

SPORTS

WAGNER TO MEET ACHIU IN 1-HOUR TOP GO TONIGHT

Biggest Crowd of Year Expected to Attend Armory Wrestling Program

The biggest turnout of customers this year is expected to jam the armory tonight for promoter Mack Lillard's weekly wrestling card, and in order to take care of the swollen crowd some 100 additional ringside seats were today being installed. The first match begins at 8:30.

Reason for the expected capacity crowd is the pulling power of the one-hour main event featuring "Gorgeous George" Wagner in action against Walter "Sneeze" Achiu. This "grudge" scrap has local fans more hot-and-bothered than any match in years, but they are not nearly so warmish as is Wagner, himself.

The glamour boy of matdom, to state it mildly, is really burned, and he has publicly, and to Achiu's face, vowed to give

him the whipping of his life. Which may take some doing.

Wagner "Mad" Two weeks ago, in their first meeting, Wagner was sent into slumberland by Achiu's deft fingers caressing his neck, the action taking place while both gents were scrambling around outside the ring. It was one of the wildest brawls ever seen here.

Wagner was unable to do much protesting at that time, being a very sick little man, but he more than made up for it during last week's armory program. At that time he hurled bitter epithets right and left, at Achiu and everybody in general, and punctuated his tirade with demands for a rematch.

Probably 100 per cent of the people who see the match tonight will be pulling for the stocky Chinaman to give Wagner another dose of his jiu-jitsu magic. If he does, it will only be after a torrid evening, for despite Wagner's egotism and exhibitionism the guy is plenty tough.

To Grapple Cleanly In the four-round middle event, Pete Belcastro will be seen in the strange role of a scientific grappler. Against Billy McEuin, some 20 pounds lighter than he, Pete has promised to forget the rough stuff and match legitimate holds with the clever McEuin.

Harold "Buck" Davidson will tangle in the three-round opener with Tony Morelli, who hasn't been around these parts for several years.

JACK CHASE WINS WHEN Foe Suffers Eye Hurt

Oakland, Cal., June 29.—(U.P.)—Jack Chase, Denver middleweight, held a technical knockout over Little Tiger Wade of San Francisco today because Wade was temporarily blinded in the final round of their ten-round bout last night, after piling up a big early lead.

With two minutes to go, Chase dropped the San Franciscan with a right to the head for a nine-count. Wade told Referee Jimmy Evans he couldn't see, and Dr. John Coleman, house physician, reported an optic nerve had been hit. The condition cleared up after a few minutes.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 8:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

Army Of Sportsmen Expected To Invade Alaska After War

By William Best
United Press Staff Correspondent

San Francisco, June 29.—(U.P.)—The spring thaws and rains are over along the first 1,000 miles of the Alaska highway and the GI Joes and civilian construction workers from Dawson Creek, British Columbia, to Whitehorse, Yukon territory, are getting out their fishing tackle for a go at the streams and rivers and lakes in the wilderness where they work and live.

The boys along the final stretch, from Whitehorse to Fairbanks, will just have to wait for the rest of the ice to go out and the snow-swollen streams to go back inside their banks.

These men, who have faced northern Canadian and Alaskan elements for as long as two years at a stretch and who have so little other recreation, are the advance patrols of the army of sportsmen that after the war is expected to invade what was once mountainous forest and brush where only trappers and Indians with dog teams had trailed.

Much of the land is unmapped. Streams and lakes are shown in dotted lines because the locations are not certain.

Carrying tackle that ranges from the finest fly and casting equipment to the green poplar poles and common-twine of the "old fishing holes," they are cutting roads and trails into the brush from the station camps along the highway.

The fish and game data that they carry in their heads or jot down in their letters home will be the first guide books for the tourists who will take their cars on the long run northward from Edmonton, Alta., or ship them via boat to Skagway and then by rail to Whitehorse.

I've fished up and down the highway with truck drivers, bulldozer operators, corporals, privates, sergeants, and one time a colonel.

It is a sporting paradise. We fly-fished the Prophet river, 270 miles north of Dawson Creek. From its banks you can see the snow-capped Stikini range, 100 miles to the west. It is a fast, gravel-bottom stream and full of charr and grayling running to six pounds.

Just below Watson lake on the Yukon Territory-British Columbia boundary, and about midway between Dawson Creek and Whitehorse, is Muncie lake. The lake sets in a gash between 7000-foot peaks. Big lake trout averaging 15 pounds come up popped out of the dark blue waters that in some places cannot be sounded.

The biggest cutthroat trout I've ever seen, scaling 41 pounds, came out of Swan lake, 120 miles south of Whitehorse.

CRATERS BEATEN BY WPRC, 14-10

In an error-filled contest that lasted some three hours, the Western Personnel Reassignment Center baseball team defeated the Medford Craters, 14 to 10, at the fairgrounds park last night to deadlock the round-robin playoff series for the Medford-Camp White league championship.

As a result of the WPRC victory, that team, the Craters and the Station Hospital are now tied, each with one win and one loss. It has not yet been determined what method will be used to determine the championship. Dick Kidwell hurled nine-hit ball for the Craters, but ragged fielding cancelled his good work. The Craters collected 12 blows off Bergold WPRC flinger.

M'SPADEN LEADER IN VICTORY MEET WITH CARD OF 64

Chicago, June 29.—(U.P.)—Professional shooters who are indulging in a hodge-podge of the victory national assorted golf championships at Chicago's Edgewater course, hoped today that they could extend their sub-par assault through the more-important victory open tournament which starts tomorrow.

In the opening day of the tourney yesterday, when a field of 150-odd linksmen teed off in foursomes for titles in the pro-amateur, pro-lady, pro-senior and team aggregate divisions, 20 players shot par71 or better, with 13 of them under par.

While most of the pros and amateurs sought to post their best marks for the newly-introduced competitions, they viewed the two-day 36-hole foursome play chiefly as warm-up for the significant and rich open which will feature 72 holes of medal play from Friday through Sunday for a total of \$10,000 in war bonds.

In yesterday's 18-hole round, Harold (Jug) McSpaden, Philadelphia pro and top money winner in 1944, paced the field with a 29-35-64, seven strokes under par.

McSpaden's red-hot 29 on the first nine, one of the best rounds ever registered in tournament history, carried his strong foursome to a lead in three of the four championships. He combined with the 77 of Dorothy Germain, Drexel Hills, Pa., to lead the pro-lady with a 141; coupled with the 75 of Arnold Ninkley, Chicago, for a 139 in the pro-senior, and posted an aggregate foursome score of 291 strokes to take the lead for the team title at the halfway point.

Meanwhile, Sammy Byrd, of Detroit, the ex-New York Yankee slugger, visualized the Yankee stadium wall and pounded out a round of 70, which coupled with the 68 of Bob Cochran, St. Louis amateur, to give them a total of 138 and a one-stroke lead over McSpaden and Don Armstrong of Aurora, Ill. Byrd and Cochran are the defending pro-amateur champions.

Paul Beare Sells Ashland Business

Ashland, June 29.—Paul Beare since 1940 owner and operator of the Beare Motor Co., local Ford agency, today announced sale of his business to Frank Culp, who has been connected with the automotive business here for some time. Culp will take possession on July 1.

Beare, who came to Ashland from Medford, has made extensive improvements on the building.

Because of ill health in his family, Beare will sell his home at 212 Vista and move to Colorado.

YANKEES REDUCE BROWNS' MARGIN WITH 7-2 VICTORY

Leaders Play Ragged Ball in Series Opener — Cronin Stars in Bosox Win

New York, June 29.—(U.P.)—A newly discovered ailment, diagnosed as "Yankee Stadium Jitters," plagued the St. Louis Browns today and unless an antidote is discovered in the very near future the "patients" may as well abandon hopes of being up and around at world series time.

St. Louis opened its crucial three-game series with the New York Yankees here yesterday and played like anything but league-leaders in dropping the fourth of the five games; they have played in New York this season, 7 to 2.

The Boston Red Sox set the Chicago White Sox down for the eighth consecutive time this season and knocked them from second to fourth place, the Yankees taking over the runner-up spot. Manager Joe Cronin's seventh inning double provided the marginal tally for Boston's 4-3 triumph in a twilight contest.

Dick Siebert's inside-the-park homer with a mate aboard broke a 3-3 tie and paved the way for a 7-3 victory for the Philadelphia Athletics over the last place Cleveland Indians.

The Washington Senators completed the American league's route of visiting teams by beating the Detroit Tigers 4-1 behind the three hit pitching of Knuckleballer Johnny Niggeling.

The Philadelphia Phillies finished a job they started on May 18, when they defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 6-5 in completing a suspended game.

Max Lanier was made the goat of the evening, being charged with the loss of the suspended game, in which he had been relieved in the fourth inning more than a month ago. He also lost the regularly scheduled contest when Lefty Ken Raffensberger opposed him and pitched four hit ball to carry the Phillies to a 4-0 shutout.

The Chicago Cubs brought an abrupt halt to the five game winning streak compiled by the Brooklyn Dodgers by taking both ends of a twin bill, 12-6 in the first and 6-2 in the afterpiece.

The Cincinnati Reds took a pair from the Boston Braves, 4-3 in the 10-inning opener and 3-2 in the nightcap.

The Pittsburgh Pirates, playing before a war benefit crowd of 18,479, clubbed four New York Giant pitchers for 13 hits and a 9-2 victory.

HELSE HURLS 6-0 WIN FOR BEAVERS

By United Press The San Francisco Seals boasted a firmer grip on the elusive Pacific Coast league lead today after walloping San Diego 10-4 last night to drop the Padres into a second place tie with Portland, 2½ games off the pace.

Portland held even by virtue of a six-run ninth inning explosion that wrecked Oakland, 6-0. Sacramento downed Hollywood 6-6, while Los Angeles split with Seattle, winning 5-3 and losing 4-3.

Seven Portland hits in the final inning brought disaster to Henry (Cotton) Phippen as six Beavers crossed the plate to break up a pitching duel between Phippen and Roy Helser. Only three Oaks hit safely.

Score:
Portland.....6 10 0
Oakland.....0 3 3
Helser and Campbell; Phippen and B. Raimond.

SEGURA ADVANCES TO SEMI-FINALS

Evanson, Ill., June 29.—(U.P.)—Francisco (Pancho) Segura went into the semi-finals of the 60th annual National Collegiate Athletic association tennis tournament today with Joseph Willett, a navy V-12 trainee at Georgia Tech as his opponent.

Segura, a 23-year-old Miami university Junior out for his second straight NCAA crown, advanced to the semi-finals yesterday with a 6-1, 6-3 triumph over Stanley Clark of California Tech.

Willett qualified for the semi-finals with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over John Hickman of the University of Texas.

Captain Charley Sampson, of the University of Notre Dame squad, carried the Irish's hopes for the NCAA singles title into the semi-final round by beating McCall of Georgia Tech, 6-2, 6-3.

Moving into the lower bracket with Sampson was Harry Likas, Gonzaga freshman, who dropped only three games in eliminating fifth-seeded Nick Buzolich, lanky smash artist from Pepperdine college of Los Angeles, 6-2, 6-1.

CHAMP ORTIZ IS HEAVY FAVORITE

Boston, June 29.—(U.P.) World Bantamweight Champion Manuel Ortiz of El Centro, Cal., was favored to beat tough-punching Featherweight Larry Bolvin of Providence, R. I., tonight in his boxing debut before eastern followers.

Ortiz, forced by lack of competition to abandon his division and usual west coast appearances, is seeking to win the lightweight title and a victory tonight may gain him a match with Willie Pep, of Hartford, Conn., the current titleholder. Ortiz said that if he beats Bolvin he also will challenge NBA lightweight champion, Juan Zurita.

HOW THEY STAND

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New York	32	29	.525
Boston	34	31	.523
Chicago	30	28	.517
Washington	31	33	.484
Philadelphia	30	34	.469
Detroit	30	35	.462
Cleveland	29	36	.446

National	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	41	18	.695
Pittsburgh	32	25	.561
Cincinnati	33	30	.524
New York	32	30	.516
Brooklyn	33	32	.508
Boston	27	38	.415
Philadelphia	24	35	.407
Chicago	21	35	.375

Pacific Coast	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	44	37	.543
Portland	41	39	.513
San Diego	43	41	.512
Seattle	40	40	.500
Hollywood	41	41	.500
Los Angeles	40	40	.500
Oakland	39	40	.494
Sacramento	30	44	.436

Man From Mars Has Financial Troubles

Hollywood, June 29.—(U.P.)—Orson Welles, "The Man From Mars," makes \$10,000 a month but gets only about \$2000 of it, he estimated today in answering charges he has failed adequately to support his six-year-old daughter by a former marriage.

His ex-wife, former actress Virginia Lederer, said the \$135 a month he pays for support of the child, Christopher, is insufficient because of the increased cost of living.

Mrs. Lederer, now the wife of Capt. Charles D. Lederer, said Welles was supposed to make a will leaving \$10,000 to her and Christopher.

BARTELL FINISHES FARRAGUT GRIND

Farragut, Ida., June 29.—(U.P.)—Holdouts, options, contracts and selling prices were out of the question today for Dick Bartell, a big league infielder for 17 years.

Bartell now is a seaman, second class, in the U. S. naval reserve, having just completed recruit training at the U. S. naval training center at Farragut. He was third baseman with the New York Giants last season.

Bartell left today for Bainbridge, Md., where he has been assigned to the specialist's school at the naval training center for schooling as a navy athletic instructor.

Western Burner Erecting Tanks South of Town

Construction of fuel oil storage tanks for the Western Oil and Burner company has started at the Voorhies crossing south of Medford and will be completed about July 10 it was announced today. Work is in charge of the California Construction company with Allan Babcock, manager for the construction firm at Bakersfield, Cal., and former Medford resident, here as superintendent.

The storage tanks will be the second largest between Sacramento, Cal., and Portland, company officials state, largest being those of the same firm at Marysville, Cal., and are to serve both the Medford and Ashland districts. Total cost will be about \$10,000, it was reported. Mr. Babcock was accompanied

to Medford by his wife and the two will remain here until the construction is completed.

CORONER DIES San Francisco, June 29.—(U.P.)—Dr. T. B. W. Leland, 73, San Francisco coroner for 39 years, died today of a heart attack.

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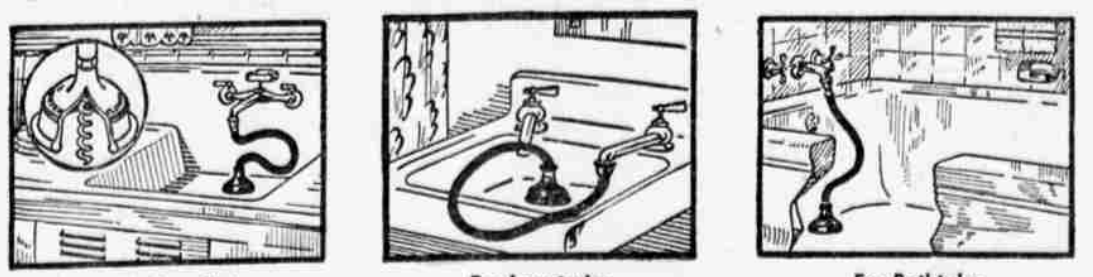
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