

# Belcastro Tangles With Britt In Tonight's Main Grappling Match

## WILD NIGHT DUE IF ARM-BREAKER USED UPON PETE

### Drop-Kicking Estes Meets Pettigrove In Semi-Wind-up—McEwen And O'Brien To Collide In Opener.

Dropkicking, fiery Pete Belcastro, the mad Italian from Weed, Calif., will tangle with Alvin Britt, former junior heavyweight wrestling champion of the world, tonight in the main event of Promoter Mack Lillard's weekly mat program at the Medford Armory, and even the most cynical grapple fan is forced to admit the bout has mighty possibilities.

Uppermost question in the minds of all and sundry is simply this: What will happen when Britt starts breaking Belcastro's arm over the top strand of the ring rope? That arm-breaker hold, barred in most states but not in Oregon, is Britt's pet. Several near riots have been seen in the local square circle because of the former champ's insistence on the use of the much-debated maneuver. Since Britt has been gone from the Medford ring he has been forced to forego using the painful hold. He has been wrestling in California, one of the states in which the hold is illegal, and reports are to the effect that Alvin has welcomed the chance to return to Oregon so that he could go about his work in his own way, namely, to use the arm-breaker.

To those who have the least insight into Pete Belcastro's character, there is no question as to what will happen when Britt starts his arm-breaker business. Time and again Pete has proved that he could do nothing to turn him into a madman and, when his dandy is really up, there is no more deadly grapple in the game than the temperamental Italian. His forte is the double-barreled dropkick of which he is a past master. Pete has also been absent from the local arena for several months and is said to be in the finest condition of his career after an extended jaunt through southern California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

The match will be staged on a one-hour time limit or two out of three fall basis. Because of extreme popularity of Britt and the box office appeal of Belcastro, one of the most colorful grapplers to ever appear in Medford, Promoter Lillard expects a capacity crowd. He urges fans to procure their tickets as early as possible.

The two opening bouts on the all-star card will be held under the Australian fall system consisting of six 10-minute rounds or the best two out of three falls.

In the middle event, Toots Estes, ex-heavyweight champion of the Hawaiian Islands, will tangle with Duke Pettigrove, the huge roughneck from New Orleans. Estes surprised everyone last week by knocking off Danny Lavoie in two straight falls. Like Belcastro, Estes is an expert in the art of kicking both feet into his opponent's jaws with such force that said opponent is usually ready to be pinned to the canvas.

Pettigrove, on the other hand, is just another one of those wrestlers who go about their business in as dirty and mean a way as humanly possible.

Pat ("Poppey") O'Brien and Cowboy Billy McEwen will lock grips in the initial bout of the program, and the get-to should also turn into one of those bad-boy-good-boy affairs. Last week O'Brien appeared to be a fairly clean grappler, but word from Klamath Falls is to the effect that the Irishman is a villain at heart.

There is no doubt as to McEwen's status. He is as clean as they come, and with his orthodox wrestling mixes plenty of speed and a vast variety of holds which stamp him as one of the finest wrestlers now in this territory.

### MID-SUMMER TOURNEY SLATED FOR ASTORIA

PORTLAND, April 26.—(AP)—Oregon's mid-summer coast golf tournament, usually held at Gearhart, will be played over the Astoria Country club course the week of July 19.

## The Grange

Upper Rogue Grange met April 15 with a good attendance. It was voted to secure a sander and material to finish the floor and to have a turkey dinner and dance as soon as the floor is done.

Lecture hour consisted of singing and a demonstration on fire prevention by the "Red Comet" representative.

Next meeting, May 6, will be school "kid" night, all to come dressed accordingly and ladies bring lunch for two to be sold to buy new push brooms for the hall. All Grangers are invited to attend. A spelling match will be held with Earl Ulrich and Mary Boothby as teachers.

Lunch served by the losing officer team was much enjoyed. Several suggested that the lunch be complete next time.

Cheese dances at Rogue Elk every other Saturday are proving to be a fine success. Another will be held May 1.

There is one birth in the United States every 14 seconds, one death every 22 seconds, one immigrant every 15 minutes and one emigrant every 14 1/2 minutes—making a net gain in population of one person every 35 seconds.

## Clean, Popular



Cowboy Billy McEwen (above) will tangle with Pat ("Poppey") O'Brien in the opening Armory wrestling bout tonight starting at 8:30 sharp. He is a clean grappler and one of the most popular to appear here.

## DIZ BEARS DOWN, BLANKS CUBS 4-0 TO BACK BOASTS

By SID FEDER

Associated Press Sports Writer

The folks may be fed up with Dizzy Dean's wacky words and daffy doings, but it's a safe bet no one in St. Louis is going to mind much as long as the great one keeps fogging 'em in.

With all his eccentric antics, Diz's good right arm is still the most valuable piece of pitching bric-a-brac in the business today.

Just as "King Carl" Hubbell demonstrated last week that he is back with all his stuff for this year's war, so has Dizzy the great left little doubt in two starts that he is the No. 1 figure in the Cards' title hopes.

All of which adds up to a continuation of the most famous pitching warfare of the current diamond era, between the Giants' crack left-hander, who pitched a three-hitter in his first start, and the gas house gang's overworked right-hand ace, with two victories to his credit to date.

His first time out, Diz toyed with the Cincinnati Reds and finished all the way on top. Yesterday he was really bearing down against the Cards' dangerous rival, Chicago's Cubs, but the result was unchanged. He allowed four scattered hits, struck out ten, let only one man get as far as third and walked in with a 4-0 shutout, his second white-washing.

The victory left the Cards with four victories in five starts, just half a game back of Pittsburgh's powerful Pirates, whose game at Cincinnati was rained out.

## BATES, CROISANT TOP TRAP SHOOT

At the registered trapshoot Sunday Bill Bates and H. Croisant each broke 98 targets out of 100 shot at for high scores. John Tomlin and Chas. Lemery each chalked up 92 for second honors. In the handicap Harry Thornton of Coquille smashed 47 out of 80 for high gun, while M. W. Ray, also of Coquille, broke 46 for second place.

The committee dubbed this a "Home Products" shoot in that the prizes awarded consisted of a liberal supply of Rogues River valley canned peeps, tomatoes, tomato juice and sweet pickles.

At the skeets traps E. W. Brown proved the sensation of the day when he broke 96 out of 100 targets shot at, his even scores being 25, 23, 24, 24. This is "Brownie's" first 25 straight at skeet and is a record all skeeters strive to attain.

The scores:

100	Hop
98	W. W. Bates
95	H. Croisant
92	John Tomlin
92	Chas. Lemery
89	C. D. Ray
88	T. E. Daniels
88	E. R. Durno
87	Harry Thornton
87	J. G. Gobbe
87	M. W. Ray
85	Wm. Young
83	Jerry Jerome
77	E. W. Winkle
69	Mrs. J. G. Gobbe

## HOW THEY STAND

By the Associated Press

Coast	W.	L.	Pct.
San Diego	15	9	.621
San Francisco	13	9	.591
Los Angeles	13	10	.565
Seattle	12	10	.545
Sacramento	12	11	.521
Oakland	9	14	.391
Portland	9	15	.375
Portland	9	14	.394

National	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburgh	4	0	1.000
St. Louis	4	1	.800
New York	3	1	.750
Philadelphia	3	2	.600
Chicago	2	2	.500
Chicago	1	4	.200
Detroit	1	4	.200
Philadelphia	1	3	.333
Washington	1	3	.333

## MEDFORD CLOUTS WEED OFFERINGS FOR 19 TO 10 WIN

### Erickson And Merritt Divide Mound Duty For Locals In Pre-League Warm-up With Californians.

Manager Mike Balkovick's youthful Medford baseball team served notice to southern Oregon league clubs by pounding out a 19-10 win over the Weed Sons of Italy yesterday at Weed in the final game before the circuit opening next Sunday. Weed last year won the Northern California league pennant.

Ray Erickson and Alvin Merritt split Medford's hurling duties and limited their opponents to 11 hits, fairly well scattered. Erickson worked the first four frames, allowing five hits and the same number of runs while Merritt was touched for 7 safeties and 6 runs in the final 5 innings.

Manager Balkovick and Wally Ricket each got three hits to lead the locals' batting attack, one of Balkovick's being a triple to center field. Virgil Swanson also hit a three-bagger and a homer, and Dick Lewis and Paul Sakraida each socked two safeties.

Medford enjoyed two big innings, the third and the eighth. In the third, singles by Lewis, Ricket and Erickson and four errors accounted for six tallies; and in the eighth, singles by Ricket, Swanson and Merritt, a double by Van Dyke and Balkovick's triple enabled Medford to score four times.

The Medford club, sponsored by the Medford Athletic association will work out every day this week in preparation for the Southern Oregon league opener at Grants Pass next Sunday. All players, regardless of age, are urged to report.

Box score:

Medford	AB	R	H
Lewis, ss.	7	0	2
Ricket, 2b	6	1	3
Donovan, 3b	5	3	1
Swanson, 1b	5	2	2
D. Sakraida, cf.	4	1	1
Stine, rf.	4	1	0
Hoffman, lb.	2	1	0
Balkovick, c.	6	2	3
Erickson, p.	2	1	1
Merritt, p.	4	1	1
Van Dyke, lb.	3	0	1
P. Sakraida, rf.	2	2	2
Totals	46	19	10

Weed	AB	R	H
D. Barbeira, lf.	2	0	0
J. Aquistaplace, cf.	4	1	1
F. Aquistaplace, ss.	3	3	1
J. Hurrice, c.	4	1	2
Vallnear, lb.	3	0	2
Roche, 2b.	3	2	1
F. Aquistaplace	2	1	2
Dal Busco, ss.	1	0	0
Martin, p.	3	0	1
Sebretta, lf.	4	1	0
J. Barbeira, ss.	4	1	0
Totals	33	10	11

## COAST LEAGUERS STAGE BAT ORGY

(By the Associated Press)

Pacific Coast league batsmen reeled today after an orgy of base hitting Sunday. They collected 151 singles in eight games, including 19 homers, 11 in the San Francisco-Seaside doubleheader, five three-baggers and 22 doubles.

Sunday's games did little to change the league standings as all teams divided twin programs. San Francisco defeated Seattle, 6 to 4, in the opener which saw 11 of the 12 runs scored on eight homers, and Seattle took the seven-inning nightcap, 5 to 4.

The Missions took the first game, 7 to 5, and lost the second, 6 to 4. Los Angeles took an 11-inning opener from the Portland Beavers, 4 to 3, and then the Beavers turned the tables in the second game, 5 to 1. Sacramento Solons beat Jim Chapin for the second time to win the curtain roller from San Diego, 5 to 4, but Howard Grangsted held the Solons to two hits in the seven-inning nightcap as he fustigated piked Southpaw Tony Freitas for eight, and won, 2 to 0.

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## Scores Yesterday

(By the Associated Press)

Coast League	W.	L.	Pct.
Missions, 7-4; Oakland, 6-6. (Second game seven innings).			
San Francisco, 9-4; Seattle, 4-6. (Second game seven innings).			
Los Angeles, 4-1; Portland, 3-6. (First game 11 innings; second game seven innings).			
Sacramento, 6-0; San Diego, 4-2. (Second game seven innings).			

National League	W.	L.	Pct.
At New York, 1; Boston, 9			
At Philadelphia, 6; Brooklyn, 10 (11 innings).			
At St. Louis, 4; Chicago, 0			
At Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, postponed; not yet started.			

American League	W.	L.	Pct.
At Detroit, 8; New York, 4 (11 innings).			
At Chicago, 11; Detroit, 7.			
At Washington, Philadelphia, postponed; rain.			

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## Clock Will Control Regatta Starting



When the big regatta gets underway at Emigrant lake Sunday, May 2, there will be clock-like precision in handling the starting of each event.

Aubrey Sander (left) general chairman of the 20-30 club regatta committee; Phil Gilstrap (center) publicity chairman and Carl Norris, (right) club president, are pictured with the huge starting clock which will control the races. Boats will have five minutes to warm up before each race. One minute before starting time, the hand on the clock will start at zero and the starting gun will crack as the electrically controlled hand completes the circle back to zero starting position of each boat.

Boats will depend upon the judgment of the driver in getting as close to the starting line as possible just before the clock hand completes its circle. Boats across the line will be ineligible to compete in the race. Timing of the races will be by stop watch.

## Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

Mikulak Giving

Webfoots Punch

Morgan Asserts

Iron Mike Mikulak, who formerly did a whole lot of full-backing for Prink Callison's University of Oregon football club, is proving to be just what the doctor ordered for the Webfoots offensive line, according to one of Medford's best-known athletic sons—big Bill Morgan.

Bill was in town over the weekend in the interests of the United States Rubber company, for which organization he is "playing ball" at the present time, and he brought word direct from Eugene where this year's Lemon Yellow and Green pigskin aggregation is getting in shape for the fall campaign by several weeks of tough spring practice.

Bill had plenty to say regarding Callison's outfit. He spent a day or so with the former Tiger mentor, cast his eagle eye over the squad, and came away fairly bubbling over with enthusiasm for the football team of his alma mater.

"Hiring Mikulak as backfield coach was the smartest thing Oregon could have done to remedy their weak offense," Morgan said. "Mik has really got those backs blocking in there, and Bob Smith, especially looked plenty sweet."

Other ball carriers shaping up nicely under Mikulak's handling were Rowe, the big soph fullback; Graybeard, the sophomore halfback who last year with 17 yardings literally ran the legs off all opponents; and Dave Gammon, a junior this year, Morgan stated. Smith, however, looked like the best of the lot, Bill said. A deadly southpaw passer, the former Medford high star was not being drilled on aerials, Morgan reported. Callison letting him toss passes only when he felt the urge.

If Mikulak is doing all the things Morgan says he is, then Oregon seems due for a pretty fair season. So long as Prink Callison is at the helm, a good line is assured; Prink is one of the finest line coaches in the country, we believe. The trouble the past two years, and especially last season, has been in the mediocre array of mail carriers. Oregon's cream-puff offensive punch was the laughing stock of the conference last year, the Webfoots scoring only one touchdown in seven circuit battles; that against Stanford in the 7-7 tie.

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## TIME TRIALS SLATED FOR SATURDAY MEET

Time trials for the Medford high track and field squad will be held Wednesday afternoon. Coach Bowen announced today, determining the Tiger entries for the invitational meet to be held here next Saturday afternoon.

Squads already invited are Roseburg, Grants Pass, Ashland, Kerby and Phoenix and Bowerman said that several other class B high schools would receive bids to enter.

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Ray Wyatt, one of Central Point's ace fishermen, took an 18 1/2 pound Chinook salmon from the Rogue river yesterday afternoon. The catch was made at Hilton's, a short distance below Grants Pass.

Wyatt reported that several fish started jumping late in the afternoon and that a run had evidently started. Nobody else made catches while he was there, Wyatt reported.

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## BOWLING SCORES

Two Medford bowling teams defeated a pair of outfits from Klamath Falls yesterday at the Smokehouse alleys, the local Schuss Vintage outfit scoring the Kern Hotel by 631 pins and Sims Bros., of Medford defeating the Klamath Falls Ford Motor company by 288 pins.

Scores follow:

Schuss Vinta gr—Medford	W.	L.	Pct.
Antle	214	170	.558
Esler	183	178	.511
Hematreet	201	183	.521
Miller	214	158	.574
Eda	181	180	.503
Totals	973	860	.528

Kern Hotel—Klamath Falls	W.	L.	Pct.
Wilson	140	158	.471
Gove	143	181	.441
Driscoll	162	215	.429
Ross	171	181	.488
Strong	158	165	.488
Totals	783	900	.464

Ford Motor Co.—Klamath Falls	W.	L.	Pct.
Arnold	154	129	.544
Wakeman	140	153	.479
Spivey	182	194	.482
Thome	170	162	.510
Totals	807	806	.500

Sims Bros.—Medford	W.	L.	Pct.
Daly	180	160	.529
Wash	183	219	.454
Dumas	170	183	.481
Sims	179	142	.556
Totals	692	604	.533

## SALEM, PORTLAND SHINE AT TRAPS

PORTLAND, April 26.—(AP) Salem and Portland gunners blazed out perfect scores yesterday in the weekly event of the Oregonian telegraphic trapshoot tournament.

Scores included: Hoppner (74)—Charles Latourel 25, John Lane 25, A. D. McDurdo 24, Mount Angel (72)—Fred Lutob 24, Fred Prosser 24, Frank Durshmid 24, Pendleton (72)—Olen Bradley 25, 24.

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