

SPORTS

BELASTRO WILL BATTLE MORELLI ON MAT TONIGHT

Pete Substituting for Lipscomb in Top Main Event; Champ Faces Davidson.

Pete Belastro, the Wild Wop from Weed, will substitute for Jack Lipscomb against Terrible Tony Morelli in the top half of a double main event in the Medford armory wrestling ring tonight. Promoter Mack Lillard announced today.

Lipscomb, Lillard said, would be unable to go through with the match because of some difficulty encountered in Salem. While details were meager, Lillard said that Don Owen, Salem promoter, told him in a telephone conversation last night that Lipscomb had been served with a disturbance during a recent wrestling match in the Capitol City. Lillard said he understood that Lipscomb became involved in a fight with spectators and that a warrant had been issued for his arrest.

So, instead of Lipscomb, it will be Belastro just a mean and just as tough, whom Morelli will try to take apart with his bare hands. And it will be bare hands, for certain, for Morelli will be the object of a public search party before he and Belastro come to grips.

To Be Searched
Because Mr. Morelli, in succession, has used on opponents a pop bottle, a rubber stamp and the top of a water faucet, he will be checked over very carefully before allowed to trade punches with Belastro, a mean character in his own right.

The "frisking" will occur in the center of the ring with everybody looking on. It will be done to see that Morelli hasn't secreted, somewhere on his person, anything that might be construed as a hard foreign object. The Medford Boxing and Wrestling commission made this ruling in lieu of suspending the ferocious Floridan after last week's alley-brawl.

In that donnybrook, Morelli had the water faucet handle taped to his knee, which he drove many times into Lipscomb's back and head. Needless to say, those blows weren't carresses.

Tonight, meeting Lipscomb's substitute, Morelli will have to forget all about outside help and face Pete with his bare hands. Science will hold forth in the lower half of the twin main event, where Panvo Katonen, Pacific coast light-heavyweight champion, will face Harold (Buck) Davidson. Both top bouts will go one hour or two out of three falls.

Jack Kaiser of Vancouver, Wash., one of the finest clean operators on the coast, will tangle with Pat O'Dowdy in the three-round opener.

Tonight's program will be the last until after Labor Day, and Promoter Mack Lillard, expecting a sell-out throng, has had 100 additional reserved seats installed. The opening match will begin at 8:30.

MCSPADEN LEADS FIELD IN FIRST ROUND PGA MEET

Jug Becomes Man to Beat With Win Over Coltart; Nelson Posts Victory.

By Willard Eberhart
United Press Staff Correspondent
Spokane, Wash., Aug. 17.—(U.P.)—Harold (Jug) McSpaden, the golfer who isn't up to par unless he is under it, remained aloof from regulation figures today and became "the man to beat" in the Professional Golfers' association tournament over the Manito course.

He turned in nine birdies and 22 pars yesterday in the first round of match play to defeat Bruce Coltart of Aberdeen, N. J., 7 and 5, the best display of golf in the meet to date. He had a first round medal of 67, the lowest 18 holes of the tournament and was four under par in the afternoon round when the match ended on the 31st hole. Coltart played excellent golf himself, showing a card of two under par for the 31 holes, but he couldn't cope with the Philadelphia sharpshooter.

Byron Nelson of Toledo, O., the tournament medalist moved to the second round with a 5 and 4 victory over Mike Demassey of San Jose, Calif., shooting a three-under-par 69 on the first 18. The match ended on the 32nd green with Nelson playing even par golf to that point.

Goggin Advances
The veteran Willie Goggin of White Plains, N. Y., gained a high rating with an 8 and 7 victory over Purvis Ferree of Winston-Salem.

P. G. A. president, Ed Dudley, moved up with a 7 and 6 victory over Steve Savel of Schenectady, N. Y., while Jimmy Hines of Amsterdam, N. Y., won from Thurman Edwards of Winston-Salem, also by a 7 and 6 margin.

Chuck Congdon, Tacoma, Wash., eliminated Henry Williams, Jr., of Roysford, Pa., 7 and 5.
In one of the closest matches, Mark Fry of Oakland, Calif., topped Spokane's lone entrant, Neil Christian of the Downriver Golf club, 2 and 1.

Tony Manero of Greenwich, Conn., the former U. S. open champion, was extended into the tournament's first extra hole match, defeating M. C. Alaridge of Huntington Beach, Calif., 1 up on the 38th green.

The ex-ball player, Sammy Byrd, turned in the day's second best round, going six under par for 33 holes to defeat W. A. Stackhouse of Sequim, Tex., 4 and 3.

Bob Hamilton of Evansville, Ind., trimmed Gene Kunes of Philadelphia, 6 and 5.

Craig Wood of Mamaroneck, N. Y., eliminated James D'Angelo of Muskogee, Okla., 5 and 4.

Fred Annon, the dark horse from Mamaroneck, beat Harry Nettelbladt of Avon, Conn., 5 and 4.

Portlander Loses
Other results:
Harry Bassler of Culver City, Calif., eliminated Joe Moezel of Portland, Ore., 6 and 5.
Tony Penna, Dayton, O., defeated Morris Gravatt, Williamsport, Pa., 3 and 2.

Arthur Bell of San Francisco defeated Joseph Zarhardt, Norristown, Pa., 1 up on the 37th.
George Schmeider of Salt Lake City eliminated Ted Longworth, Portland, Ore., 7 and 6.

PORTLAND JUNIOR BASEBALLERS WIN PAIR IN TOURNEY

Great Falls, Mont., Aug. 17.—(U.P.)—The American Legion Junior baseball team from Portland, Ore., ruled the region one playoff tournament here today with two clean wins as Payette, Ida., and McGill, Nev., were scheduled to clash this afternoon for the right to face the Oregon champions in the final round tonight.

Behind the brilliant two-hit pitching of Jack Statzer, Portland blanked McGill 7-0 last night after Payette had come back from a first-round beating by Portland to drub Bremerton, Wash., 14 to 2. The defeat eliminated the Washington club from the tournament, since it lost an opening round contest to McGill 6-3.

Statzer was never in trouble and his teammates seized every opportunity to score, capitalizing on seven McGill errors. The Portland hurler also led the batting attack with three singles in as many trips. Portland found its stride in the fifth, chalking up two runs. The Oregonians added one more in the sixth, three in the seventh and one in the eighth.

Miles City, Mont., Aug. 17.—(U.P.)—The winner of a third-round game between Miles City, Mont., and Denver, Colo., today will meet Aberdeen, S. D., tonight in the final elimination contest of the region three American Legion baseball tournament here.

The Miles City club dropped a game to a smooth-playing Aberdeen nine, 7-3, last night, pushing the South Dakota champions into the finals, while Denver fought its way back into the meet by defeating Fargo, N. D., 9-7.

HOW THEY STAND

American	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	67	46	.593
Boston	60	52	.536
Detroit	59	52	.532
New York	58	52	.527
Chicago	49	55	.471
Cleveland	54	61	.470
Philadelphia	52	63	.452
Washington	47	65	.420
National	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	80	28	.741
Pittsburgh	61	45	.575
Cincinnati	61	46	.570
Chicago	49	55	.471
New York	50	61	.450
Philadelphia	42	62	.404
Brooklyn	44	67	.396
Boston	43	66	.394
Pacific Coast	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	75	57	.568
Hollywood	69	63	.523
Portland	66	64	.508
San Francisco	66	65	.504
Oakland	65	67	.492
Seattle	63	69	.477
Sacramento	62	70	.470
San Diego	61	72	.459

TORRID BENGALS DOWN BOSOX FOR 12TH WIN IN 14

New York, Aug. 17.—(U.P.)—If memories of the 1940 pennant race are stirring in the heads of the Detroit Tigers today, practically no one should be surprised, but the front-running St. Louis Browns may be a little alarmed.

For those who recall the lightning dash to the American league pennant in the final six weeks of the season, the present winning pace of the Detroit entry provides a "tailor-made" pattern for something similar this year.

The Tigers got off to a winning start in their important series with the Boston Red Sox yesterday, taking a 4 to 2 victory from Rookie Rex Cehl on Rudy York's three-run homer in the seventh. It was their 12th victory in 14 games and put them only a half game behind the second place Red Sox.

The Yankees were in fiction-fantasy at New York, Bud Metheny hitting a three-run homer with two out in the ninth to provide an 11 to 8 victory over Cleveland.

The Browns muffed a chance to improve their lead by losing 4 to 2 to the A's at Philadelphia.

The Chicago White Sox bunched hits to defeat the Senators 7 to 2 under the lights at Washington.

Curt Davis pitched Brooklyn out of last place in the National league, scattering 11 singles effectively in a 3 to 1 triumph at Cincinnati.

Bill Nicholson spearheaded the Cubs to an 11 to 3 victory over the Braves at Chicago with his 27th homer.

The St. Louis Cards won their 80th game of the season with Rookie Fred Schmidt fashioning a five-hit shutout over the New York Giants, 5-0.

DIMAGGIO SUFFERS STOMACH AILMENT

Honolulu, Aug. 17.—(U.P.)—Former Yankee home run specialist Joe DiMaggio, is under observation in a post hospital for a stomach disorder, but is expected to return to duty shortly, officials of the Seventh army air forces revealed today. It was emphasized that DiMaggio had not applied for a medical discharge from the army, spiking reports that he might be mustered out in time to rejoin the Yankees in a last-ditch bid for the American league pennant.

The outstanding performer on the Seventh AAF baseball team has been a favorite of enlisted men wherever the team has played, both in the central pacific and Hawaii leagues.

JOYCE FAVORITE OVER ARMSTRONG

San Francisco, Aug. 17.—(U.P.)—Hammerin' Henry Armstrong, the former triple champion, today found himself an 8 to 10 underdog for his ten-round bout with tough Willie Joyce, the Gary, Ind., slugger, next Monday night at San Francisco's civic auditorium.

Soft-spoken Henry, training in earnest for his fourth bout with Joyce, concedes that the Gary fighter is a hard man to beat, "not only for me, but for anyone his weight."

Henry should know, for Joyce defeated him in Los Angeles last year and again in Chicago early this summer after Armstrong had taken the second bout of the series in Los Angeles.

SHIRLEY FRY MOVES INTO QUARTER-FINALS

Chestnut Hill, Mass., Aug. 17.—(U.P.)—Shirley Fry of Akron, O., victor in an upset match yesterday, moved into the quarter-finals of the Longwood Cricket club special invitational tennis tournament today where she opposes second ranked Louise Brough of Beverly Hills, Calif. Miss Fry, 17-year-old national junior indoor women's champion, played brilliantly to defeat seventh ranking Dorothy Head of Berkeley, Calif., 11-9, 6-2.

BEVOS NOSED OUT BY SEATTLE, 3-2

By United Press

With Joe Mishasek pitching and batting Hollywood to a tenning 2-1 win over San Francisco, the Twinks moved back to within six games of the Pacific Coast league leading Los Angeles Angels last night.

The Angels found the Oakland Acons tough going, winning 1-0 and losing 3-2 in a double-header. Seattle ended Portland's seven-game winning streak with a 3-2 defeat, and San Diego trimmed Sacramento 3-1.

Seattle's twirler, Carl Fischer, also was the batting star of his game with Portland, scoring two runs and batting in another as he held the Beavers to seven hits. Roy Helser was touched for 11 blows. The Rainiers and Beavers meet in a double-header tonight. Score:

Seattle	3	11	0
Portland	2	7	1

Fischer and Spindel; Helser and Adams.

GEORGE JANTZER HIGH MAN IN SUNDAY SHOOT

George Jantzer had the high score, a 24, at the Medford Gun club skeet shoot Sunday. Jim Moore had two 23's. There were no perfect scores. A fine crowd turned out for the first skeet practice held for several months, 17 shooters trying their skill at the birds.

At least one more skeet practice will be held before the opening of the upland bird season and a regular 16-year shoot is planned for early fall. Owing to the shortage of ammunition the club will arrange only occasional shooting dates to carry on into 1945.

UNFUNNY AT HOME

Hollywood, Aug. 17.—(U.P.)—Roscoe Ates, stuttering stage and screen comic, wasn't funny at home, Mrs. Lenora Ates said today in a suit for divorce. Charging mental cruelty, Mrs. Ates waived rights to alimony and said she had agreed upon a property settlement.

MURDER MAY OUT

Los Angeles, Aug. 17.—(U.P.)—County Autopsy Surgeon Dr. Frank Webb today identified a skeleton dug up in the backyard of a Maywood home as that of a woman dead about 15 years. Pvt. Joseph Clark of Camp Pendleton, Cal., found the bones while digging in a trash pit Saturday.

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MERRILL STANLEY WINS HIGH HONOR IN ARMY SERVICE

Medford Master Sergeant Is Decorated For Improvising Phone System.

Camp Crowder, Mo., M/Sgt. Merrill Stanley, son of Mrs. C. E. Stanley, 343 N. Ivy St., Medford, Ore., received the army's official thanks Aug. 12 for his work in establishing communications in the Persian Gulf area when he was awarded the Legion of Merit medal during a formal review at this post.

The decoration, awarded "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service," was presented by Col. Barnet A. Anderson, commanding officer of the Seventh Signal Training Regiment of the Army Service Forces Training Center. Following the presentation, three thousand troops of the regiment passed in review before the young Oregonian who, by improvising an entire telephone communications system in the Persian Gulf Command, helped speed the flow of supplies which passed through the command to the Russian front.

Ingenuity and Energy
Sgt. Stanley was recommended for the award by Maj. Gen. D. H. Connolly, commanding general of the Persian Gulf Command. In his citation, General Connolly lauded the "ingenuity and energy" of Sgt. Stanley, pointing out that the telephone system that he improvised was "so well designed and constructed that it is still in use."

"His services reflect great credit on the military service and on himself," the citation read.

Inducted into the army on April 8, 1941, Sgt. Stanley was assigned to a Signal Corps unit at Fort Ord, Calif. Several months later, he and his unit were sent overseas to establish communications on the important Persian Gulf supply route to southern Russia. As a wire chief attached to the headquarters of the Persian Gulf Command Stanley was largely responsible for the development of an elaborate telephonic communications system in a country which could only boast of a single telegraph line a few months previously.

Combining makeshift equipment with American ingenuity, the sergeant went ahead with his plans for setting up an army communications system, rather than wait several months for standard equipment to be sent from the States.

Now In Training

Returned to this country last April, Merrill is at present taking a refresher training course here. After completing the course, he plans to apply for an overseas assignment with a signal corps unit.

M. Sgt. Stanley, who visited briefly in Medford with his mother in April, was employed by Western Electric as an installer before going into the service, being located in the firm's San Francisco office. He graduated from Medford senior high school with the class of 1933.

His army traveling has taken him around the world, since he went to Persia by way of the Pacific and returned, by plane, across north Africa and the Atlantic.

MOOSE CHARGES CAR
Warren, Me.—(U.P.)—Six persons, driving to nearby Waldoboro for a high school graduation, got a large bull moose out of season and the hard way. The moose charged into their automobile and was killed instantly.

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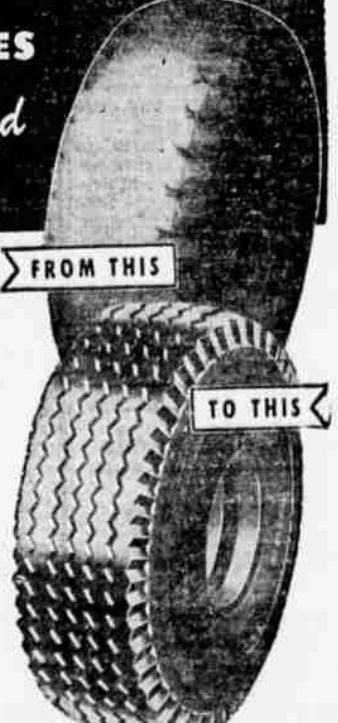
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