

World Champ Thesz Drew Matdom's Largest Gate

Lou Thesz, the one and only world heavyweight wrestling champion who does title battle with Salem's Tony Ross here Tuesday night at the Armory, will bring along not only the biggest diamond-studded championship belt but also the distinction of being the gent who has drawn the biggest gate in the history of mat gladiating. The hand-

some 238-pounder who is rated in greatness right along with such famous men of the mat as London, Lewis, Gatch, Jones, Stecher, etc., took on one Baron Michele Leone at Hollywood's Gilmore Stadium last year, and the gross gate was \$103,000. No other match has ever equalled that figure. Thesz will be accompanied by his manager and trainer, the one-time great heavyweight in his own right, Ed (Strangler) Lewis. Their Salem appearance will be the only one they will make in Oregon, and Matchmaker Elton Owen has gone to considerable expense, via guarantee, to get the champion to show here. Thesz has held the recognized National Wrestling Alliance title

since 1937 when he beat Everett Marshall for it. He lost it on two occasions, but won it back again. He's now a resident of Glendale, Calif., is 36 years old and during the war taught hand-to-hand combat to G.I.'s at Fort Sam Houston. "He's bigger than our 200-pound junior heavies," Owen told Friday, "but he will amaze you with his speed and agility. He's really a great wrestler." Ross will weigh right around 208 for what he considers "the biggest chance I've had since I started wrestling in 1936." Tony vows he'll shoot the works in an effort to upset Thesz and take the \$5,000 title belt. Prelims for the big match will be announced Sunday. And be-

cause of the large guarantee demanded by Thesz, admission prices for the show will be raised slightly.

Doak Returns, Lions Cheered

Detroit Can Clinch Tie for First Today

DETROIT (AP) — Doak Walker, the little man who wasn't there during most of the Detroit Lions' rush toward their goal of a pro football title, will be right there in the starting backfield in Saturday's big game with the Dallas Texans. The Lions haven't had All-America Doak — scorer of 225 points in his first two seasons prior to this — in the starting backfield since the second game of the season. He has been mending an injured leg. With Doak playing left half-back, the Lions battle the orphaned, once victorious Dallas club in the Lions' final scheduled game of the 1952 season.

Doak, himself a native of Dallas, and an All-America at Dallas Southern Methodist University, can lead the Lions to a certain tie for first place in the NFL's National Conference with a victory.

Saxton Snares 34th Straight

NEW YORK (AP) — Johnny Saxton, unbeaten Brooklyn writer-cum-tender, knocked out Raul Perez of Matanzas, Cuba, tonight in 2:17 of the first round at Madison Square Garden. Perez crumpled suddenly under a body barrage and was counted out by referee Pete Scalzo. It was Saxton's 34th straight win as a pro. He weighed 147 1/2 lbs. Perez 143.

Syracuse Shift Likewise Stirs Up Controversy

NEW YORK (AP) — Syracuse will use its controversial shift against Alabama in the Orange Bowl if it seems advisable, says Coach Floyd (Ben) Schwartzwalder. The Syracuse shift, which has been rapped as often as the Notre Dame uses, is employed to keep opposing linemen "honest," said the Syracuse coach. Schwartzwalder made some of his comments about the maneuver in an interview after receiving the Lambert Trophy, symbolic of Eastern collegiate football supremacy, Thursday night at a Touchdown Club dinner. The Syracuse shift, branded by some as a move intended to draw the opposition offside, is an unexpected whiff of the "T" quarterback from facing his opposition team to facing his own (Syracuse) backfield.

Look and Learn

- By A. C. Gordon
1. What are the females of each of these animals called: (a) bull; (b) deer; (c) hog; (d) lion; (e) horse; (f) drake; (g) fox?
 2. What are a newspaper's "ears"?
 3. What is the simplest form of animal life?
 4. To what organ of the body does the term "gastric" refer?
 5. What famous writer produced his greatest work when blind?

ANSWERS

1. (a) Cow; (b) doe; (c) sow; (d) lioness; (e) mare; (f) duck; (g) vixen.
2. Little boxes containing items, which decorate the first page at the two top corners on either side of the paper's name.
3. The amoeba.
4. The stomach.
5. John Milton (1608-74).



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Ford in Front by One Stroke . . .

Burke's Shooting Closes Gap in Miami Tourney

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Deadpan Doug Ford, standing off a great first-place bid by handsome Jack Burke, clung to a one stroke lead in the \$10,000 Miami Open Golf tournament Friday with a 35-hole six-under-par score of 134. Ford, a youthful Harrison, N. Y., player who ranks eighth among the golf money — winners in his fourth year as a professional, fired his second straight 67 over the 7,010-yard Miami Springs Municipal Course to set the pace for the bulky field of 153 players.

When Ford finished his round, it appeared that none of the golfers still on the course had a chance to overtake him. But Burke, the young Houston, Tex., star, made a terrific effort.

Burke, sensation of the PGA circuit last winter and the current No. 4 money-winner, shot a 69 Thursday and his prospects looked dim Friday when he took a par 35 on the first nine.

But he raked up birdies with deadly approach shots at the 11th and 12th, ran down an 18-foot putt for an eagle 3 at the 15th, and needed only a par 4 at No. 18 to go into a first place tie.

But Burke's second shot sailed far past the 18th green. Although he made a beautiful recovery to within four feet of the cup, he missed his putt to take a 5 and a 21 for the back nine.

Woodburn Sets Cage Opener

WOODBURN (Special) — The Woodburn Bulldogs are slated to open their basketball season here Saturday night, facing the Newberg Tigers in the high school gym. Bee teams play the 7 p.m. prelim.

Coach Marshall Barbour of the Bulldogs has a fairly sizeable squad which includes five lettermen. The veterans are Center Sam Van Arsdale at 6-3, Forwards Jim Hugill and Bob Withers, both at 6-1, and Guards Del Wolf and Duane Baird, who are five-foot-inchers.

Others making bids for berths in the starting lineup include Jerry Plank, Bob Dryden, Roice Norris, Royal Hastie, Bob Keillor, Sid Clack, Gene Ficke, Ray Eskelson, Don Deshon and Willard Thompson.

Following the Saturday opener here the Bulldogs are idle until the December 19 jamboree for Willamette Valley Leaguers at Molalla.

In the eight days to establish a new record — a rather forlorn hope.

Italians Near Interzone Win

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — A victory in the doubles match and an injury to India's star player, Sumant Misra, virtually clinched the Davis Cup interzone semifinal for Italy Friday.

The veteran Italian team of Marcello Del Bello and Gianni Cuculli rallied from two sets behind to defeat Misra and Naresch Kimar, 1-6, 1-6, 6-2, 6-2, 13-11, in a marathon match played under a blazing sun.

The victory gives Italy a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five-series and the Italians need to win only one of Saturday's two singles contests to earn the right to meet the United States in the interzone final at Sydney, Dec. 18-20. Neither team is given a chance to beat the Americans.

Turf Ace Cleared But Chances Fade

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Jockey Tony Despirito was cleared of a foul charge Friday by Tropical Park stewards who found the incident was his horse's fault.

The charge was the second in as many lodged against the nation's leading jockey, who had 370 wins and sought to better the national record of 388 firsts in a year.

Despirito will resume riding on his 18th birthday — Christmas Eve. He will have seven more racing days at Tropical, and could gain an eighth day by flying to Havana for Sunday racing. But he would need 19 winners

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