

Five-Man Battle Royal Scheduled on Tonight's Wrestling Program

2 REGULAR DUELS WILL FOLLOW ON HEELS OF CLASH

Free-For-All Set When Carlson Runs Out On McDonald—Ladies In Free.

Five of Promoter Mack Lillard's heavyweight wrestlers—big guys like Sockeye Jack McDonald, Pete Belcastro and Broccoli Bob Kruse—will clash in a battle royal in the Medford armory tonight to set the stage for two regular matches to follow.

The battle royal was arranged late last night when Lillard received word from Portland that Tug Carlson, the mean Minnesotan, had taken a powder and run out on his scheduled main event struggle with Sockeye Jack McDonald. Lillard said Tug wired him that Carlson suddenly checked out of his hotel and grabbed a train for San Francisco, with no word of explanation.

First Man Out
Lillard, failing to uncover a substitute for Carlson, decided to send the five pachyderms at each other's throats in a battle royal, with the first man eliminated to drop out of further action. The next two matmen pinned in the battle royal will come back to grapple a six-round match, and the last two remaining in the free-for-all will face each other in the evening's main event, one hour or two out of three falls.

Plenty of pyrotechnics are certain to develop when five such wrestlers as above mentioned climb into the same ring at the same time. Belcastro and McDonald, who never have liked each other, are figured to tie into one another without wasted motion, and Kruse won't be holding back. Brazil and Casey, both strictly scientific-minded, may team up to get rid of one of more of the other three.

Every lady accompanied by a purchaser of a ringside or general admission ticket will be admitted free.

MULTNOMAH GIRL KEEPS 440 TITLE

Portland, April 27.—(P)—Nancy Merkl of Portland's Multnomah Athletic club retained her 440-yard national freestyle swimming title yesterday in the Oregon invitational meet's special event in 5:31.8.

Second was Suzanne Zimmerman, Mac, with Muriel Mellon, San Diego, third.

Miss Merkl also swam with the Multnomah club team that won the AAU national women's 400-yard relay Saturday night. The time was 4:12.4 minutes, equaling the record set by the same team at Buffalo, N. Y., last year.

The Washington Athletic club team finished second, followed by the Multnomah club B team and a San Diego quartet.

Besides Miss Merkl, team members were Joyce Macrea, Suzanne Zimmerman and Brenda Helser.

NEW SKEET FIELD ABOUT COMPLETED

Work on the new skeet shooting field of the Medford Gun club is expected to be completed this week, when the field will be offered for use to the aviation branch of the United States army.

During their stay here last summer the aviation forces stationed at the Elks picnic grounds used the gun club skeet field every day for training aviators in marksmanship at flying targets.

The local club's new field is said to be ideal for aviator's use and will be turned over for government use without charge. It is located on the Central Point market road near the Four Corners on the Crater Lake highway and is open to the public on Sundays.

Cougar Track Squad Defeated By Vandals

Moscow, Idaho, April 27.—(P)—Surprisingly strong, the University of Idaho track team toppled Washington State college, long-time powerhouse in Pacific northwest college track circles Saturday 79 3-5 to 51 3-3. The Vandals piled up nine first places.

Vie in Mat Battle Royal



When five heavyweight wrestlers clash in a battle royal in the armory tonight, two of the principal characters involved will be Pedro Brazil (standing) and Irish Jim Casey. The South American is shown applying a painful arm lock on Casey, in a recent Klamath Falls match.

Babe's New Problem Is Reducing Daily Cigar Consumption

New York, April 27.—(P)—Babe Ruth, whose chief worry two weeks ago was pneumonia, came home today from the west coast confronted with a new problem—how to reduce his daily consumption of 10 to 15 cigars.

"The doctors say cut down on cigars—and no beer or highballs," the former home-run king said as he arrived by train from Los Angeles.

Ruth was stricken while playing in a film, based on the life of the late Lou Gehrig, but made a rapid recovery.

He appeared brown and healthy and said that he would register immediately in the fourth selective service registration. He is 47.

Referring to reports from the west coast quoting him as picking the Pittsburgh Pirates to win the National league pennant, he said:

"I said the Yanks seemed sure to repeat in the American league but I didn't pick the winner in the National. I did say: 'Watch out for the Pirates.'"

TIGER NINE WILL PLAY AT J'VILLE

Weather permitting, the southern Oregon prep league baseball schedule will continue tomorrow with Medford invading the Jacksonville fair and Grants Pass traveling to Ashland.

The Cavemen are favorites to drop the cellarite Lithians and should increase the margin of their loop lead. But the going will be tougher for the Tigers, who split with the Jacksonville club earlier in the year.

LaGrande Victorious In Quadrangular Meet

Pendleton, April 27.—(P)—LaGrande nosed out a favored Milton-Freewater team in the annual Pendleton quadrangular high school track meet Saturday. Paced by a freshman, Courtney, who earned 16 1/4 points, LaGrande scored 72 1/4 points, Milton-Freewater 70 1/4, Walla Walla 42, Pendleton 19.

Courtney won the 100 and

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SINGLE BY MILLS KEEPS CLEVELAND TIED FOR FIRST

Pinch-Hitters Blow Gives Tribe 3-2 Win Over Sox —Curt Davis Cops Third.

By Austin Bealmeier
Associated Press Sports Writer.
His real name is Colonel Mills, but the fans who watched him keep the Cleveland Indians in a first-place tie in the American league with a two-run single at Chicago yesterday now know why his friends all call him "Buster."

Held to one hit by Johnny Rigney for seven innings, the Indians were about ready to kiss their winning streak goodbye. Then Jeff Heath opened the eighth for the Tribe with a single and Les Fleming followed suit.

Manager Lou Boudreau, who has surprised everyone else—if not himself—by the apparent miracle he has worked at Cleveland, wiped out half of the White Sox two-run lead with a double and looked around for a pinch-hitter after Ray Mack had been purposely passed to load the sacks.

His choice was Colonel (Buster) Mills, an outfielder who has shifted from the majors to the minors and back again more times than a pianist.

Eight Straight
Purchased from Kansas City shortly before the season opened for just such game-saving chores, Buster lived up to his name by smacking a single that scored Fleming and Boudreau with the tying and winning runs.

The 3-2 triumph was the eighth straight for the fast-traveling Tribe, which kept even with the New York Yankees at the top of the American league.

The Yankees, meanwhile, exploded as usual in one big inning, pushing over six runs in the third at Boston and coasting to a 7-2 decision over the Red Sox behind the two-hit pitching of Marvin Breuer.

At Detroit, a couple of other streaks were kept alive as the Tigers swept both ends of a double-header with the St. Louis Browns, string of losses to nine.

Jimmy Bloodworth led the Tigers to a 10-5 victory in the curtain-raiser with four of his team's 15 hits, while Barney McCosky set the pace for the 7-3 verdict in the afterpiece by driving in four runs, two of them on a home run.

The Philadelphia Athletics got a pair of nine-inning pitching performances out of Luman Harris and Roger Wolff and walked off with both ends of a twin bill with the Senators at Washington, 6 to 1 and 6 to 3.

Davis Beats Phils
In the National league, the Brooklyn Dodgers tightened their grip on the lead and the Pittsburgh Pirates pushed the New York Giants out of second place with the help of the Boston Braves.

Playing with something of a makeshift lineup, the Dodgers downed the Philadelphia Phils, 3 to 1 and 10 to 2, as Curt Davis and Ed Head chalked up their third pitching victories against no defeats.

The Pirates blanked the St. Louis Cardinals, 2 to 0, in the first game at St. Louis, but the second wound up in a 4-4 deadlock when darkness intervened at the end of the 11th.

At New York, the Boston Braves snapped out of an eight-game losing streak and ended

220-yard dashes, the broad jump and ran on the winning relay team.

Scores Yesterday

(By the Associated Press)
National League
Boston 3-8, New York 2-5.
Cincinnati 9, Chicago 5.
Pittsburgh 2-4, St. Louis 0-4.
Brooklyn 3-10, Philadelphia 1-2.

American League
Philadelphia 6-6, Washington 1-3.
Detroit 10-7, St. Louis 5-5.
Cleveland 3, Chicago 2.
New York 7, Boston 2.

Pacific Coast League
San Diego 2-2, San Francisco 0-3.
Portland 4-4, Hollywood 3-5.
Seattle 6-4, Oakland 2-3.
Los Angeles 14-3, Sacramento 8-5.

Western International League
Vancouver 5, Spokane 1.
Tacoma 9-6, Salem 4-1.

HONOR U-BOAT CHIEF

Washington, April 27.—(P)—Lieutenant Commander Richard G. Voeg, of Chicago, has been awarded the navy cross by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific fleet commander, for submarine successes against Japanese ships, the navy announced today.

The government of the Dominican Republic is rationing existing stocks of motor vehicles, tires and tubes.



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the Giants' four-game winning party by capturing a double bill, 3 to 2 and 8 to 5.

The Cincinnati Reds entertained their first Sunday home crowd with a 9-5 decision over the Chicago Cubs.

AD LISKA VICTOR IN 14 FRAMES AS BEAVERS DIVIDE

(By the Associated Press)
The Pacific Coast league didn't do things by halves last week, to wit:

1. San Diego fattened its batting average with 88 hits in seven games against San Francisco, winning six of the seven.

2. Seattle pitchers held Oakland to six runs in five games, letting down only once, when Oakland scored eight times for its only victory in the six games of the series played so far.

3. Los Angeles murdered Sacramento six times straight, before relenting in the series finale to spare the Senators a complete disaster.

4. Portland and Hollywood played overtime in four games out of seven, Portland winning three of the four extra-inning affairs as well as two others for a 5-2 series edge.

Oakland got five runs in two tries against Seattle yesterday but failed to win either time, the Rainiers taking the regulation length opener, 6-2, and the eight-inning afterpiece, 4-3.

Portland pulled out ahead, 4-3, in the 14-inning grind that opened yesterday's twin bill, but in the later effort, only half as long, Hollywood was a 5-4 winner.

Ad Liska of Portland and Charley Root of Hollywood, the starting pitchers, were still on hand in the 14th inning of the opener when Al Wright doubled and Danny Amaral singled him home with the deciding run. It was Liska's fifth victory of the year and second of the week.

San Diego's batting composite would have been even more stunning had not Tom Seats of San Francisco limited the Padres to three hits in the seven-inning nightcap of yesterday's doubleheader. The Seals won 3-2. Earlier in an eight-inning performance, the Padres shut out the Seals, 2-0.

The Los Angeles-Sacramento Sunday split produced 30 hits, seven home runs, two triples and eight doubles. Although the Senators took the seven-inning second game, 5-3, the Los Angeles had won the opener, 14-8, most of the batting prizes accrued to the Angels.

Scores: (First game—14 innings).
Hollywood 3 12 0
Portland 4 14 0
Root and Brenzel, Atwood (14); Liska and Castro.
(Second game—seven innings).
Hollywood 5 10 0
Portland 4 9 1
Schaefer, Singleton (2), Cohen (7) and Castro, Hawkins (7).

ROYAL WIDOW ILL
New York, April 27.—(P)—The New York World-Telegram said today that the Empress Zita, widow of the last emperor of the Austro-Hungarian empire, was a patient in the doctors' hospital here and would be operated on within the next two weeks.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

From where I sit...
by Joe Marsh

A FEW weeks ago, I had occasion to visit some friends of mine in Nebraska.

Nebraska certainly is a great State. I like Nebraska. I like those immense cornfields that seem to stretch from horizon to horizon. (Plenty of wheatfields in Nebraska, too.)

But the thing that interests me most about Nebraska right now is the very important social experiment the beer people started there several years ago.

Beer itself is naturally a beverage of moderation. Yet, all too often, people are inclined to blame beer wrongly for any misconduct of the customer or the proprietor in a place licensed to sell beer.

So, the brewers got together to see what they could do about this. They weren't really responsible for their retailers.... In fact, they're not allowed to control retailers. But the brewing industry worked out a plan by which it cooperates with the public authorities to eliminate bad conditions in the minority of places whose conduct would reflect on the law-abiding majority.

The beer people urge proprietors of retail places to conduct them properly and to obey the law. They urge consumers to cooperate, and ask the public generally to report law violations to the authorities. They send warnings to careless retailers and if conditions are not corrected they take the case up with the authorities. Naturally the authorities and the public have welcomed this as an added force in building respect for law and order.

That program is now operating in many states—and with the Nation at war, brewing industry organizations cooperate with civil and military authorities to assure good conditions in beer outlets around the army camps and naval stations.

Somehow, to me, that's a mighty important, public-spirited effort. I don't know of anything like it ever having been tried before. If people really help the brewers with that program they'll be doing a great thing for the country.

Joe Marsh

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CRATERS DEFEAT REDDING, 5-2 ON CRIP'S PITCHING

Steve Crippen pitched the Medford Craters to a 5 to 2 victory over the Redding, (Cal.) Cubs at the fairgrounds park yesterday afternoon, scattering 13 hits effectively and whiffing the same number. The win gave the Craters a clean sweep of the two-game series, the locals having whaled the visitors, 18 to 5 Saturday night.

Dutch Lieber's crew tallied all its runs in the early innings, landing on Bob MacDonald, lanky Redding southpaw, for a pair of markers in the second, one in the third and two more in the fourth. From then on MacDonald held the locals at bay with a lot of slow stuff and good control.

Crippen, taking things easy, blanked the Cubs for five innings, then eased up and yielded a run in each of the sixth and seventh frames on six hits.

The Craters bunched three hits in the second for their first two runs, Sowers singling in field, Solvester singling to left and Lang singling in field, and got another in the third when Madden lined a hit to center scoring Alex McDonald, who reached first on an error and got to second on another Cub mishap.

Four solid blows gave Medford its final two runs in the fourth. Crippen singled to left, and after two fielders choices McDonald, Catherwood and Sowers belted singles.

Singles by Allen, MacDonald and Marlette gave Redding a run in the sixth, and one-base blows by Hammerickson, Allen and MacDonald created Redding's other run in the seventh.

Sowers led the Craters attack with three for five, and McDonald, Solvester and Crippen each got two singles. Norm Worthley hit a double in the sixth inning, the only extra-base knock of the game.

Crippen's slow twisters and his occasional quick one combined to handcuff the Cubs at critical moments, 11 runners being stranded. He fanned Johnson five straight times and got Davis thrice on strikes.

Box score:
Redding 5 1 1 4 0
Hammerickson, cf 3 0 0 1 0
Corralls, lf 3 0 0 1 0
Johnson, 1b 3 0 0 7 0
Allen, ss 4 1 3 3 3
MacDonald, p 4 0 3 1 3
Marlette, c 4 0 3 0 0
Davis, 3b 4 0 1 0 0
Jergantz, rf 4 0 0 4 0
Shelton, 2b 4 0 2 4 2

Totals 39 2 13 24 10
Medford 2 1 1 4 0
Lang, lf 4 0 1 0 0
Worthley, ss 5 1 1 2 4
McDonald, 3b 5 2 2 1 3
Catherwood, cf 4 0 1 0 0
Sowers, 1b 5 1 3 10 0
Solvester, 2b 5 0 2 1 3
Madden, rf 2 0 1 0 0
Swanson, c 3 0 0 13 0
Crippen, p 4 0 2 0 0

Errors: Shelton 2, Davis, Solvester; Runs batted in: Allen, Marlette, Lang, Catherwood, Sowers, Madden, Crippen; Two-base hits: Worthley, Stolen bases: Hammerickson, Crippen; Sacrifices: Madden 2; Double plays: Mac-

Donald to Sowers, Solvester to Sowers.



APACHE—William Woodward owns Apache, glamor boy of the Derby field who's being trained by Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons. Joe Dumlin is up. Apache's 1941 total was \$15,075. A leggy brown colt, Apache is out of Flying Song by Alcasar.

Prep Ski Meet Slated For Mount Hood May 3

Portland, April 27.—(P)—Entry blanks are in the mail for the first Oregon high school ski meet to be held on Mount Hood May 3.

Officials said races for individuals will be held because some schools will have only one or two entrants. Team scores will be kept for schools with more than three competitors. Entry lists close May 1.

TOLEDO COURSE PICKED

New York, April 27.—(P)—Byron Nelson's home golf course, the Inverness club of Toledo, O., was added today to the list of sites for qualifying trials leading to the Hale America national open tournament.

GAS STATIONS CLOSE

Portland, April 27.—(P)—Shortages of gasoline and labor have caused 123 Portland service stations to close since the United States entered the war, an industry survey showed today.

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