

"GRAY MASK" TO WRESTLE KAISER IN TOP STRUGGLE

Katonen Meets Davidson in Middle Tiff of Tonight's Armory Mat Program.

The "Gray Mask," one of wrestling's most disliked characters, makes his southern Oregon debut in the armory tonight against the Pacific coast light-heavyweight champion, popular Jack Kaiser. They meet in the one-hour, two-out-of-three fall main event of a program that has two other fine bouts on the slate.

Like the top contest, the middle go and the curtain-raiser will both pit a clean and scientific operator against an opponent who doesn't care what he does just so he wins.

Paavo Katonen, the powerful Finn who used to own the coast light-heavy title (until he met Kaiser), will tangle with Harold (Buck) Davidson in the four-round center attraction.

Ratan In Opener
Silent Ratan, deaf mute and clever as all get out, will face Pat (Rowdy) O'Dowdy in the three-hour opener. O'Dowdy is no mat angel.

Little is known of "Gray Mask" except that he met with a great deal of success during a recent campaign in California, where he toppled grappler after grappler with his unorthodox tactics. He weighs some 185 pounds and supplements his illegitimate work with occasional flashes of noteworthy straight mat work.

Kaiser, one of the greatest clean grapplers in the game, isn't worried too much about the hooded citizen but he realized he is faced with a plenty tough evening's work. Kaiser has met and defeated many matmen of the same type as the "mask" and he knows he can do it again.

PORTLAND GIRLS IN FINAL GAME

Cleveland, Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—Two unbeaten teams, the Hammer Field, Calif., Raiders, defending men's champs, and the Portland, Ore., Lind and Pomroy ten, favored to cop the girls' diadem — awaited final round competition tonight in the world softball championships here.

Four other clubs, following elimination of 26 of the nation's top softball teams in the past five days of tourney play, are still in the running for title honors.

The soldiers from Hammer Field last night battled 18 winners, 11 more than regulation, before nosing out a tough Fort Wayne, Ind., Zollner Pistons team, 2-1.

In the women's division, the Portland Lassies — who whitewashed the Stamford, Conn., Nutmegs, 1-0, yesterday and in four games have not permitted an opponent to tally a run — look like sure winners.

BOWLING

City league action last night saw Firestone defeat State police, 4 to 0 (Porter 346, Porter 204), Office Boys defeat P.M.T., 4 to 0 (Colton 370, Colton 231) and Henry's Drive-In defeat Union Oil, 3 to 1 (Bradley 531, Bradley 201).

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TROUT HURLS 8-2 WIN OVER YANKS; TIGERS UP LEAD

Wakefield Leads Attack as Detroit Cops the Second Game of Crucial Series.

New York, Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—Frank (Stubby) Overmire of the Detroit Tigers, a little man with a long memory, availed his chance today to gain revenge against the New York Yankees — a chance he has awaited for a year.

The Yankees are reeling on their heels now, all but mathematically out of the American league pennant race, but things were different last season when Overmire, a rookie pitcher, permitted them to clinch the flag. The 5-foot, 7-inch Dutchman, didn't want to be the "fall-guy" and he battled the Bronx Bombers 14-innings before losing 2 to 1 at Yankee stadium.

The fact that he pitched creditably and lost to the league's best hurler, Spud Chandler, didn't minimize his bitterness. He wanted revenge and today the situation is reversed. The Tigers aren't going to clinch the pennant — yet — but no matter what the Yankees do, they aren't likely to be the team to beat them out of it.

Presuming that the Tigers are due for a slump and that they may play no better than .500 baseball in their remaining 12 games, which isn't likely, the Yankees now four games behind would have to win 10 out of 12 to tie them and 11 out of 12 to win. The case of the Boston Red Sox is even more hopeless. Six games off the pace they would have to win all 12 of their remaining games to tie the Tigers if Detroit broke even and couldn't win under any circumstances unless the league leaders dropped below .500.

Tough For Browns
Even the second place St. Louis Browns have a tough row to hoe. They would have to win seven out of 11 games to tie the Tigers and there is no reason to think the league leaders are going to drop to a .500 pace when they have won 10 of their last 12 games.

Paul (Dizzy) Trout, one of the Tiger "victory twins," got in his licks against the Yanks yesterday, beating them 3 to 2 in his 23th victory and his sixth straight against the world champions this year. It was the second straight Tiger victory over the Yankees, and their ninth defeat in 10 tries at Briggs stadium this year. Outfielder Dick Wakefield, who has made 25 hits in his last 50 times at bat, started Trout out to victory with an inside-the-park homer in the second off Rookie Mel Queen, who lost his second game after five victories for the Yanks.

The Browns kept their ebbing hopes alive by beating the Washington Senators 5 to 2.

Cleveland outlasted Boston, winning 11 to 10 in the 13th by scoring two runs in its half after the Red Sox had scored once.

Chicago made all its runs in the seventh to defeat the Philadelphia A's 6 to 1. Pittsburgh kept intact its slim chance to tie St. Louis in the National by beating Brooklyn 2 to 1 while the Cards were rained out at Boston.

The Philadelphia Phillies established their longest winning streak of the year, six straight, by beating Cincinnati 3 to 2 in the opener of a double header, but Bucky Walters came back to win the second for the Reds 6 to 4, picking up his 22nd victory.

HOW THEY STAND

American			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	80	62	.563
St. Louis	79	64	.552
New York	76	66	.535
Boston	74	68	.521
Cleveland	68	75	.476
Philadelphia	67	77	.465
Chicago	66	77	.462
Washington	61	82	.427
National			
	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	96	45	.681
Pittsburgh	83	59	.589
Cincinnati	79	61	.564
Chicago	66	72	.478
New York	63	77	.450
Philadelphia	58	82	.414
Boston	57	82	.410
Brooklyn	58	84	.408

Wakefield Sparks Detroit In Thrilling Title Drive

By Jack Cuddy
United Press Staff Correspondent
New York, Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—The "vigor of Wakefield" has come to be recognized as the most potent force in the American league pennant push, and potentially a determining factor in the approaching world series.

Regardless of the garlands of orchids that have been flung about the necks of (1) Pitchers Hal Newhouser and Dizzy Trout, and (2) Catcher Paul Richards, who has done such an unexpectedly brilliant job behind the plate—it's the bat of Left-Fielder Dick Wakefield which now is generally appreciated as the Detroit Tigers' great propelling force.

It was Dangerous Dick Wakefield, the \$32,000 beauty, who paired yesterday with Fire-Baller Trout to drive another nail into the New York Yankees' coffin, 8-2. In five trips to the plate, this 23-year-old slugger garnered three hits, including his ninth home run of the season, meanwhile scoring twice and driving in two runs. He has hit safely in his last 14 games for a .521 average in those 14 contests. He did most of his damage yesterday while the game was close.

That was just another game for tall, handsome Dick of the chestnut hair; but it was an important victory for Steve O'Neill's outfit as the stretch shortens and the contending teams approach the pennant wire. It put the leading Tigers two full games above the second-place Browns, and four full games ahead of the defending Yanks. Regardless of the brand of snuff one uses, such an advantage cannot be sneezed off in these wind-up days.

Wakefield's contributions to the Detroit pennant drive were as unexpected as they were potent. His very presence in the Tigers' lineup for a portion of the '44 season may be attributed to O'Neill's luck of the Irish, which finally is catching up with one of the grandest managers in the game.

Dangerous Dick, who batted .316 for the Tigers in '43, enlisted for training as an aviation cadet in the U. S. navy last October. In June, however, the navy decided to pare down its number of aviation cadets. Wakefield was discharged honorably, and he returned to the Tigers on July 13. At that time the Tigers were in seventh place, eight and a half games out of the lead.

NORTHWESTERN TO HAVE GREEN TEAM
Evanston, Ill., Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—Head Coach Lynn Waldorf, starting his 19th season at Northwestern, will field one of his youngest, lightest and greenest teams tomorrow night when Northwestern opens the 1944 football season here against De Pauw university, Greencastle, Ind.

Waldorf announced today that five freshmen, four 1943 letter winners and a pair of transfer students, will start against the navy-strengthened De Pauw Tigers, whose roster includes eight former Northwestern players.

Northwestern, which finished third in the Big Ten last year, will use Freshman Johnny Yung-wirth, stubby, Fon Du Lac, Wis., speedster, at left halfback, the spot at which Otto Graham starred for the past three seasons.

KEN OVERLIN TAKES NOD FROM HARTNEK

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—Ken Overlin, former world's middleweight champion, won his third straight comeback bout by pounding out a one-sided 10-round decision over Paul Hartnek of Omaha last night.

Overlin, 170, from Decatur, Ill., won every round except the first, although he spotted Hartnek 12 punches. His next go is against R. J. Lewis in Denver early in October.

VOLS WIN FLAG
Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—The Nashville Volunteers went home today with their second straight Southern Association championship.

In yesterday's matches Parker, now stationed at Murco Field, Cal., disposed of Sgt. George Pero, of Merced Field, Cal., in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1.

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TORNADO IN FAIR SHAPE FOR WEED CONTEST FRIDAY

Despite injuries to a pair of first-stringers, Medford high's T-formation Black Tornado will be in fair physical condition for its opening game of the season against the Weed high Cougars here Friday night, Coach Al Simpson said today.

Al Kircher, letterman end, is definitely out of the clash with a case of poison oak and Jerry Clark, hard-hitting right-half-back, won't start the contest because of a slight touch of flu. However, Simpson said, Clark may get into the clash before the final gun.

With Kircher sidelined, Simpson has shoved Howard Whitlock, lanky sophomore, into the flank position. In the backfield he has shifted Earl Barnhart from fullback to right half and placed Marvin Dole at fullback. Other posts in the all-lettermen backfield will be manned by Glen Bostwick, left half, and Bob Watson, quarterback.

The mentor revealed that Lynn Bessonette, 210-pound tackle who has been taking things easy because of an injured shin was ready to go and would see action. He also said that Greene and Tingley were giving Porter and Cahill, starting guards, a tough battle and would play a great deal.

Other starters will probably be Riggs end; Sheldon and Plaskett, tackles, and Cave, center. The line one of the biggest in Medford history will average about 192 pounds.

Little is known of the Cougars except that several first-stringers are back from the team which last year captured the northern California championship.

Paul Davis of Grants Pass will referee, Virgil Swanson of Medford will umpire and Norman Sting of Medford will act as head linesman.

HOERNSCHEMEYER BACK AT INDIANA

Bloomington, Ind., Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—Indiana's hopes for a successful opening of the 1944 big ten football season against Illinois Saturday were boosted sky-high today with the announcement that Bob (Hunchy) Hoernschmeyer, Indiana's great freshman back of 1943, is back in hoosier uniform.

Hoernschmeyer was the big Ten's No. 1 passer last year when he pitched for a .453 completion percentage. He has been granted a special navy discharge and will play against Illinois at Champaign.

He had been stationed at the Bainbridge, Md., naval academy, preparatory to entrance. According to Bainbridge officials, Hoernschmeyer now will take his entrance examinations next April.

OVERSEAS TROOPS TO SEE BASEBALL STARS

New York, Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—Five star-studded groups of Major league baseball players and managers will go overseas soon after the world series to entertain American soldiers in front-line areas, the Army Special Services division announced today.

The 28 volunteers include 12 active stars, six managers, four former diamond greats, two umpires and five baseball writers.

CAA CHIEF CONFIRMED
Washington, Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—The senate today confirmed the nomination of Theodore P. Wright of Washington to be civil aeronautics administrator.

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Lawrence Luy On Poultry Co-op Board

Members of the Pacific Co-operative in this section will be pleased to learn that Lawrence Luy has been elected to the board of directors of the co-operative to fill the unexpired term of J. M. Cabot of Roseburg, resigned. This is a distinct honor, as this organization has been in existence for over 20 years and is one of the strongest poultry producers co-operative in the United States.

The local branch located on South Front street, Medford, will be in operation within the next couple of weeks and will be ready to receive eggs from members and will have a stock of feeds on hand for distribution.

Some time next week a meeting will be held in the county courthouse at which Mr. Keeney, general manager of the co-operative and Hubert Cosby, head of the poultry department, Oregon State College, are expected to be present. Notice of this meeting will be given later.

Guernsey Field Day
Josephine County

The Guernsey field day will be held in Josephine county on Friday, Sept. 29, beginning at 10 a. m., at the Ben Nelson farm. Classification of cattle showing the correct type and a judging demonstration will be given by Chas. A. Smith of Cloverhill Farm, Medford.

Farm Ammunition Quotas Fixed

An order has been issued by the War Production Board which permits dealers to sell to any person for the protection of crops and livestock, upon receipt of the required certificate, not more than 150 rounds of 22 caliber rim fire cartridges, 40 rounds of center fire ammunition, 100 rounds of shotgun shells of any gauge. It is the intent of this order to let farmers and ranchers get this special quota during the last of 1944 but not to get more than that.

Hog Ceilings Hold
To June 30, 1945

It was the original intent that ceiling prices on live hogs would be reduced 1 per cent per pound October 1. We have been advised that ceiling prices on live hogs will not be reduced from present levels prior to June 30, 1945.

—R. G. FOWLER,
County Agent.

Bigham To Head 4H Club Fair

The superintendent of the 4H livestock show to be held Sept. 26, 27, 28, at the Jackson county fairgrounds, will be J. W. Bigham. Superintendent of the home economics fair will be Mrs. Violet Hamilton. Bigham's assistants will be: Henry Owens,

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