. The son learned a lot from the dad, and from others such as the late Eugene Sandow, Louis Cyr and Bret Harte.

Amazing Feats? He Has Lots of 'Em

Besides his feats with the steel rod, here are a few other items "Atlas" has mastered: He'll arch himself backwards across two chairs, place a board full of tennenny nails with points down on his chest, put a heavy anvil atop the board and let you beat on the anvil with a sledge hammer. Or, he'll tie ropes around his arms, hook them up to a draft horse on one side and tie the horses, under whip, to pull his arms apart. He'll let any 24 men try the same thing, incidentally. Then if you're still not convinced as to his ability to "take it," he'll let you take a seven-foot steel rod three-fourths of an inch in diameter and beat him just as hard as you wish across his back.

Hoisting the iron weights and dumbbells are kids' play for him. He can also take a five-eighths inch hemp rope good enough to stand 3500 pounds pressure and pull it apart with his bare hands. Or, perhaps you'd like to see him gnaw on a 10-inch spike and bend it with his teeth. He can do it. Fact is, he'll either bend the spike or bust the rope as part of his appearance during Matchmaker Elton Owen's mat production at the armory tonight.

Really this peacock of wrestling is quite a man. As we mentioned, he's just getting a good start at it. So just wait'll the big metropolitan villas get a load of him over television. The tall ego weaves in with his amazing feats could make the wrestling elite forget all about our old friend "Gorgeous George."

Another Kahut Debuts Here Wednesday Night

Young Eddie Kahut, third member of Woodburn's illustrious ring warriors, makes his professional debut at the armory Wednesday night on Tex Salkeld's show. Up until now about all Eddie has done in the athletic achievement line is toss his snappy curve stick for Pete DeGure's Woodburn Junior Legion nine and do some amateur boxing on prep smokers and other inter-school shows.

But if we're to take the gospel of Salkeld and Eddie's older brothers Joe and Tony, we'll see a real prospect in one of the Wednesday night four-rounders. All three are convinced young Eddie has more on the fistful bag as a beginner than either Joe or Tony had when they started. Fact is, Eddie is Matchmaker Salkeld's one big hope for the "local boy makes good" angle here. Tex figures the kid good enough to develop into one of the best boxers ever to bloom in these parts. And Salkeld has seen some goodies, including Joe Kahut, start their professional careers right here in the armory during his 30-odd years of association with the mashed nose business.

Eddie's first opponent isn't a setup. Dick Collie, the likeable blond lad who once was assigned to the State School for the Deaf here, and who claims the blows on the head he has taken in boxing has been a great help in restoring his hearing, is as rugged and game as they can come. He's been licked in the local ring, but only by someone who has outgassed him. Dick never has done a "tank job" at a fistful give is called. He'll make the aspiring young Kahut produce, you can be assured.

Vikings to Play Scappoose Quint First

This 'n' that: Latest returns on the district setups show that Salem's opening round opponent in the state cage classic next week will be Scappoose. . . Cal's All-American Quarterback Bob Celest will wind up in the WFL through Wenatchee's tussle with the Oakland Oaks, who now have the guy in their spring camp. . . Seattle P-I Sports Ed Royal Brownham's all-time, all-time picks for Seattle athletes list swimmer Helene Madison as the top all-around athlete of all time since 1900, Bill Lawrence as the No. 1 basketball player of the half century and George Wilson as the utmost footballer for the same stretch. . . May be no Mooty Pharmacy softballers in the City loop come summertime, as the Willamette Amusement Co. is thinking seriously of taking over that franchise, including its star players. . . Local bowling meet change might be right proud of their scores until they read this: A Vancouver, B. C. team Saturday night put together games of 1405, 1585 and 1451 for a whopping 4441 total during the British Columbia title tourney, which is believed to be a world record.

State B Prep Firing Looms

ASTORIA, March 6—(P)—Garibaldi won the District 1-B basketball title and a berth in the state tournament by defeating Willamette Catholic, 53 to 38, here tonight.

The winners will be the host team for the 8-team state championship playoff that gets underway here Thursday.

Other entries were decided earlier. They are: Defending Champions of Union from district 8; Monmouth, 2-B; Alsea, 3-B; Drain, 4-B; Rogue River, 5-B; Condon, 6-B and Prairie City, 7-B.

Gavilan Barely Beats Graham

PHILADELPHIA, March 6—(P)—Kid Gavilan won a split 10 round decision over Philadelphia's Otis Graham tonight but it's doubtful if the bolo punching Cuban's performance will make Welterweight Champion Ray (Sugar) Robinson lose any sleep. Gavilan weighed 148 1/2, Graham 149 1/2.

Graham surprised a crowd of 6,546 who paid \$21,124 to see the fast moving bout, by his apparent confidence and lack of respect for the hitting power of Gavilan, considered the number one challenger for Robinson's welter title. While he fought a defensive battle, Graham never bicycled and his hard left jab counter punches kept the Cuban kid on his guard.

Angels Down Woodburn, Play Viks Next; 'Cats Top Idahoans 52-49, NAIB Meet

Pilots Faced Tonite, Finale

Portland Five Beats SOCE Outfit, 59-47

PORTLAND, March 6—(Special)—Willamette's Bearcats fought off a last-half surge by Northern Idaho College's Loggers tonight and emerged with a 52-49 decision over the Idahoans in opening action in the NAIB District 2 tourney here tonight. In tomorrow night's story and box on Portland-SOCE game will be found on page 2. Too late for sports page.

championship tilt the Bearcats will clash with Portland University's Pilots who stopped Southern Oregon College's Red Raiders 59-47 in tonight's second game.

Tomorrow night's title game will follow an 8 o'clock first game between Northern Idaho and SOCE for the meet's third-place slot.

The Willamettes, racing in fine style up and down the portable Portland arena floor, pushed to a comfortable 37-27 margin at the half tonight, but found rough going in the second period as their attack and some hot basket work by the Loggers' publicized Rollie McNair gradually pulled the Idaho crew up to even terms.

In the first ten minutes of the second half the WU's tallied only two points—those on a bucket by Ted Loder. The Loggers crept up with McNair in the space of two minutes hitting seven markers in a row. His gift shot nine minutes into the half knotted the count at 39-39 and moments later the Logger ace put the Idaho gang up from 40-39.

Doug Logue came back with a charity toss to equalize things at 40-40 and then Claude Nordhill hit a 12-footer and Logue dumped in another gift to lift the 'Cat margin to 43-40.

Dick Fike of the Northern Idaho's looped in a 14 toss and after Loder hit true with a foul throw Fike responded with another bucket to make it 44-44 with eight minutes left. Nordhill then pumped in a bonus try to give the Coach Johnny Lewis' bunch a 45-44 margin and a lead they never gave up.

Loder, who led the 'Cat scoring with 13 points, canned a couple of quick close-in baskets to lift the WU's to 49-44 with three minutes remaining but Fike offset Loder's pair with a brace of his own to close the count to 49-48 with 1 1/2 minutes left. Hugh Bellinger and Dick Hilding traded free throws for a 50-49 reading with just 40 seconds to play. Bellinger then iced things for the Bearcats as he tossed in two charity shots for the final 52-49 count. The Loggers tried a couple desperation heaves in the dying moments but failed to hit.

Spark for the Willamettes in their first-half drive was Hugh Bellinger. Hugh was the main cylinder in the charging WU attack. From a close 3-2 advantage in the initial three minutes Hugh was the big man in opening the gap as he tossed in six quick points. Bellinger was close to Loder with 12 for the evening.

McNair, one of the top scorers in the nation, was high on the 'Cats' hit list, however, with 17 off six baskets and five free tosses.

The 'Cats won the tussle from the gift line. They got 19 field buckets to Northern Idaho's 21 but hit 14 of 34 free tosses while Northern Idaho got seven in 16 tries.

Amateur Card Set, Silverton

SILVERTON, Mar. 6—(Special)—The popular amateur fighters will display their wares at the Silverton armory Thursday night in a 10-bout program sponsored by the Silverton Police Athletic Club. Simon-pures from a number of valley points will participate.

Main event will pit Harold Kotre, Mr. Angel corner, against Johnny Tobin Albany. The lineup will also include Sylvester Kotre, Mr. Angel, Jimmy Warehouse, Silverton; Ray Klingner, Silverton; and Bob Pallett, Stayton. Proceeds will go to the police-organized Boys' club. Admission is \$1.00 and 50 cents.

Maroons Grab Tourney Slot

MILWAUKIE, March 6—(P)—The Milwaukee Maroons captured the 12-A district title and a state class A high school tournament berth tonight by defeating West Lin, 68 to 44.

In games in the series. Fourth game will be played here Wednesday night.

Waitkus Faces Fight for Job

By Joe Reichler

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 6—(P)—If grim determination and pure stubbornness mean anything then Eddie Waitkus is going to win his fight to regain his old first base job with the Philadelphia Phillies.

The 36-year-old slugger has been heavily against the young man who came within an inch of losing his life in the shooting incident in a Chicago hotel room last summer.

Not only does he have to overcome months of enforced idleness following a long hospital stay, but he must beat out a very worthy opponent in Dick Slater.

Not many people believe Waitkus can do it. Not even his manager, Eddie Sawyer, who beat him a dinner that Slater beats him out for the job.

"I really think I can do it," Eddie said. "It's impossible for anyone to realize the torture I went through the first month I arrived here," Waitkus said.

"Every moment was an agony itself. I had to teach my muscles to respond to my leading practice on my own. It was purely stubbornness that prevented me from throwing in the sponge."

He and Philly Trainer Frank Wiebeck went through a series of rigid exercises that would have floored less determined men. Today Waitkus looks a picture of health with only a scar to show for his gunshot wound although he admits he still has far to go to get into baseball playing shape.

"I realize that Slater should get first call," Eddie said.

"He deserves it for his fine work last year when he took over following my accident. But that doesn't mean he won't get a fight from me."

Took Swag in City Bowling Tourney



Picture above are some of the title winners in the City Bowling Tourney, finished over the weekend at University Bowl. In the above photo are members of the Luf's Florida team which had high score with handicap to take top money. Left to right they are Harold Comstock, Eugene Kitmiller, Don Lutz, John Riches and Art Upston. Lutz and George Causey (not pictured) had high handicap score in doubles, and Upston was runner-up in the singles championship. Below (left) is Dick Phipps, singles titlist with his 688 scratch and 716 handicap effort. At right is Lloyd Davenport, all-events champ with a 1658 scratch and 1838 handicap total.

Illegal Signing Claimed

Three Clubs Demand Probe, Pettit Case

NEW YORK, March 6—(P)—The New York Herald Tribune said tonight three major league clubs want Commissioner A. B. Chandler to reopen the case of Paul Pettit, the \$100,000 bonus pitcher signed by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The newspaper, in a copyright article, said the clubs are the St. Louis Cardinals, Philadelphia Athletics and Chicago White Sox.

Executives of these major league teams expressed themselves in a survey conducted by the paper, the Herald Tribune added.

Chandler had said he would welcome any new evidence in the unusual signing of the sensational Lomita, Calif., schoolboy pitcher.

Bob Cooke, sports editor of the Herald Tribune, reopened the case by writing from Hollywood, that he had "irrefutable proof" Pettit was signed illegally.

Cooke said he had witnesses who saw Frank McKinney, president of the Pirates, in the company of Fred Stephani, Hollywood movie producer at Indianapolis last summer.

Stephani is the agent who signed Pettit to a civil contract before the youth had finished high school. He later sold the contract to the Pirates, who paid \$100,000 in out-bidding several other major league clubs.

Baseball clubs can't approach athletes until they have finished high school.

McKinney said in San Bernardino, Calif., he had met Stephani only once at a social gathering and baseball was not discussed. Roy Hamey, general manager of the Pirates who made the deal, said, "as far as I am concerned everything was on the up and up."

Bowling

(Capital Alley)
COMMERCIAL NO. 1

ORVILLE USED CARS (1)—Ross 598; Lams 480; J. R. 478; F. 478; P. 483; R. 483; S. 483; T. 483; U. 483; V. 483; W. 483; X. 483; Y. 483; Z. 483.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (8)—Link 482; P. 483; B. 483; M. 483; G. 483; S. 483; T. 483; U. 483; V. 483; W. 483; X. 483; Y. 483; Z. 483.

NICOLAUS (8)—(2)—Whitton 478; McChesney 482; Gardner 491; Gannon 483; P. 483; S. 483; T. 483; U. 483; V. 483; W. 483; X. 483; Y. 483; Z. 483.

MASTERS BREAD (3)—Maitson 594; Pardon 483; Comstock 483; B. 483; C. 483; D. 483; E. 483; F. 483; G. 483; H. 483; I. 483; J. 483; K. 483; L. 483; M. 483; N. 483; O. 483; P. 483; Q. 483; R. 483; S. 483; T. 483; U. 483; V. 483; W. 483; X. 483; Y. 483; Z. 483.

WALTON BROWN (1)—Perry 478; Singer 484; Alder 471; Silke 478; Riches 585; MANNION CREAMERY (3)—C. 483; S. 483; T. 483; U. 483; V. 483; W. 483; X. 483; Y. 483; Z. 483.

High team game: Stettler Supply, 908.
High individual game: Pekar, 343.
High individual game: Boyce, 260.

Preps Rack Up 49-39 Victory

District 11 Tourney Nearing Finish Line

Mt. Angel's Preps, looking more like the quint that topped the Willamette Valley league championship, last night upended the Woodburn Bulldogs with a third quarter surge and advanced to the finals of the district 11 basketball tournament at the Vik Villa. The score was 49-39 in the hard-fought struggle, and the big break in the game came in period three when Coach Gene Barrett's Hill-toppers broke from behind a half-time deficit to go 10 points ahead. The Bulldogs, with two losses, dropped from the tourney and joined Stayton, Silverton and Sacred Heart on the sidelines. The Preps advanced to a Wednesday night game with Salem's Vikings. That one starts at eight o'clock and if the Viks win the tourney will be over. Should Mt. Angel pull the upset it will be after a final game will be played for the state tourney ticket Friday night.

Last night's addition to the annual concave ball right into form. All playoff games in the meet had been rowdy-dowdies for action up to this one, and it was no different.

The Preps got off to a good start in the opening period on baskets by Ken Paysano, Francis Donley and Norb Wellman, but "Mush" Barrett's wise but willing Bulldogs fought right back to make a real re-advance on it buckets by Len Pavlicek, Ralph Undseth and Dean Seaton. It was nip and tuck until the outset of the third quarter.

Mt. Angel held a 14-11 first quarter advantage but Woodburn went ahead 23-22 at the half. Then when the third quarter started, so did the Preps. Paysano, Donley and Wellman led the way, showed the Mt. Angels to a 38-4 advantage at the end of the frame. That was the ball game.

The fourth frame was again nip and tuck, but the Preps had constructed their margin. They held it despite determined efforts on the part of the blue-clad Bulldogs. It was the cannooning of Pegg, seno, Donley and Wellman that put the Preps across. Using a long one-hand push shot mostly, Paysano holed out 19 points for high honors. Donley added 13, plus a fine floor game, and Big Wellman came in with 12. Pavlicek swished 12 to lead the Bulldogs and Undseth had 8.

Button Leads Kennedy Kids Nab Ice Title

LONDON, March 6—(P)—The Kennedy kids of Seattle, Wash., 18-year-old Karol and 21-year-old Michael—won the world pairs figure skating championship tonight after a three-year struggle for that crown.

Another American, Dick Button of Englewood, N.J., gained a wide lead over his opposition in the compulsory section of the men's championship. Button is defending champion.

Maneuvering in perfect unison, the Kennedys amassed 96.07 points out of a possible 108 from the panel of nine judges. Their closest challengers were the English sister and brother team of Jennifer and John Nicks, who had 92.7 points.

Karol and Michael, neat and trim in their outfits of black and white, showed an intricate series of jumps and twisting turns intermixed with super-smooth gliding over ice that was not so smooth.

The judges rated them tops in a field of 12 pairs for both originality and performance. They got 47.8 of a possible 54 points for content of their routine and 48.3 out of a possible 54 for their ability.

It was a great night for the kids. Two years ago they were announced as winners, only to have a judge change his mind, and last year they were second to Ede Kiraly and Andrea Keekes of Hungary, who did not defend their title.

Karpets, CP, Eppings Win

The Karakul Karpets (Page Woollens) remained unbeaten in second-half action in the City Basketball league's American division last night at Leslie and it didn't take much effort to do so. The Karpets won via forfeit from the Knights of Columbus. In other games the Capital Post American Legion's stopped 12th Street Market, 51-42 and Epping Lumber rolled over the West Salem Merchants, 55-48.

Epping's, 12th Street, the West Salems and Warner Motors are now all tied for second place.

Hay's 14 points paced the Capital Posts to their win after they found themselves down at the half 17-22. W. Epping hit 21 to spark the lumbermen. The Eppings held a big 31-14 edge at the half.

Cap. Post 5 (51) (48) 12th St. Mkt. Hay (14) (4) (2) Anderson Casa (3) (2) (1) Atcherson Bates (9) (2) (12) Davley G. Huggins (4) (4) Duval Berrick (4) (2) Weaver Reserve scoring: Capital Post—Lutz 3, J. Huggins 10; Valdez 4; 12th St. Mkt.—Miles 3, Stauffer 7. Halftime score: Capital Post 17, 12th St. Mkt. 22. Officials: Henry and Sheldon.

Bearcat Faculty Face Hoop Test

Hilarious hooping is due for Willamette's gym Thursday night 8 o'clock, when the Faculty "team trades" buckets with maple-board stompers wearing Bearcat letter club colors. The tilt is an annual affair with proceeds going to the TW club fund.

Ballhoop scores say the Faculty warriors will enter the battle scene attired in garb more suitable for a masquerade ball. It's also rumored that the "W" clubmen will play the first quarter with boxing gloves adorning their hands. The fray is set for 8 o'clock and a small admission fee will be in effect.

Basketball Scores

WILLAMETTE COLLEGE
(NAIB tourney)

Portland U 50, SOCE 47 NAIB tourney.
Cent. Wash. 44, Gonzaga 30 (Wash. NAIB)
CP 56, East Wash. 52 (Wash. NAIB)
Montana 60, West. Montana 53
Colorado 54, Oklahoma 49
Arizona 42, Arizona State 41
Seton Hall 42, St. Bonaventure 41
Villanova 42, Georgetown 37
St. Louis 40, St. Mary 39
Hamilton 70, Duquesne Br. Bonn. 66
Brown 54, Dartmouth 40
L'Esalle 53, Boston Coll. 41
Washington (St. Louis) 46, Creighton 38
Chicago Loyola 70, Valparaiso (Ind.) 62
Kent State 68, Western Reserve 47
Birmingham Young 73, Denver 50
Minnesota 14, Iowa 31
Tulsa 72, Boston U 59
Wash. D.C. 65, Valley City Teachers 70

Thorpe Wants Trophies Returned to Him

PHILADELPHIA, March 6—(P)—Jim Thorpe, voted the greatest athlete of the half century, suggested tonight a committee of three well known men be named to try and get back the most precious trophies of his career.

Thorpe said at the fifth annual Philadelphia Inquirer Philadelphia Gold Basketball banquet he would like to get back both the Olympic medals he won in 1912 at Stockholm, Sweden, and the personal trophies he received from King Gustav of Sweden and the Tsar of Russia.

He suggested naming a committee consisting of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of Columbia university, General George C. Marshall, president of the American Red Cross and former secretary of state, Walter H. Annenberry, editor and publisher of the Inquirer, to act in his behalf.

Thorpe forfeited his trophies when he admitted receiving money for playing baseball in violation of his amateur standing.

"The men who finished second to me (in the Olympics) refused them," Thorpe pointed out.

"Besides the trophies from the king and Tsar were personal. These personal trophies now are on display in Luzerne, Switzerland. I would like to have them back," Thorpe added.

He said the men named to the committee to recover the trophies could determine to what purpose the awards would be put, possibly for "charitable purposes."

Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Trill. Oregon—March, 1950 (compiled by U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, Portland, Oregon).

Mar. HIGH WATERS	LOW WATERS			
	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
7	2:29 a.m.	4.9	8:44 a.m.	0.3
	2:48 p.m.	5.8	8:37 p.m.	1.4
8	2:47 a.m.	5.1	9:41 a.m.	0.0
	3:21 p.m.	6.2	9:34 p.m.	2.0
9	3:30 a.m.	7.0	10:43 a.m.	-0.1
	3:56 p.m.	6.8	10:34 p.m.	2.8
10	4:18 a.m.	6.9	11:35 a.m.	2.1
	4:28 p.m.	6.3	11:32 p.m.	3.1
11	5:17 a.m.	6.7	1:10 p.m.	-0.1
	5:00 p.m.	4.5		