SPORTS

WAGNER SEEKING WIN OVER CHAMP FOR TITLE BOUT

Katonen's Prestige At Stake In Main Mat Clash Tonight—Cards Start 8:30

Paavo Katonen stakes his prestige, if not his Pacific coast light-heavyweight mat championship, in a main event match with "Gorgeous George" Wagner in the armory tonight, and if the latter wins the current crown-wearer can expect a vociferous challenge from the glamour boy for a title bout.

Wagner, ever since losing the championship to Katonen in a California match a little more than four months ago, has been agitating for a return shot at the toga. The clever Finnish matman has thus far ignored "Goregous George," but it is entirely possible he will agree to give him a title clash if Wagner should win tonight.

Katonen has promised Promoter Mack Lillard he will defend his crown in Medford before returning to California. Wagner, aware of this promise, will bend every effort to defeat the champ this evening and "force" him to put the belt on the block in a return match.

Throng Expected

The tussle, expected to draw another sellout crowd, will feature Katonen's science and knowledge of all legitimate holds versus Wagner's unorthodox tactics, which include most of the off-color maneuvers invented by the villainous grapple gentry, of which George is a member.

A pure and simple alley brawl will be witnessed in the middle event, with Jack "Bad Boy" Lipscomb meeting Harold "Buck" Davidson. They don't figure to waste any time with clean stuff.

Billy McEuin and Herb Parks, the latter light-heavyweight champion of Canada, will match scientific holds in the opener. This match, railbirds believe, will develop into one of the classiest exhibitions of straight grappling seen here this year.

The program will get under way at 8:30 sharp.

BIG THREE START FOOTBALL DRILLS

Berkeley, Calif., July 6—(U.P.)—The last of California's wartime football "Big Three" was open for business today, and Coach Leonard B. "Stub" Allison found 123 University of California hopefuls on deck, nearly three times as many as UCLA and USC turned up earlier this week.

Allison kept nine returning lettermen from his So-So 1943 squad among the 123 candidates, mainly navy and marine trainees.

Allison, who incidentally told the boys before sign-up that he was forgetting about a professional grid coaching job offered him by a San Francisco pro club, did not draw the top stars Jeff Cravath and Babe Horrell found returning at USC and UCLA, however.

Cravath will have eight lettermen from his championship Trojan team, including Quarterback Jim Hardy, star of the USC Rose Bowl victory over Washington last New Year's Day. Horrell was blessed with Quarterback Bob Waterfield, veteran of the 1943 Rose Bowl classic.

FOXX TO COACH

Chicago, July 6.—(U.P.) Jimmy Foxx, 36-year-old slugger who compiled a lifetime batting average of .325, has been removed from the active playing roster of the Chicago Cubs and signed as a coach, ending a playing career that started 20 years ago with the Philadelphia Athletics.

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Reds' Ray Mueller Equals Catching Mark In National

By Jack Cuddy
United Press Staff Correspondent

New York, July 6—(U.P.)—Those "durability twins" of the major leagues, Ray Mueller of the Reds and Frankie Hayes of the Athletics, probably will be doing business at the same old stand—behind home plate—when the teams square off for the annual all-star sociable at Pittsburgh next Tuesday night, but if they obeyed their creaking bones they more than likely would take the night off.

The all-star contest usually affords the majority of the major leaguers a three-day vacation and how those two knights of the iron mask could use it. Neither one of them has missed a game this season and for catchers that constitutes a baseball miracle.

Moreover, Mueller went through nearly half of last season handling every game for every Red pitcher and yesterday he tied a modern National league mark of 35 years' standing, when he caught his 133rd straight contest over the two-year span.

This business of "overtime" in baseball's must gruelling job is nothing new to these specialists in a spot where it's a soft day if you don't get some hard knocks. Mueller caught in 141 of Cincinnati's 154 games last year and as a minor leaguer with Sacramento in the Pacific Coast league in 1942 worked in 166 games. The 32-year-old veteran, who was born in the soft coal country of southern Kansas, has been in 510 major league games in six and a half seasons and he wasn't even a regular when he started with the Boston Braves in 1935. He also has seen service with the Pittsburgh Pirates, who moved him into the St. Louis Cardinal chain in 1940, where he remained until Cincinnati acquired him in 1942.

SEGURA, TALBERT ADVANCE IN MEET

Neenah, Wis., July 6—(U.P.)—Francisco (Pancho) Segura, Miami University, and Bill Talbert, Indianapolis, Ind., seeded No. 1 and 2 players in the 57th annual Western Tennis championships, entered the quarter-finals today against Dick Warner, Salt Lake City, and Dale Lewis, Logan, Utah, today.

Segura, who took an easy 6-2, 6-1 match from Bill Grode, Menasha, Wis., yesterday, meets his first stiff competition in Warner who had advanced previously to the quarters.

Talbert, considered the only obstacle in Segura's bid for the western crown, smashed out a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Joseph Bleckinger, Oshkosh, Wis., yesterday, to back up his No. 2 tourney rating.

HOW THEY STAND

American

	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	42	32	.568
Boston	39	34	.534
New York	35	34	.507
Chicago	33	33	.500
Washington	35	37	.486
Detroit	35	38	.478
Cleveland	35	38	.478
Philadelphia	32	40	.444

National

	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	48	19	.716
Cincinnati	39	31	.557
Pittsburgh	35	30	.538
New York	34	36	.486
Brooklyn	33	39	.458
Philadelphia	30	38	.441
Boston	29	42	.408
Chicago	25	38	.403

Pacific Coast

	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	46	42	.523
Oakland	45	42	.517
Seattle	45	43	.511
San Diego	46	45	.505
Los Angeles	44	44	.500
Portland	43	45	.489
Hollywood	44	46	.489
Sacramento	40	46	.465

The town of Scotia, Humboldt county, is built entirely of redwood.

BEAVERS THUMPED BY SEATTLE, 8-4

By United Press

The Oakland Acorns, latest team to crawl to the top of the heap in the hectic Pacific Coast league pennant chase, were back in second place today after having a six-game winning streak smashed by the San Francisco Seals, 8-1.

The Seals took over the top spot again, a half game ahead of the Oaks, one ahead of Seattle, 1½ ahead of San Diego, two ahead of Los Angeles, three ahead of Hollywood and Portland and but five ahead of last-place Sacramento.

San Diego lost its third straight to the surprising Sacramento Solons, currently the hottest team in the league, 6-5. Seattle thumped Portland, 8-4, and Los Angeles shut out Hollywood, 3-0. Score:

Seattle	8	13	2
Portland	4	11	4

Speece and Spindel; Mosser, Federmeyer and Campbell.

BUCK SHAW QUITS SANTA CLARA JOB

Santa Clara, Calif., July 6.—(U.P.) Lawrence T. "Buck" Shaw, colorful coach of the University of Santa Clara Broncos, was a free agent today after resigning from the position of head football mentor he had held for the past eight years.

Shaw and the university agreed to cancel a contract running until 1947 in view of the curtailed football program at the Jesuit institution, the Rev. Charles J. Walsh, S.J., president of the university, announced.

The Broncos abandoned the gridiron last year for the duration of the war. No immediate action in naming a successor to Shaw is contemplated, Father Walsh said, nor did he know whether Shaw would return to the position after the war.

CARDINAL ACE WILL ENTER ARMY JULY 11

St. Louis, July 6.—(U.P.)—George Munger of the St. Louis Cardinals, who became the National league's leading pitcher last night when he won his 11th victory against two defeats, will report for army duty next Tuesday, July 11, the day he was scheduled to play in the major league all-star game at Pittsburgh, he said today.

Munger, whose work on the mound has overshadowed that of such veteran Cardinal stars as Morton Cooper and Max Lanier, is 25 years old.

NEW GRIDIRON LOOP MAY INCLUDE HAWAII

Pittsburgh, July 6.—(U.P.)—Roland D. Payne, Pittsburgh industrialist and sponsor of a proposed new professional football league, said today that plans for extending operations to Hawaii would be discussed in a meeting of representatives at Philadelphia on July 23.

Payne said holders of certificates of operation would ratify a constitution, select a name and elect permanent officers at the meeting.

Ribbon Falls, highest in Yosemite, drop 1612 feet, a height almost ten times greater than that of Niagara.

DONALD PITCHES YANKS BACK INTO THIRD POSITION

New York, July 6 —(U.P.)— If Atley Donald and the New York Yankees could strike a winning stride at the same time there might even yet be time for the world champions to emerge with another American league pennant, it appeared today.

Moreover, if the drawling Dixie flinger from Morton, Miss., has as much luck with other teams as he does against Cleveland no pitcher in baseball could top him.

Donald defeated the Indians yesterday, 6 to 2, for the 11th time in 12 attempts in his five years with the Yanks. The victory moved them back to third place ahead of the Chicago White Sox. Donald pitched a seven hitter and got 11-hit support from his mates, Bud Metheny hitting his ninth homer of the year to go into a triple tie for the league lead.

The St. Louis Browns increased their margin to two and a half games over the second place Boston Red Sox, defeating the Philadelphia A's 4 to 2 in the ninth when Relief Pitcher George Caster singled home two runs to win his own game.

Detroit held Boston back, defeating the Red Sox 8 to 1 with an early uprising which netted five runs in three innings.

The Washington Senators dropped the Chicago White Sox into fourth place by winning a 3 to 1 pitching battle.

Cincinnati regained second place in the National league for the first time since June 3, defeating Brooklyn 4 to 1, with Ray Mueller tying a modern league mark by catching his 133rd straight game. It was Brooklyn's ninth consecutive defeat.

The pace setting Cardinals won their seventh straight, defeating New York 4 to 1, as Pitcher George Munger won his 11th game against two defeats.

The Chicago Cubs dropped to eighth place after being out one day, the Boston Braves defeating them 7 to 2 behind Jim Tobin's seven hit pitching.

Dick (Kewpie) Barrett of the Philadelphia Phillies gained credit for two victories in one day, winning a suspended game 9 to 4 with one inning of work, then going the route to defeat Pittsburgh 12 to 2 in the regular contest. The double defeat ousted the Pirates from second place.

At Craterian

Now playing at the Craterian is "Four Jills in a Jeep," with Kay Francis, Carole Landis, Martha Raye, Mitzi Mayfair and Jimmy Dorsey and his orchestra.

INITIAL PLAYOFF CONTEST SUNDAY

The first of two games to determine the Medford - Camp White Baseball league championship will be played at the fairgrounds park Sunday afternoon, with the Craters facing the Station Hospital. Two weeks later, on July 23, the winner of this contest will meet the Western Personnel Reassignment Center club for the title.

The first round-robin playoff series for the crown wound up in a triple tie, with each of the three teams winning one and losing one. The Station Hospital defeated WPRC but lost to the Craters who, in turn, were beaten by WPRC.

CLIFT CHANGES MIND

Washington, July 6.—(U.P.)—Infielder Harlond Clift, sent to the Washington Senators in a trade from the St. Louis Browns has reconsidered his decision to stay out of baseball this season and is flying from his home in Yakima, Wash., to join the team, President Clark Griffith said today.

ESCAPEE RECAPTURED

Walla Walla, Wash., July 6—(U.P.)Edward L. Yager, 30-year-old Seattle murderer who escaped from the state penitentiary with a companion last night by means of a prison-made key and a crude fire-bomb, was recaptured today still on the prison grounds, Warden Bert O. Webb anpounced.

The master index of the veterans' administration contains more than 19 million names of veterans of all wars, living and dead, including present members of the armed forces.

Judge Takes Son From Embattled Heinz Parents

Hollywood, July 6 —(U.P.)—Judge Charles E. Haas today reprimanded Clifford Stanton Heinz, Jr., scion of the wealthy food packing family, and his wife, who engaged in an embittered fight over custody of their four-year-old son, and ordered the boy placed in a nursery school.

After the boy, Clifford III, has remained in care of "non-relatives" at the school for a year, Judge Haas ruled, the father will assume custody.

The decision came after a five-week trial in which Heinz alleged that Count Walter Von Neudegg, a skiing instructor, had been found naked in his wife's hotel room. The wife described the incident as a frame-up.

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