

Belcastro Defends Junior Wrestling Championship Belt Tonight

SPEEDY ISLANDER HAS OPPORTUNITY TO ANNEX BUCKLE

Fiery Italian Promises to Get Tough With Toots Tonight — Hubka-Savich to Renew Prolonged Feud

In a desperate comeback effort, Pete Belcastro, once the most colorful personality of the local grunt and grimace emporium, who two weeks ago was suddenly jolted from that pinnacle by Toots Estes of Honolulu, will defend for the first time his Pacific coast junior heavyweight championship belt tonight in the feature match at the Armory.

Estes, the sensational exponent of the almighty flying tackle, whipped Pete two out of three falls in 20 minutes when he made his first appearance here, and Pete was so glum that he high-tailed it into northern California, where he has been training ever since with the sole purpose of getting himself into shape for another chance at the speedy Honolulu title holder.

Desperate Pete returned this week with a reddish fringe on his jaw, which he promises to wear into the ring tonight, and although fans tell him he is punch drunk to stake his coveted belt against the stocky islander, who is one of the most spectacular and talented grapplers ever to appear here, Pete is confident that he can retain his handsome silver and gold buckle. He brought the belt into the Mail Tribune offices for a guarantee deposit, slammed it down with a bang and announced that he is going to show the people around here that he is not only willing to defend his title, but that he is tougher than two of the handsome island champions.

Followers of popular Toots believe that the coast belt is going by-bye, and that the islander will mop up the canvas with Pete in the same artistic style with which he defeated Strongman Brooks of Canada last week. Pete says he may have to get rough with Estes in order to keep his belt, but that he will wait until he gets into the ring before deciding upon any policy.

The belt will be awarded the winner after the match by the Medford athletic commission. Joe Hubka of the University of Nebraska, and Danny Savich of the University of Utah will meet in the other half of the main event, to decide once and for all whether Nebraska or Utah turns out best and sneer artist. These two big-time wrestlers split a two-bout series and last night Kruse took the first fall with a hammerlock, the second with a body press.

Referee Ray Frishie, despite Pete Belcastro's objections, will be on duty.

BOB KRUSE MASTERS GERMAN BOY EASILY

PORTLAND, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Bob Kruse, Oswego, Ore., heavyweight, made short work of Hans Bauer, Germany, taking two straight falls and the match in 12 minutes here last night. Kruse took the first fall with a hammerlock, the second with a body press.

Harry Kent and Andre Adorse went three rounds to a draw in a popular preliminary bout, both using straight wrestling tactics. "Brother Jonathan" Heaton disposed of Jim Healy in the second round with a body press. Marine Jacobs defeated Silent Banks in the third round with a body press.

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Title Aspirant



Toots Estes (above), flashy champion of the Hawaiian Islands, may run into all kinds of trouble tonight at the Armory when he tries to win the Pacific coast junior heavyweight championship from Pete Belcastro. Fiery Italian, Wrestling authorities at Honolulu refused to allow the speedy islander to stake his own title.

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AUTO RACES CALL 'SONNY' GLEASON, EX-SPEED DRIVER

By M. C. "Sonny" Gleason.
After reading the write-up on the auto races to be held at Grants Pass in The Mail Tribune, thought I'd give you a little dope (that isn't just advertising talk).

This boy, Mel Kenely, I see, is going to show his wares, and if old Mel is up to his stuff, as he used to be, this youngster, Wilburn, is going to have a real ride for his money—if he gets it.

Mel, one of the most consistent drivers I ever raced against, has had some mighty fast hacks under him, as well as some slower ones. He's an old timer at it and one of the very few alive to tell about it after so many years.

I remember when Mel drove a little job that belonged to Russ Garman of Los Angeles. Russ claimed the job only stood him \$275 and the rest of us were pushing crates that ran up several times that much. To make a long story short, five or six of us used to beat Mel in the time trials and get better positions than he, but if the race was long enough, and the crate held together, Mel was either one of the first three winners or pushing them so hard it wasn't any fun. This was back in 1923 at San Jose, Cal.

Mel used to drive the well known old bus, Hooker Special, 90, and when it didn't drop a valve or break a cam shaft, Mel was always riding out in front with plenty of ease, even against the best of the boys.

At Ascot in 1929 during the night races I believe that Mel won more money than any other driver there, not always first, but good easy places in every race he drove, and how that boy could drive Ascot, just like a roller coaster for him, while the rest of us ailed, spun, pin-wheeled and piled up.

To the average sports reader, the name Mel Kenely might not mean much, for Mel never was a grandstand driver, just a steady, level-headed back-hand who never played dirty on his worst enemy, but who was always ready to take advantage of a break.

Mel drove in the days of some of the Pacific coast's best dirt track drivers and was always dangerous competition for boys who have crossed the Great Divide, such as Swede Smith, Ernie Tripplett, Jimmie Sharpe, Walt Mays, Nick Martino and a good many others.

I haven't been to a race since driving my last one on September 7, 1929, at San Jose, and that very day Mel was driving a little job, No. 17. Mel was walking right up on all the boys, had passed me in the back

Veteran Driver



Mel Kenely (above), veteran race driver who will compete at Grants Pass tomorrow and Saturday. Leading the Northwest auto scramble until last Sunday, he is considered one of the shrewdest drivers in the game. He was Pacific coast champion in 1931, entering the Indianapolis classic that year — a reward. He finished among the first 10 on the big brick oval after being forced out of a higher spot with motor trouble.

stretch, and was taking Stubby Stubbfield in the south turn, when his right front spindle broke, right in the middle on the turn and plenty high up. Mel showed his driving stuff that time if he ever did. Most of us would have plowed head-on into the fence, but not Mel. He threw it hard to the left into a slide and hit the guard rail broadside, an easy, glancing jolt. The car was hurt a little but not bad and to top it off Mel crawled out, sat on the tail and watched the rest of

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the race just like he had paid for a reserved seat.
As I said, I haven't been to a race since that day, but getting a chance to see my old friend in action again is too much to miss. I'm going to Grants Pass and be in the pits if I can get there) and if I was inclined to BET I'd lay even money that Mel will take the day, if his car hangs together. These young lads are going to know they have seen some real driving.

HUSTLING SEALS ADD TO LEAGUE LEAD BY VICTORY OVER OAKS

(By the Associated Press)
The hustling San Francisco Seals, driven down the home stretch by the inspirational play and leadership of Manager "Lefty" O'Doul, held a long lead today in their race for the second-half Coast League pennant.

Coming through in a pinch for their second straight victory over Oakland, while the San Francisco Mission and the Portland Beavers were losing, the Seals yesterday increased their top-place margin to four full games, with little more than a week, and a half left to play.

The Seals had to score four runs in a ninth-inning rally to beat the persistent Oaks, and it was O'Doul's pinch single which drove in two tallies to clinch a 6-3 victory.

The Los Angeles Angels, apparently coming to life in time for the playoff series in which they will compete as winners of the first-half pennant, turned back Portland, 11 to 2.

The Missions fell before the steady hurrying of Young Howard Grabbed as the Seattle Indians pounded Hollis Thurston for 14 bingles and a 6-3 victory.

The cellar-dwelling Hollywood Stars chalked up their second successive win over Sacramento, 7 to 6.

Burling Grimes, the famous old spit-ball hurler, now pitching and managing Bloomington in the three-T league, was banished for protesting an umpire's decision in a game in which Manager Bill Burwell of Terre Haute outpitched him.

MOVING IN ON LOUIS PROVES BAD TACTICS FOR SPARRING MATES

By EDWARD J. NEIL
(Associated Press Sports Writer.)
POMPTON LAKES, N. J., Sept. 12

—L. training camp at least, Joe Louis has proved that crowding him in a prize ring, which Max Baer plans to do in the Yankee stadium September 24, gets you just about the same thing that backing away got Primo Carnera and Kingfish Levinsky. Carnera lasted six rounds, mostly on a dead run, the Kingfish went less than one. A couple of sparring partners, Lou (Tiger) Flowers and Salvatore Ruggieriello, could tell you about that getting fresh, moving in to take the play away from the Brown Blast from Detroit, meant cutting their activities down to about 30 seconds.

Flowers and Ruggieriello are no Baers, but when the Tiger tore into Louis with both hands yesterday, Joe stretched him helpless and bleeding on the ropes with half a dozen smacking smashes. Ruggieriello, once a great prospect and still a big, rangy

right-hand puncher, called Joe with half a dozen solid rights, and took so many left hooks on the chin in the next few furious seconds that he had to quit.

DAN O'MAHONEY TOSSES DON GEORGE WITH WHIP
BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 12.—(UP)—Dan O'Mahoney of Ireland tossed Ed Don George of Java, N. Y., before a howling crowd of 20,000 here last night to establish a clear claim to the world's heavyweight wrestling championship.

O'Mahoney, who claimed the championship after a protested bout with George here in July, scored the only fall of the repeat performance in 2 hours and 5 seconds with his "Irish Whip."

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