

SPORTS

MAT PRINCIPALS TO ASSUME RISK ON ARMORY CARD

Promoter Mack Lillard announced today that Pete Belcastro and the Gray Mask, who clash in the headline wrestling bout on tonight's card at Medford armory, have signed an agreement to meet at their own risk and not to hold the wrestling commission liable for anything that might happen to them while in the squared circle.

The two mayhem artists will be meeting for the second time. Their first brawl ended in a draw after each had taken a fall and tonight's encounter is expected to draw a capacity crowd to witness what is expected to be one of the wildest fights seen hereabouts in a long while.

Jack Kiser and Harold (Blood and Guts) Davidson will be bidding for main event rating when they clash in the middle event. Davidson ranks close to the top among muscle mangers who divert from the book of rules but the flashy grappling Kiser expects to rely on his speed and skill to compensate for the ex-marine's dirty work.

Terrible Tony Ross will vent his vile disposition on Silent Rattan, deaf mute who is making his first appearance here in several months. The card will start promptly at 8:30 p. m.

Mack Main Speaker At Baseball Meet

Los Angeles, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Connie Mack, the white-haired baseball leader, will be the principal speaker tonight when 300 baseball players and officials gather at Biltmore Bowl for the National Association of Professional Baseball Players' annual meeting.

Charles Graham, president of the San Francisco Seals and of the National Association, will make the annual report at the business session to follow dinner. Motion pictures of the World Series will be shown during the evening.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

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TORNADO, K-MEN MEET IN BITTER HOOP CONTESTS

The third chapter in the civil war basketball series between Medford's Black Tornado and the Klamath Falls Pelicans will be written here tomorrow night when the bitter rivals clash in a southern Oregon conference game on the Tornado's South Oakdale court.

Medford won their two previous encounters at Klamath Falls in January when they downed the Pelicans 44 to 28 and 42 to 26. Press stories of the games appearing in the Klamath Falls papers weren't at all favorable to the Medford squad, referring to "dirty playing" by Al Simpson's boys. These stories didn't get well with the local lads and Medford is going all out Friday night in an attempt to give the Pelicans a lesson in basketball. They will meet here again Saturday night, also in a conference game.

Medford still leads the conference with seven wins and no defeats and one more victory will clinch the crown for the Tornado. Ashland dropped a 39 to 19 decision to Grants Pass Tuesday but maintained their second place spot with four wins and five losses, having played one more game than Grants Pass and Klamath Falls, tied for last with three victories and five defeats.

FIGHTER SCORES FREAK KNOCKOUT

Oakland, Calif., Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Ray Salas, 136, Berkeley, Calif., today was credited with a knockout victory over Mike Gamiere, 139½, Cleveland, although the kayo punch apparently didn't come from Salas. Gamiere last night fell to the canvas after Salas landed a short right to the body just as the Cleveland fighter threw a left hook. An examination by Dr. John Coleman revealed a vertebra in Gamiere's neck had snapped out of place.

Ringside observers theorized the injury came either from Gamiere's fall on the canvas or that in some way his own wild punch had caused a dislocation.

Coleman's examination took five minutes, during most of which time Gamiere was unconscious. The physician ordered the fight stopped, but Referee Billy Evans called it a straight knockout for Salas after a full explanation to the crowd. Gamiere was expected to undergo a complete examination later today. He responded to treatment and left the ring under his own power.

CHICAGO RELAYS TO BE MARCH 17

Chicago, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—The ninth running of the Chicago Relays, annually one of the mid-west's outstanding track events, will be staged at the Chicago Stadium, March 17, it was announced today.

Invitations were sent today to top competitors from coast-to-coast, including bids to Gil Dodds, outstanding miler who has forsaken track for the pulpit; Claude (Buddy) Young, national A.A.U. sprint champion, and the famed Michigan distance runner, Bob and Ross Hume.

PASADENA HOCKEY TEAM TIES WOLVES IN UPSET

Hollywood, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—The Pasadena Panthers last night pulled something of an upset in southern division hockey circles by holding the speedy Hollywood Wolves to a 6 to 6 tie despite a five minute overtime period in the first half of a double-header at Pan Pacific Auditorium.

BASKETBALL

By United Press
Army, 71; Pittsburgh, 51.
Navy, 55; Temple, 47.
Louisville, 63; Morehead, 58.
Oklahoma A. & M., 58; Liberal AAF, 35.
Virginia, 62; Milligan, 31.
Cushing General Hospital, 41; Harvard, 37.
Herrington AAB, 64; Bethany, 34.
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Miami of Ohio, 55; Cincinnati, 36.

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Sports World Takes Steps To Crack Down On Gambling

Chicago, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Striking at every vulnerable spot possible, the sports world descended on gambling today with a vengeance unequalled since bookies felt the wrath of the nation in 1919 after baseball's "Black Sox Scandal."

Sporting interests are doing everything in their power to block bookie operations and the gamblers may long rue Jan. 29th, the day the Brooklyn basketball scandal broke.

Following are some of the actions taken or planned by the sports industry:

Major League baseball—Gambling on baseball games will be subjected to a searching investigation and steps are to be taken to ban advance information on pitching selections and other inside facts that might promote illegal practices.

Western Intercollegiate Conference—basketball games must be played on school campuses unless the athletic directors give a member school permission to play elsewhere. All advance information on athletic teams must be held to a minimum.

National Collegiate Athletic Association—all member schools should instruct athletes, coaches, officials and publicists not to give out information on teams or players. The N.C.A.A. national and sectional tournaments may be played on a member school's campus next year.

Boxing—Illinois and New York boxing commissions have issued notice to promoters to increase police details at fights in order to keep gamblers out and generally keep gambling at a minimum.

BOSTON COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACH FACES SENTENCE

New York, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—The threat of jail hung over football coach Lou Oshins of Brooklyn College today because he refused to divulge the source of his report that police had tapped wires to trap the five basketball players from his school who were involved in a bribery deal with gamblers.

Oshins, who appeared yesterday at the office of Assistant District Attorney Edward A. Heffernan, was asked to elaborate his story that "the police knew all about this basketball deal because they had been tapping wires to discover other matters."

He said that according to his source of information, the police could have "involved other players, but cracked down on these boys because they had them cold."

Although questioned two hours, he would not say where he had received the information, other than to reveal that it was from "someone attending Brooklyn College."

Heffernan warned him that "the grand jury will be called into session again on Friday and you will be subpoenaed for an appearance before it."

"If you persist in your refusal to disclose the identity of the one who gave you the information, you may go to jail," Heffernan said.

MAJOR LEAGUES AID WAR RELIEF

Chicago, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—During three wartime baseball seasons, the Major leagues have raised \$2,630,460 for war relief, the American League office reported today.

The American and National leagues contributed \$851,405 in 1944 to go with the \$1,053,951 raised in 1942 and \$725,104 contributed in 1943.

War relief games have been the Major league's chief source for contributions. During the three-year span, the American league had raised \$395,364 from the games, while the senior loop has obtained \$565,784.

BOWLING

In City league last night Office Boys won two out of three games from Henry's Drive-In (Klart 225 - Colton 570). Union Oil defeated State Police two out of three (Weisenburger 220-573) and Firestone beat PMT two to one (Leaming 191-499).

VISITS LEGISLATURE
Salem, Ore., Feb. 8—(U.P.)—C. E. Wallerstedt, consul general for the kingdom of Sweden, whose station is in San Francisco, was a guest of the Oregon legislature on Tuesday.

FANS APPROVE OF CHANGE IN RULES FOR BASKETBALL

New York, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Early returns were in today on basketball's most revolutionary experiment—the awarding of extra points for long range shooting. Fans indicated they liked it, but coaches, players, and officials awaited further tests before committing themselves.

Columbia won the game 73 to 58 under the new scoring and would have been a 59 to 44 victor over Fordham under the conventional rules. It was regarded significant that the margin of difference was the same in both cases—15 points.

Changes provided that all field goals scored outside a 21-foot arc counted three points and that fouled players had an option of taking their free throws from 21 feet for two points or from 15 feet for the regular one point. A third change, with which coaches and officials found least complaint was widening of the "anti-loitering" lane under the baskets to 12 feet instead of the regulation six. A player with the ball could not remain in the lane more than three seconds.

A tabulation of votes by spectators showed from 60 to 70 per cent favored flat approval of each of the three changes, indicating that the new game was more "spectacular and provided a greater element of chance. The fans favored the longer field goals 148 to 105, the optional long three throw 135 to 85 and the widened three-second lane 132 to 65.

MONTGOMERY ARRIVES FOR L. A. RING MATCH

Los Angeles, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Bob Montgomery, N.B.A. version of the world's lightweight titlist, was scheduled to arrive here today from his Arizona Army Air Field station for final training before his 10-round bout Feb. 13 with Cecil Hudson, a local battler.

UNITED FILES TO CUT ALASKA TRAVEL FARES

Washington, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—United Air Lines said today it had filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board, preparatory to a hearing Feb. 13, proposals for cutting air travel fares from Seattle and Tacoma to Alaska nearly in half.

NEWS FREEDOM URGED

New York, Feb. 8—The office of war information last night began broadcasting throughout the world a message of news freedom by Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press.

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Officer Freed In French Fraud Case

Paris, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Lt. Ariod Dal Porto, Tracy, Calif., the second officer of the U. S. 718th railway battalion to be tried in connection with the mass looting of American supply

trains by GI black marketeers, was acquitted by a court-martial yesterday.

Dal Porto, a former southern Pacific railway engineer, was cleared on specific charges of neglect and stealing clothing and 30 pounds of beef rations from a military supply train.

He denied the charges and defense witnesses testified that he was an "honest but not clever" officer who was given his commission only because of the urgent need for experienced railroad men.

GETS JUDICIAL HINT
Washington, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Sen. Pat McCarran, (D., Nev.) said today the possibility of a federal judgeship has been suggested to him by "people in high places."

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