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PILUSO POLISHES OFF KENASTON IN GRUPELLING MATCH

Ernie Piluso did just what he said he would do to Sgt. Bob Kenaston in the armory grappling ring last night. He dished out the same brand of dirt the Gold Hill toughie displayed, and when it was all over Ernie had his revenge for that loss to Kenaston last week.

It took the popular Portland flash 14½ minutes to dispose of Kenaston, and it was a slambang, rough and tumble affair from beginning to end. With the falls standing one piece after 11½ minutes of action, Piluso started to work in earnest and three minutes later the match was history.

Three thundering sonnenbergs to Kenaston's mid-section and a resounding body slam, followed by a press, gave Ernie the third and deciding tangle. Just before the end Kenaston applied what he termed his Gold Hill swivel and had Ernie in a bad way, but Referee Earl Yoakley figured the swivel wasn't a swivel, but a choke hold, instead, and he gave Piluso one minute in which to recuperate. Ernie did, and when he was ready he wound up the thing in short order.

A rapid-fire fistic attack which Kenaston started but couldn't finish, led to Piluso's first fall in eight minutes. After Ernie got through battering Kenaston from pillar to post he fired a couple of sonnenbergs

and pinned the Gold Hiller with a flying tackle and a press.

Kenaston came back three and a half minutes later to even the score. First he rubbed Piluso's eyes along the rope, then he slapped on his so-called swivel and Piluso, apparently with his breathing cut off, was forced to give up.

The middle event between Dude Chick and Prince Selaki Mehalikis lasted only two rounds as the big cowboy hoisted the Prince to his broad shoulders and gave him the broad lariet spin after a series of flying headlocks. It was a fast and furious clean match, with Mehalikis taking the initiative in the second.

George Wagner, newcomer from Texas, grabbed a two out of three fall victory from Frankie Clemens in the opener, and looked very good in doing so.

Wagner, a clean, scientific matman, took the first tumble in the first round with a hammerlock lift, a body slam and a press, with Clemens coming back to tie the score in the third with a bottoms-up body scissors.

A terrific dropkick to the chin, followed by a grapevine, gave Wagner the deciding fall in the fourth round.

Promoter Mack Lillard announced there would be no more matches in the armory until July 15, but that grapplers would show in Ashland the Fourth of July.

CHRISTOFF, NOVIKOFF IN DUEL FOR BAT LEAD

Los Angeles, June 25.—(AP)—Mike Christoff of Oakland and Louis Novikoff, Los Angeles outfielder, were fighting for the Pacific coast batting leadership today, Christoff holding the top spot by a one-point margin, with Ted Jennings of San Francisco and Steve Mesner of San Diego closely bunched for third and fourth, respectively.

Including games of last Sunday, Christoff was hacking the ball for a .359 average, Novikoff for .358, Jennings for .353 and Mesner for .351. Novikoff was far in the lead for home-run honors with 24.

JENNINGS, MEDCO SOFTBALL TEAMS TANGLE TONIGHT

Games Tonight.
American league: Jennings Tire vs. Medco, 8 p. m.; Catholic Men vs. Wooden Box, 9 p. m. National league: Gasco vs. Elks, 8 p. m.; Bear Creek vs. Eagles, 9 p. m.

An improved Jennings Tire company softball team will attempt to halt the sensational winning streak of Medco's unbeaten crew in the feature game of tonight's schedule under the lights at the high school stadium. The clash will start at 8 o'clock on the north diamond.

In the other American loop game, Catholic Men will engage Wooden Box an hour later on the same diamond.

Two National circuit contests are slated, Gasco meeting Elks at 8 on the south diamond, and Bear Creek tangling with Eagles at 9 on the same diamond.

WRAY BOOSTS BAT AVERAGE TO .441

Outfielder Alan Wray rapped out two hits in four trips to the plate against Jack and Jill Tavern Sunday afternoon to boost his Crater batting average eight points to .441, tops for all members of the Medford State league club.

Pat Patterson, although he has been in a batting slump of late, continues to lead the team in runs-scored with 13, followed by Rock Peterson with a dozen and Wray with 11.

The team will drill at the fairgrounds park at 6 p. m. today, in preparation for their clash against the Grants Pass Merchants, first-half champions of the Southern Oregon league, Wednesday night under the lights.

Crater averages:

	AB	R	H	Avg.
Wray	34	11	15	.441
Pechaco	7	1	3	.429
Crippen	22	6	9	.409
Cook	58	7	19	.339
McLean	59	10	20	.339
Calvert	20	5	6	.300
McDonald	32	3	9	.281
Rego	18	2	5	.278
Peterson	43	12	11	.256
Patterson	56	13	14	.250
Hawkins	45	7	9	.200
Lanning	12	3	2	.167

BEAVERS ENGAGE SOLONS TONIGHT

By the Associated Press.
It may sound silly, on the basis of so short an acquaintance, but San Francisco fans are hailing Froilan Fernandez as the savior of the Seals—all because of one day's play in the Pacific Coast league.

There is little question, however, but that the work of Shortstop Fernandez, recently of Yakima, will brace the Seals mightily for the onslaught of Los Angeles tonight.

While "Nanny" Fernandez and the Angels' slugger Novikoff lure customers into Seals stadium, the league-leading Rainiers entertain San Diego. Portland's cellar barons play host to Sacramento, and Hollywood meets the Oakland Acorns on the Stars' lot. All are night games.

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Billy Hulén Says:

Rare Play Seen When McDonald Struck by Pitch

Fans were mystified and Manager Tommy Hawkins and Shortstop Alex McDonald were considerably miffed Sunday when Umpire Al Drolette refused to wave McDonald to first base after he was hit in the small of the back by one of Jack and Jill Pitcher Norm Leitheiser's right-handed heaves.

In order to clear up the case, here is what rule 46, section 4 of the baseball code says: "The batsman becomes a baserunner if, without making any attempt to strike at the ball, his person or clothing be hit by a pitched ball unless, IN THE OPINION OF THE UMPIRE, HE PLAINLY MAKES NO EFFORT TO GET OUT OF THE WAY OF THE PITCHED BALL, in which case the umpire shall call a strike or ball."

A footnote to the rule further states that "if the pitcher tosses a slow ball and the batter deliberately permits the ball to hit him, the umpire may use his judgment and not give the batter first base by calling the pitch a strike or a ball."

That was the rule Umpire Drolette was following, for in his opinion McDonald didn't make a plain effort to get out of the way. We talked to Alex after the game though, and he swore by all that's holy he tried to make the pitch miss him. "Leitheiser had been coming in there with a little dinky curve that broke over the plate," Alex explained, "and I thought this pitch was another one of them. At the last moment I saw it wasn't a curve and tried to get out of the way, but I wasn't quick enough. But I did make an honest effort to get out of the way."

It appeared the same to this writer and to most of the fans and players, but Drolette didn't think so, and that was that. Manager Hawkins entered a mild protest, which was all the play called for, in view of the fact that, at the time, the Craters were ahead, 12 to 1, and absolutely nothing depended on it.

Occurrences of this kind are very rare in baseball. Batters many times intentionally let a pitch hit them to get transportation to first base, but umpires are loathe to invoke the rule because of the possibility the batter DIDN'T get in the way on purpose. In other words, the batter is given the benefit of the doubt at all times.

Come a letter from Fred G. Roper, secretary and business manager of the Grants Pass Merchants, on the recent Crater managerial shakeup. At Fred's request, the letter is printed in full: "Just a line in due respect for Hoosier (Hoffard). It seems to me, after reading your article, you are riding Hoosier very hard for not using a little baseball strategy in the ninth inning (against Grants Pass last Wednesday night) in not pulling Haynes and putting in Rego to get Woods.

"However, we were watching the move and had a heavy-hitting righthander to put in to

bat for Woods. I don't think Rego could have made any change, as he was going in cold, and may not have done any better than Haynes.

"Why didn't Rego go in? Don't put all the blame on Hoosier. He has pulled you through the first half successfully. I'm wondering if you expect to win a ball game on three hits while the opposition gets 12 hits. However, we will be there Wednesday night again and try to repeat the same dose.

"Wishing your new manager, Hawkins, the best of success, but let him run the ball club and not have half-a-dozen telling him how to run it. Hawkins is a brainy boy and will give you good service."

In answer to this, President C. H. Davis of the Medford Athletic association points out that Rego wasn't "cold," that he had been warming up for two innings prior to the situation in question in the ninth inning, and that nobody had ever interfered with Hoffard in running the team.

COLLEGIAN LEADS GOLF QUALIFIERS

By Gail Fowler.
Seattle, June 25.—(AP)—The aces were off the pace today as the men teed off for the final 18 holes of the 36-hole qualifying round of the Pacific northwest amateur golf tournament at the Broadmoor Golf club.

Bob Lee, member of the University of Washington's championship 1940 golf team, surprised everybody by leading the qualifiers at yesterday's half-way mark with a sizzling three-under-par 67.

But lined up behind him, still within shooting distance of 36-hole qualifying honors, were such sharpshooters as Scotty Campbell and Harry Umbinetti of Seattle, who had par 70s; national amateur champion Bud Ward of Spokane and Carl Johnson of Seattle, at 71, and defending champion Jack Westland and former U. S. Walker cupper Harry Givan at 72.

Scores Yesterday

National League.
All games rained out.
American League.
St. Louis 9, Philadelphia 4.
Cleveland 7, New York 1.
Pacific Coast League.
No games scheduled.

Fights Last Night

By the Associated Press.
Chicago — Ben Moroz, 286, Philadelphia, outpointed Selman Martin, 202, Chicago (8).
Des Moines, Ia.—Lee Savold, 189, Des Moines, outpointed Johnny Whitters, 205, Pontiac, Mich. (8).
New York—Irving Eldridge, 134, New York, outpointed Jimmy Vaughn, 136, Cleveland (8).
Pittsburgh—Fritzie Zivic, 148, Pittsburgh, knocked out Johnny Rinaldi, 143, New York (1).
Sioux City, Ia.—Stanley Novak, 128, Omaha, outpointed Pancho Villa III, 125, San Francisco, (6).
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THE CAPITAL PARADE

By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER

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Philadelphia, June 25.—The Republican convention is a scene of such fantastic confusion that the more orderly-minded delegates are wishing for the old days of the bosses, "when you at least knew where you were." All Republicans are consumed with longing to climb back on the pay-roll; every Republican has a different plan for accomplishing the grand objective.

Out of the confusion, however, a rough pattern is slowly merging. It is now possible to describe the situations, if not to gauge the precise chances, of the leading candidates. Taking the candidates in the order of the current excitement about them, the pattern is as follows:

The boom of Wendell L. Willkie is still increasing, and the Willkie name is still on every tongue. But Willkie is not merely lacking in supporters trained in professional convention organization, which is an art as specialized as sheep-herding. The strength of his boom is also generating a correspondingly strong opposition.

Leading the opposition, as a matter of course, are the adherents of the other chief candidates, Thomas E. Dewey and Robert A. Taft. They are calling Willkie every name in creation, from war-monger to Wall street man, and they are exerting all their energy to prevent the swing of delegates to him.

Besides this expected attack, fire on Willkie is also coming from two other quarters. In certain farm and far western states, where the stock-pile has not yet decided that the European situation makes all other issues as obsolete as prohibition, Willkie's utilities connection is causing serious trouble. The fact that he regards Willkie as an agent of "big business" is the real reason, for example, of Alf M. Landon's distaste for him.

Landon is backing house leader, Joseph W. Martin, for the nomination. Meanwhile Martin, former President Herbert Hoover and other potential nominees who hope the leading will kill each other off and cause the convention to turn to them, are doing their best, along with the more conspicuous candidates, to organize anti-Willkie feeling.

Martin has decided to try to hold onto the entire Massachusetts delegation, where Willkie had more than 20 votes, and undoubtedly had a hand in arranging the anti-Willkie caucus of farm and far western congressmen. Hoover is using all his powerful influence to kill Willkie off, although in the days when Willkie was not booming he used to speak of him in warmly favorable terms.

The question for Willkie really is, therefore, whether he can get together some kind of last minute organization, and whether he can keep his boom going despite the checks it is now meeting. He has several ace in the hole, such as an expected endorsement by the convention keynoter, Governor Harold Stassen, of Minnesota, and he has the impetus of success on his side. No

one can tell where he will end, but he is still a good bet.

If Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, had just a little more of the dash and personal magnetism which are Wendell Willkie's chief assets, he would be a pretty sure thing. As Taft lacks the talent for putting himself over with a bang, he must rely on an organization which is a real miracle of efficiency and completeness. At least one Taft representative came to Philadelphia with every delegation. Taft headquarters get continuous reports on every delegation's doings, and take the appropriate steps promptly and effectively.

Willkie has made some trouble for Taft already. The Texas, for instance, have shown Willkie-ite leanings, although long regarded as unalterably loyal to Taft. Certain second-choice delegates, whom the Taft camp has hoped for after they had fulfilled their obligations, have openly jumped aboard the Willkie band wagon. But so far Taft has lost none of his real strength, and he is still in an admirable position to pick up support if the stop-Willkie movement succeeds. Men like Landon and Hoover do not regard him with any tremendous enthusiasm. The farm states and far westerners will never leap onto roofs to cheer for him. But they are not actively against him, which may prove a great gain when the time comes.

The Taft strategy, therefore, is to go right on organizing, to help the stop-Willkie movement but not to press for any extraordinary first ballot showing and to hope that the convention will eventually come to Taft as the best general choice. Because of his organization and his availability, Taft is the favorite of many of the wise-money boys.

The unfortunate Thomas E. Dewey is not yet out of the running, but there is a distinct note of desperation in the claims of the Dewey camp. The Dewey strategy is to get every vote which can be begged, borrowed or stolen for the first ballot, in order to start the Dewey band wagon going again.

In some states, such as New Jersey, delegates have been practically sand-bagged to prevent desertions. If this wild grabbing and pushing produces a Dewey vote of much above 400 when the roll-call comes, the strategy may possible succeed. If not, the second ballot will show Dewey losing so many supporters that his presidential aspirations will be at an end.

The mere mention of the word "deal" provokes Dewey to such a showing of eloquent indignation as would do him credit in the court room. Deals, however, are not so foreign to the Dewey nature that he was unable to suggest to Willkie, before the Willkie boom began, that Willkie take a place in the Dewey cabinet in return for a pro-Dewey announcement.

If Dewey is put out of the running for the presidency, he may be willing to throw his remaining strength to Taft in exchange for the vice presidential nomination. Taft, who would never agree to such an arrangement with Dewey in that place, could only benefit by putting Dewey in second place and thus this deal is possible.

Meanwhile, behind the figures of the three leading candidates, there also lurks another possibility. The confusion in Philadelphia may well end in a deadlock, and if there is a deadlock the admirers of Hoover, who are many and ardent, are likely to put their man over. That is the current betting—Willkie and Taft tied for favorite, Dewey third, and Hoover fourth on the books.

OLYMPICS TO RESUME AT WAR CONCLUSION

Portland, June 25.—(AP)—The Olympic games, blacked out by war, will revive when "conditions clear up," L. Benedetto, National Amateur Union president, said yesterday.

He advocated offering Finland the 1944 games.

Benedetto, of New Orleans, advocates Pan-American games, to be held on Olympiad off-years.

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