

# Wagner, Katonen Collide In Mat Mix; Ackles Back

**TONIGHT'S CARD**  
George Wagner vs. Paavo Katonen.  
"Sneezes" Achieu vs. Sailor Hogan.  
Kenney Ackles vs. Antone Leone.

Two former light-heavy-weight wrestling champions of the Pacific coast will clash in the six round main event of Mack Lillard's weekly pachyderm bill at Medford armory tonight. Heading the three-star card will be "Gorgeous" George Wagner, who reportedly has his fine collection of robes insured for \$5,000, and Paavo Katonen, the flashy southpaw Finn.

Katonen removed the coast championship belt from Wagner in a wild match at Hollywood some time ago and in turn lost it to Jack Kiser in Portland. Wagner has promised a bad time for Katonen tonight to get even for the ruffe to his dignity in the Hollywood defeat.

Kenny Ackles, the Hollywood motion picture star, and Sailor Hogan, who makes Jacksonville his headquarters when out of the navy, have also been signed for the stellar program.

Ackles, who made a great hit in his only appearance here, will tackle a tough customer when he meets up with gorilla-like Antone Leone in the three round opener.

Jogan, a fine looking speed merchant of the mat, will mix grips with veteran Walter "Sneeze" Achieu in the four-round semi-windup.

Lillard said this morning a near capacity crowd is in prospect but that several choice seats will be available when the doors open. First bout goes to the mat at 8:30.

## SEN. NEWBRY EXPLAINS HIGHWAY CONTROVERSY

Earl T. Newbry, state senator from Ashland, gave a full account of the controversy regarding highways 99 and 97 at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis club in the Holland Hotel yesterday noon. Newbry is said to have explained the brief prepared by Ralph Koozer, Frank Van Dyke and Paul Rynning and gave high praise to its preparation and presentation at the state highway commission meeting.

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# SEATTLE GAINS ON BEAVERS AS ANGELS BEATEN

By United Press

Vallie Eaves, big Indian right-hander, turned in one of the neatest pitching jobs of the Pacific Coast league campaign last night as the San Diego Padres downed the Oakland Acores, 2 to 1. Eaves fanned 13 and even had the umpires mystified. They suspected that he was throwing the outlawed spitter but failed to detect any signs to this effect despite repeated examinations of the horsehide.

The Padres tallied the winning run in the fourth inning on Lou Vezelich's single. Outfielder Norm Dewese's miscue and a solid basehit by Del Ballinger. Len Gilmore, ace of the Oakland staff, was the losing hurler.

**Portland Lead Cut**  
The Seattle Rainiers cut Portland's league lead to 3½ games by taking both games of a doubleheader with Los Angeles. The Suds won the opener, 5-4, and came back with a 2-0 victory in the nightcap. Keith Frazier and Carl Fischer were the winning pitchers.

The tailend Hollywood Stars battled 11 innings to defeat Sacramento 6 to 5. With Brooks Holder on first base, Jimmy Grant of the Solons fielded Manager Buck Fausett's bunt but threw the ball into right field, allowing Holder to gallop all the way in.

The Portland-San Francisco game was rained out.

**Scores:**  
1st game  
Los Angeles ..... 4 4 2  
Seattle ..... 5 8 1  
Phipps, Merkle and Greene; Frazier and Sueme.

2nd game  
Los Angeles ..... 0 4 2  
Seattle ..... 2 7 0  
Hicks and Kretlner; Fischer and Finley.

San Diego ..... 2 6 2  
Oakland ..... 1 4 2  
Eaves and Ballinger; Gilmore, Ayala and Fenech.  
Sacramento ..... 5 10 2  
Hollywood ..... 6 12 1  
(11 innings)  
Porter, Babbitt, Powers, Pinatar and Marcucci; Mishasek and Hill.

## Cochran Retains Five Point Lead

San Francisco, May 24—(U.P.)—Welker Cochran of San Francisco, today held a five-point lead over Willie Hoppe of New York in their transcontinental three-cushion billiard tournament after last night's game at the Olympic club.

Cochran took yesterday's block 60 to 30 in 35 innings but in the evening block Hoppe won, 60 to 52 in 31 frames. At the end of 86 games total point score was Cochran 4,580 and Hoppe 4,474. Four more games today and tomorrow remain to be played in the series.

## BOWLING

Results of mixed doubles at Medford Alleys last night: first, George Eads and Fern Colton 1142; second, John Hibe and Wanda Hood, 1141; third, Wilsie Pruitt and Audrey Swoppe, 1133.

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# Heroic Commander



(Acme Telephoto)  
Capt. Leslie E. Gehre, who brought "Big Ben" through the most terrible ordeal any American ship ever survived.

# BRAVES ACQUIRE MORTON COOPER IN PLAYER DEAL

St. Louis, Mo., May 24—(U.P.)—Rebellious Morton Cooper, key man in one of baseball's greatest dynasties, left a tottering world championship St. Louis Cardinal team behind him today to seek his fortune with the perennial laggards of Boston—the Braves.

The big fellow, who walked out on the team he had led to three straight National league pennants, passed up a chance at a world series cut in a long and involved wrangle over a \$1,500 a year pay raise, moving in with a team that hasn't won a pennant since 1914 and hasn't been in the first division since 1934.

**Barrett Wayfarer**  
Whether the trading of Cooper to Boston for nondescript Pitcher Barrett and a reported \$100,000 in cash signaled the break-up of the three-time National league pennant winners remained to be seen. Barrett, an off-and-on National league wayfarer since 1937, never has won more than 12 games in a season and usually has lost more games than he has won.

**Consistent Winner**  
Cooper, on the other hand, has been the National league's most consistent winner for three straight seasons, during which he won 22, 21, and 22 games respectively. In 1942 and 1943 he led in the number of victories and in 1942 when he was named the most valuable player, he had the top earned run average of 1.77.

The deal was completed yesterday at a conference between Owner Sam Breadon of the Cardinals, his manager, Billy Southworth, John J. Quinn, business manager of the Braves, and Louis Perini, head of the Boston club. Quinn said Barrett would leave for St. Louis without delay while Cooper was expected to join his new team mates on their road trip at Pittsburgh today or tomorrow.

**SAYS BILL BOYD LIED**  
Hollywood, May 24—(U.P.)—Film Actress Mona Ray today accused Cowboy Star Bill Boyd of lying in denying her story that he once gallantly shielded her from her husband's wrath.

# RED SOX HURLER DEFEATS BROWNS AS CHISOX LOSE

SCORES YESTERDAY

**American**  
Boston 4; St. Louis 1.  
New York 5; Chicago 3.  
Detroit 7; Philadelphia 1.  
Cleveland 3; Washington 2.

**National**  
New York 2; Cincinnati 0.  
Pittsburgh 9; Boston 8.  
St. Louis 11; Brooklyn 1.  
Chicago 5; Philadelphia 3.

New York, May 24—(U.P.)—As far as Rookie Pitcher Dave Ferriss is concerned, opposing batters are like so many names in a telephone directory, which is as good a reason as any today for his amazing success with the Boston Red Sox.

The 23-year-old kid, apparently bent on beating every club in the league on his first time out, is a little let down when he doesn't score a shut-out. He has beaten five different teams in as many games and has scored three shut-outs, allowing only three runs in 45 innings and just 30 hits for an average of six per game.

**Hurler Disappointed**  
Beating the Champion St. Louis Browns, 4 to 1, at Boston yesterday was no ordinary achievement, but Ferriss expressed disappointment at the finish because he didn't blank them.

The Yankees humbled the league leading Chicago White Sox, 5 to 3, at New York, making all their runs in the first inning to give Floyd Bevens in second win on a seven-hitter.

**Senators Lose**  
Cleveland topped the Senators at Washington, 3 to 2, in a night game.

In the National league Van Lingle Mungo pitched one of the best games in his long career, giving the New York Giants a 2 to 3 shutout at Cincinnati.

The Pittsburgh Pirates won a loosely played game in the 13th from the Boston Braves, 9 to 8, at Pittsburgh.

Rookie Jack Creel made a successful Major league debut for the Cards at St. Louis, beating the Brooklyn Dodgers 11 to 1.

Claude Passeau of the Cubs gave his ailing arm a successful workout against the Philadelphia Phillies at Chicago, winning 5 to 3.

# HOPKINS, DAVIES LAY GROUNDWORK FOR 'BIG 3' MEET

Washington, May 24—(U.P.)—The White House said today that a big three meeting is "definitely in the works."

Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross emphasized that the London and Moscow diplomatic missions of Joseph E. Davies and Harry L. Hopkins, announced by Mr. Truman yesterday, do not in any way take the place of the projected big three meeting.

Both President Truman and Prime Minister Winston Churchill recently have expressed desire for a meeting with Premier Josef Stalin, but Ross' statement was the first official revelation that plans for such a conference were "in the works."

Hopkins, for years the late President Roosevelt's most intimate adviser, and Davies, former U. S. ambassador to Russia will undertake their missions as "part of the general pattern of the coming big three conference," Ross said.

This apparently means that

they will lay the groundwork for the Stalin-Truman-Churchill meeting on the subject of which only Stalin thus far has remained silent.

# YMCA Too Worldly For Scotch Church

Edinburgh, May 24—(U.P.)—The general assembly of the Free Church of Scotland voted

38 to 28 today to break all connections with the Y.M.C.A. "because of its unsatisfactory attitude toward modernist doctrines and worldly amusements."

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