

Torio, VonPop In Title Bout

COMPLETE PROGRAM
Main Event—Champion Kurt VonPoppenheim vs. Challenger Dick Torio, Pacific coast light-heavyweight championship.
Semi Final—Danno McDonald vs. Blackie Miller.
Opener — George Strickland vs. Dale Kiser.
Referee—Harry Elliott.

The "Proud Prussian," Kurt VonPoppenheim, risks one of his two lightweight wrestling crowns against the challenge of Dick Torio at the Armory arena Saturday night. Torio, former Toledo University NCAA star, has won the title shot on the strength of sensational performances during the past two months—and a one-fall decision over the villainous titleholder in part of a recent "battle royal." VonPoppenheim's Pacific Coast title, but not his Rocky Mountain championship, will be at stake.

Semi-final attraction will be Danno McDonald—the talented mat master who last week won a technical decision over Tot Yamato—one of the most stunning upsets of the season. He takes on Blackie Miller, rough and rugged Pittsburgh brawler who fought a sensational draw with Torio.

George Strickland, veteran grappler from Ogden, Utah, will be making his first local appearance in about two years—since suffering an injury that kept him out of action for many months. He is reported in excellent condition now and will be slightly favored over young Dale Kiser, the Portlander who lost a one-fall decision to Jim LaRoe last week. Kiser admitted that he is a bit rusty, but promises a better performance in the opener here this week. The curtain-raiser gets under way at 8:30 p.m.

Von Poppenheim will have a nine-pound advantage over Torio and at first refused to put his title on the block—until reminded of the fact that the Toledo matman used a sensational backhand flip and drop kick to beat him here several weeks ago. The match should provide some of the most dynamic and colorful action of the season.

BOWLING

EUGENE RECREATION—U-Bowl, Lou Bellissimo 228 and Bob Boyle 612, beat Seven-Up 3-1 in the Men's Major League Wednesday night. VanFossen Estate, Art Schneider 244 and 611, tied Herman's Mens Wear 2-2. Penn-Wise Drug, Walt Shull 240 and 601, blanked Eugene Planning Mill 4-0. Cy Blockus, Gus Anderson 202 for losers. Reed, Ralph Bricker 236, tied S-2 Plant Plumbers, Vern McClary 589, shutout Slaven Construction 4-0. Bob Fuller, Ed Jones, John Warren Hardware, Bill Schleming 220, blanked Greenwood 4-0. George Drinkwater 81 for losers.

Hyland Lumber, Ray Jones 202 and 882, beat Glutina Venero 3-1 in the Retail Lumber league. Eugene Planning Mill Shop, Jack Moore 205 and 531, blanked Long-Hell 4-0. Snellstrom Plywood, Bud Phelan 544, beat Snellstrom Office 3-1. Ed Wade 209 for losers. Eugene Planning Mill Office, Moe Meyer 538, beat Woods Flooring 3-1. Oscar Anderson 202 for losers. Snellstrom Lumber, Wally Allard 508, beat Barker Electric 3-1. B. Tengs 180 for losers. Booth-Kelly, Norm Hall 187 and 492, beat Glutina Lumber 3-1.

U-BOWL—Gibber, Homes, Betty Dunn 190 and Pearl Dorney 180 and 485, beat Springfield Creamery 2-1 in the Ladies Major League Wednesday night. Club Cleaners, Flo McCullough 170 and 478, beat Grace & Violes 2-1. Marley Sport Shop, Kay Muller 179 and 456, beat Ed Jensen's 3-1. U.S. National Bank, Betty Curtis 171 and 412, beat S&K Highway 3-1.

Roxbury Candy, Harvey Madding 202, beat Bel-Air Frozen Foods 4-0 in the Safeway league. Chet 348 for losers. Charub Milk, Shackelford 178 and 207, beat Edwards Coffee 3-1. Nob Hill Coffee, Bob Evans 155, beat Manor House Chickens 3-1. Ray Struckrain 155 and Len Storms 407 for losers.

TIMBER BOWL—Sullivan Plumbers, Emory Bruns 231 and 382, blanked VFW 4-0 in the Sunset league Wednesday night. Lions, Pete Bishop 221 and Bill Fitch 302, beat M. States 4-0. Springfield Sheet Metal, Harry Frank 224 and Dana Kirkmire 555, blanked Barnes's Cafe 4-0. Fire Dept., Bill Muller 184 and 327, blanked Springfield Firemen 4-0.

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HIGHCLIMBER

By DICK STRITE
★ Jack Friel of Washington State, one of the most personable and well-thought-of basketball coaches on the Pacific Coast, is a sound student of the game and his suggestion that the collegians can take a page from the professional book isn't just idle conversation. . . . He has two convictions regarding the present college game of basketball—a solution to the three-minute stall in the close of every game; eliminating some of the advantages held now by the giants. . . .
The Cougar coach believes the widened freethrow lanes, used by the pros, aids in lessening the dominance of the seven-footers under the boards. He also likes the pro rule that requires a club to attempt a basket within 24 seconds after gaining possession—but he fears that college coaches would employ a non-interesting zone defense, which is not used by the pros under a "gentleman's agreement." We asked Friel, in the company of Oregon's Bill Borchert, if the NCAA could not rule out the zone defense, but he said that the many variations of the zone is at times difficult to identify, and if the rule were established, the referees would have to make the decision regarding the type of defense employed. Asked about a gentlemen's agreement for the collegians, Borchert said there were few gentlemen in the collegiate hoop coaching profession; that they all wanted to win. . . .
Why not employ the 24-second rule only in the last three minutes? Even though a zone defense were permitted the last three minutes under the 24-second rule it would certainly be more interesting than the present closing minutes of college games. . . .
Friel also mentioned that the pros have been successful in penalizing a team charged with more than eight fouls per quarter—with an extra shot for each. In addition, the pros are allowed six personal fouls.

★ An eastern collegiate game will be tested under the pro rules, and many college coaches are attempting to find ways and means to keep the sport a scientific contest and also give the cash customers a run-for-their-money. . . . Slat's Gill of Oregon State designed a set of rules that were tested last week when the OSC Rooks beat the Lower Columbia JC 59-53 with only one player collecting five fouls. . . .
Here are the rules under which the game was played:
In all cases after a foul has been committed, the ball is returned to play via an out-of-bounds pass. There is no limit to the number of fouls, although the penalties increase after a player commits his fifth personal foul.

Defensive Fouls—When a player on defense commits a foul, he is charged with a personal foul. The fouled player is awarded one point, and the fouling team gains possession of the ball.

Offensive Fouls—When a player on offense commits a foul, he is charged with a personal foul. The fouled player is not awarded a point, but gains possession of the ball. If the fouling player commits his fifth (or more) personal foul, the fouled player is awarded one point, and gains possession of the ball.

Fouls in the act of shooting—When a player is fouled in the act of shooting one of eight options apply:
A. Field goal not made; fouling player receives one point and retains possession.

B. Field goal not made; fouling player five or more fouls—the fouled player is awarded two points and retains possession.

C. Field goal not made; fouling player in the last three minutes—the fouled player awarded two points and retains possession.

D. Field goal not made; fouling player five or more fouls in the last three minutes—the fouled player awarded three points and the possession.

E. Field goal made; fouling player awarded field goal, one more point, and the fouling team gains possession.

F. Field goal made; fouling player five or more fouls—the fouled player awarded field goal, two more points, and the fouling team gains possession.

G. Field goal made; fouling player in last three minutes—the fouled player awarded field goal, one more point, and retains possession.

H. Field goal made; fouling player five or more fouls last three minutes—the fouled player awarded field goal, two more points, and retains possession.

Fouls in last three minutes—When a foul is committed, the fouling player is charged with personal foul, the fouled player awarded one point and retains possession. If fouling player commits fifth (or more) foul, fouled player awarded two points and possession. No distinction between offensive and defensive fouls in final three minutes.

Loose ball fouls, jump ball fouls, fouls committed during backboard play are treated as defensive fouls. Intentional fouls treated as defensive fouls, with the fouled team retaining possession. Technical fouls—one point awarded floor captain of offended team, and possession.

MAIL-A-BUCK

★ Oregon's "holiday" basketball opponents, Dayton (11-3), Detroit (11-2) and Louisville (11-4), defeated the Webfoots in all three games and now have an aggregate of 33-9. . . . Larry Rose substituted for Jack Patera on the "protecting team" for basketball officials at McArthur Court. The other member who is Hall Reese. . . . Gene Harlow, former Oregon line coach who moved to Tulane and lost his post after the 1953 season, is now head coach at Murphy High, Mobile, Ala., after acting as assistant last season.

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MAYS, GOMEZ TRADE BLOWS

SAN JUAN, P.R. (AP)—Usually affable Willie Mays and Ruben Gomez, key players in the New York Giants' drive to the world championship last fall, apparently were on good terms Thursday after a fist fight.
The two players, members of the Santurce club of the Puerto Rican League, engaged in fistfights during a practice session Tuesday. Mays knocked Gomez down before other players stopped the squabble.
But Thursday both players refused to discuss the incident and teammates said they had shaken hands.
"There's nothing to it," said Gomez. "We both consider the case closed and are good friends."
Newspaper reports said Gomez attempted to intervene in a scrap between Mays and Batting Practice Pitcher Milton Ralat. Mays mistook Gomez's intentions and threw a punch, knocking the Giants' right-hander down.

Reedsport Nudges Siuslaw, 43-37

FLORENCE—Reedsport High staged off a late Siuslaw rally to give the visitors a 43-37 victory over the Vikings and a 3-0 lead in the Coast League. It was Siuslaw's third straight loss in league play, but the Vikings trailed by only two points, 37-35, with 1:20 remaining. It was the scoring of Ed Erickson that clinched the victory for Reedsport.

Reedsport held a 24-15 halftime advantage, but the local quintet outscored the winners 22-19 in the second half as Pat Buckley paced the scoring with 11 points.

REEDSPORT (43) (37) SIUSLAW
Fogles, 7 F 6, Stevens Erickson, 8 F 11, Buckley Smith, 8 C 4, Alexander Olson, 7 G 6, Micklenham Johnson G 10, Stanelak
Quarter scores: Reedsport 14 10 9 10-43 Siuslaw 9 9 12 10-37
Subs: Reedsport—Fox 2, Cory 7, Vandel 4.

SPORT SLATE

THURSDAY Basketball
Bapt. High-Grace Luth. 8:30
Presby-Congregational 6:30
Church of God-LDS Sr. 6:30
Jaycees-Hills Creek, Springfield JHS, 7:15
Clements Lumber-McKay's, Springfield JHS, 7:15
Lighthouse-EUB 7:30
Bapt. Sr-Spring, Rapt. 7:30
Optimist-LDS High 7:30
Stud. Luth-Assembly 8:30
HSt-St. Mary's 8:30
FRIDAY Basketball
Frosh-Westfir AC at Oakridge 8
Springfield at Willamette 8
Junction City at Oakridge 8
Creswell at St. Francis 8
Glendale at Drain 8
Siuslaw at Waldport 8
Cottage Grove at North Bend 8
Cohurg at McKenzie 8
Westfir at Triangle Lake 8
Crow at Lowell 8
SATURDAY Basketball
Roseburg at Oregon Frosh 2
Armory Arena 8:30
Corvallis at Springfield 8
Creswell at Willamette 8
Elmira at Douglas 8
Harrisburg at Cohurg 8

DiMag Sure Of Fame Pick

By GAYLE TALBOT
Of The Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP)—The greatest all-around baseball player these eyes ever have fastened upon, Joseph Paul DiMaggio, appears certain to be voted into the game's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown in the annual balloting among members of the Baseball Writers' Assn. now in progress.
The tall, sometimes morose figure who wrote his name indelibly into the books as a member of the New York Yankees in the years from 1936 through 1951 finished a strong fourth in the voting a year ago, when Rabbit Maranville, Bill Dickey and Bill Terry were elected to the shrine. He scarcely can fail to go in by a whopping plurality this time.
Actually, the great center fielder should have joined the immortals last year, for he was a mightier star than any of the three who were named, but sentimentality apparently forced him to wait his turn. Realizing that DiMaggio was a cinch to reach the hall eventually, a certain number of veteran writers evidently preferred to stack their votes in such a way as to make sure their oiled idols got in before they could be forgotten by a younger generation of experts.
A total of 252 writers cast ballots last year, each of them nominating 10 players. To be elected to the shrine, it is necessary that a player's name appear upon at least 75 per cent of the ballots. Thus, 189 votes were required for election.
Maranville received 209, Dickey 202 and Terry 195. DiMaggio fell short with 175. Next to him was Ted Lyons, the famous pitcher of the Chicago White Sox from 1924 through '42, with 170 votes.

Laurelwood Women Golfers Vie in Putting

Mrs. Robert Menzies won class A and three class B golfers tied with the same 15 putts in a nine-hole event at Laurelwood Wednesday, where 26 players competed. The ties were Mrs. James Mattychuck, Mrs. Paul Wright and Mrs. Robert Chapman. Mrs. Warren McKay won class C and Mrs. William Packham the nine-hole division, both with 17 putts.

Bob McKeen of Cal Leading SD Scorers

Bob McKeen, veteran California center, is leading the Southern Division, PCC, scoring with 45 points after two games, followed by Roy Irvin of USC with 34. Ron Tomasic of Stanford 33, Eddie White of UCLA 32, and Bill Bond of Stanford 31. McKeen leads in rebounds with 30, followed by Irvin with 26. Games this weekend will match USC against UCLA and Cal against Stanford.

CITY LEAGUE

(Deadline for Entries Jan. 15)
CLUB NICKNAME _____
CONTESTANT'S NAME _____
ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____ AGE _____
Residents of the Emerald Empire are being invited to submit a possible nickname (Braves, Rockets, etc.) for the local entry in the Class B Northwest League. The person who selects the best name, according to the judges, will be awarded a pair of season tickets and an autographed baseball.
Mail this entry blank, accompanied by a brief letter explaining the reason for the suggested name—to the SPORTS DEPARTMENT, REGISTER-GUARD, EUGENE, ORE.

Duck Cagers Head For Vandal Series

Coach Bill Borchert's Oregon Webfoots, riding the crest of a 3-1 Northern Division record at the expense of undermanned Washington State, entrained here Thursday morning for Moscow and a two-game series against Idaho Friday and Saturday nights.

Miller Mat Squad Beats Sweet Home

Springfield's Millers defeated a well-balanced and rough Sweet Home squad, 33-18, in a prep wrestling match before a near-capacity crowd Tuesday night at Springfield's gymnasium.
The victory was the second in three matches for Coach Otis Clingman's Millers, who will meet Roseburg's strong grappling team at 8 p.m. Friday in the Millers gym. One of the top bouts Tuesday night was the 167-pound event, in which Springfield's Ken McAdams overwheeled Ernie Baxter in the final seconds for an 18-14 decision.
Results:
95 pounds—Dave Kincaid (S) p Rod Andrews (SH); 105 pounds—Ron Weaver (SH) p LeRoy Havens (S); 144 pounds—Al McTrady (S) p Mark Mugsfave (SH); 122 pounds—Ray O'Conner (S) d Muckrane (SH); 129 pounds—Irl Hollister (S) d Ancil Honeywell (SH); 133 pounds—Jim Dickerson (S) d Phil Adkinson (SH); 140 pounds—Larry Sommers (SH) d Joe Kesey (S); 147 pounds—Larry Sommers (SH) p Gerald Swafford (S); 156 pounds—Gwyno Price (S) d Jim Arthur (SH); 167 pounds—Ken McAdams (S) d Ernie Baxter (SH); 177 pounds—Jim Miller (S) d Eugene May (SH); 190 pounds—Gary Pulver (SH) p Tom Thompson (S); Unlimited—Herb Parham (S) p Don Sharp (SH).

Hills Creek Posts 106-71 Triumph

Hills Creek, paced by Bob Cummins 27 point effort, overwhelmed 10th and Main Barbers 106-71 in a Springfield Basketball league contest played Wednesday night.
In the other game played, Al Clements, led by John Dowdy's 37 points, defeated Jaycees 82-72.

NAME LOCAL NORTHWEST LEAGUE BASEBALL CLUB

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OSC Defense Ranks Second

NEW YORK (AP)—Furman, an old hand at high scoring team assaults, vaulted into the lead this week in offense statistics among the nation's major college basketball teams.
Two 100-point-plus sprees—one an all-time single game record—scored Furman spiraling into first place in pursuit of its third straight scoring title. Only one other major college—the rampant Rhode Island teams from 1936 through 1949—ever has succeeded in pulling off the triple.

Furman's 154-67 mauling of The Citadel capped the Paladins' rise to the No. 1 spot with a 99.2 average for 10 games through Tuesday.

Connecticut, 93.8, held on to second place behind Furman in the scoring statistics compiled by the NCAA Service Bureau while Marshall, 92.0, fell from first to third.

San Francisco not only retained its team defense lead, but improved on it—allowing 11 foes a bare 48.3 points a game, the best record at this stage since 1952. The Dons were almost airtight in their only game of the week, holding San Jose State to 30 points—the lowest score any team has been held to this season.

Oregon State is the runnerup with a 52.0 opponent average and Oklahoma A & M is third at 54.0. George Washington, the defending champion, took over the field goal percentage lead from Manhattan with a 47.3 figure, but lost its top spot in free throw accuracy to Richmond's 75.3 mark.

Newhouser Signs

CLEVELAND (AP)—Hal Newhouser, veteran left handed pitcher, Wednesday signed a contract for a second season with the Cleveland Indians.

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