

MEDFORD MAIL-TRIBUNE

SPORTS

BELCASTRO GUNS FOR TRIUMPH IN ARENA THURSDAY

Pete Belcastro, the Wild Weed Assassin, sends word from his California home that he has been training hard all week in an effort to beat Rough Rufus Jones when they clash in a grudge rematch in the top main event in Medford armory wrestling ring tomorrow night.

The feud between the top-ranking junior heavyweights goes back three weeks when Jones took a wild match from the rough Italian. It took on greater proportions the following week when pre-match activities on the part of Jones caused Belcastro's early elimination in a battle royal and reached a peak last week when Pete lost on a foul because he refused to break a deadly surfboard hold.

Belcastro consented to the rematch only after being assured by Promoter Mack Lillard that



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Tornado Prepares For Coast Jaunt; JV's Enter Grants Pass Tournament

Only minor colds are bothering the Medford high school basketball team as they prepare for a trip to the coast where they meet North Bend Friday night and Coos Bay Saturday night but a severe cold has bedeviled Coach Al Simpson, it was learned today. A spokesman at the high school said this morning that Simpson was expected to be recovered sufficiently to make the trip to the coast over the week-end. The team will leave Friday morning.

Bill Bowerman, who is handling the squad during Simpson's absence, said the club is in good shape except for the minor colds and came through their rugged series with Eugene in good condition.

Ed Kirtley's junior varsity team has entered the Grants Pass Invitational tournament to

an outside referee, the best obtainable, would be brought to Medford to officiate.

Herb Parks, clever Canadian champion, will face the veteran Gray Mask in the middle event and Angelo Martinelli meets Ben Sherman in the opener at 8:30 p. m.

Glenn Davis Named As Athlete Of Year

Los Angeles, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—All-American Army Halfback Glenn Davis, Southern California's player of the year for 1942, will fly here to receive a second award Sunday as Southern California athlete of the year 1945, it was announced today.

The Helms Athletic Foundation said its award will be presented by James J. Jeffries, 1900 award winner, and Jack Dempsey, 1923 award holder, between halves of the Hollywood Bears-San Diego Bombers professional football game.

Long Island Seen To Defeat Oregon

New York, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—Long Island University was favored over Oregon and Oklahoma University over City College in final odds for tonight's Madison Square Garden basketball doubleheader.

Oklahoma has won four straight, while Oregon has won three and lost two. Both Metropolitan teams lost their last Garden starts.

GRIDDER HONORED

Los Angeles, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—Football Star Al Sparlis, sensational guard of University of California at Los Angeles, receives the Bruin alumni football trophy at a luncheon today as outstanding player on the 1945 team.

Market St. in San Francisco is the only street in the nation where street cars run four abreast.

be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons and evenings, Kirtley said today. The team replaces Jacksonville high school team, which was forced to withdraw because of illness to its players.

The opening schedule pits the Kirtley gang against a strong Reedsport team at 4:30 p. m. tomorrow. Other teams participating in the 24-game schedule are Gold Hill, Kerby, Grants Pass JV's, Central Point, Glendale, Prospect, Klamath Falls, Eureka "B", Roseburg, Weed, Cottage Grove and Eureka "A".

In other high school basketball activity, J. C. Tucker's team, entered in the southern Oregon independent league, got in some practice licks last night by whipping Central Point 34-32 on the Pointers' floor. The Tucker boys replaced Gold Hill, forced to cancel out because of flu.

Owner Strike Ups Purses For Races At Florida Park

Miami, Fla., Dec. 19—(U.P.)—Purses at Gulfstream Park were raised to a \$2,000 minimum per race today as a result of an unofficial "strike" by racehorse owners yesterday. Final settlement of the dispute was set for Jan. 2.

The horse-owners refused to enter their racers for today's events until the previous minimum of \$1,500 for purses was raised. Their action defied a Florida racing commission order which provided for the barring of horsemen who refuse to accept previously-defined conditions concerning purses.

Only 60 horses had been entered for today's eight-race card before the purses were boosted, but a surge of entries after the "strike" put the entry list at normal.

Hockey Results

By United Press
The Vancouver Canucks maintained their hold on the Pacific Coast hockey league lead today following a clean-cut 8 to 5 victory over the Seattle Ironmen last night.

Second-place Oakland Oaks held their position in the standings by outshooting the San Diego Skyhawks, 5 to 2, at Oakland, paced by Pat (Hubba) Hubba) Coburn who laced three goals into the Skyhawk net.

UCLA THUMPED

Long Beach, Cal., Dec. 19—(U.P.)—The Camp Ross Basketball squad dumped the University of California at Los Angeles team last night 47 to 33 for their sixth straight practice game defeat at the municipal auditorium here.

Services are still held during Lent in the old Mission Dolores in San Francisco.

INJUNCTION EYED IN DOPING CASE

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 19—(U.P.)—George Mahoney, chairman of the Maryland racing commission, said he planned to confer today with Attorney-General William Curran regarding an injunction asking Mahoney's disqualification from participation in hearings of trainers accused of doping horses.

Four Maryland horsemen—two owners and two trainers—asked for the injunction last night, charging that Mahoney is prejudiced and claiming that defendants had not been given enough time to prepare their defense.

Judge Joseph Sherbow signed the order and gave the commission five days to show cause why it should not be granted.

The action was brought by W. L. Brann, owner of the horses New Challenger and Weathercock, Brann's trainer, Ed Christmas, Sylvester Labrot, an owner from New Orleans, and Trainer Clay Sutphin. Hearings on the cases of Christmas and Sutphin, begun last week, were scheduled for completion later this week.

Luisetti On Navy Basketball Staff

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 19—(U.P.)—Lt. Angell (Hank) Luisetti, former Stanford and professional basketball star, has been appointed assistant basketball coach at the United States naval academy, Capt. Charles O. Humphreys, director of athletics, announced today.

Luisetti entered the navy in 1942. He will aid Head Coach Johnny Wilson with the navy team.

ASHLAND ELKS WALLOP ATHLETIC ASS'N 31-10

An outclassed Medford Athletic Association independent basketball team bowed before a strong Ashland Elks aggregation last night to the tune of 31 to 10. Leonard Warren, Ashland forward, paced the winners with 10 points while Webber was high for Medford with four.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By United Press
Portland, Me.—Johnny Greco, 145½, Montreal, knocked out Oscar Suggs, 151, Newport, R. I. (5).

New York—(Broadway arena)—Jerry Fiorello, 151, Brooklyn, out-pointed Bobby Berger, 152, Chicago (8).

New York—(Park arena)—Ruben Shank, 159½, Denver, outpointed Pete Deruzza, 156, Mamaroneck, N. Y. (8).

Los Angeles—Jimmy Rickard, 146, Buffalo, N. Y., knocked out Al Wright, 165, Los Angeles, (2).

UCLA SIGNS HUSKERS

Los Angeles, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—The first University of California at Los Angeles intercollegiate football game since 1942 was scheduled today against the University of Nebraska.

GAELS ON ROAD

Moraga, Cal., Dec. 19—(U.P.)—A 32-man St. Mary's College football squad will leave tonight for New Orleans to play Oklahoma A. and M. in the Sugar Bowl New Year's Day. Coach Jimmy Phelan announced.

The first American champagne was produced in a small winery in Cincinnati, O., in 1842 by Nicholas Longworth.

Conn, Bevins, Mauriello Top Heavyweight Boxers

New York, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—Billy Conn, Jimmy Bevins and Tami Mauriello were rated the top heavyweight contenders, in that order, by the New York Writers' association in its annual ranking of fighters, released today.

As expected, the association went on record as favoring New York as the site for the return heavyweight championship bout between Joe Louis and Conn in June. Likewise it approved the champions recognized by the New York state athletic commission in all divisions, giving National Boxing association champs consolidation prizes of No. 1 contenders berths.

The rankings, obtained by vote of members at the recent association annual dinner, follow:

Heavyweight — Champion: Joe Louis, Contenders: (1) Billy Conn, (2) Jimmy Bevins, (3) Tami Mauriello.

Light heavyweight — Champion: Gus Lesnevich, Contenders: (1) Archie Moore, (2) Lloyd Marshall, (3) Freddie Mills.

Middleweight — Champion: Tony Zale, Contenders: (1) Jake Lamotta, (2) Rocky Graziano, (3) Steve Belloise.

Welterweight — Champion: Freddie Cochrane, Contenders: (1) Ray Robinson, (2) Marty Servo, (3) Tippy Larkin and Jimmy Doyle, tied.

Lightweight — Champion: Bob Montgomery, Contenders: (1) Ike Williams, N.B.A. champion, (2) Beau Jack, (3) Allie Stolz.

Flyweight — Champion: Jackie Patterson, England. No rankings made of contenders.

Bantamweight — Champion: Manuel Ortiz, Contenders: (1) Benny Goldberg, (2) Luis Castillo, (3) Tony Olivera.

Light flyweight — Champion: Willie Pep, Contenders: (1) Sal Bartolo, N. B. A. champion; (2) Phil Terranova, (3) Chalky Wright.

Heavyweight — Champion: Johnny Longden, 35-year-old veteran jockey, spurned a lucrative contract with Movie Magistrate L. B. Mayer today to freelance during the forthcoming 55-day Santa Anita winter racing meet.

Longden, who paced Busher to her 1945 "horse of the year" triumphs, said he will ride some of Mayer's horses during the meet and has signed to pilot Honeymoon in the \$25,000 California breeders championship stakes on opening day Dec. 29. Longden was formerly under contract to the Mrs. John D. Hertz stable, riding Count Fleet to his dazzling triumphs two years ago.

Displaced Persons Nearly All Return To Czechoslovakia

Prague—(U.P.)—The Ministry of Social Welfare's repatriation department announced more than 1,100,000, or about 80 per cent of Czechoslovakia's displaced persons had been returned from Germany.

Five hundred thousand of the repatriated persons were listed as political prisoners and the other 600,000 as conscripted workers.

The displaced persons' assistance program reportedly had cost the Czech government approximately \$1,700,000 for transportation and \$520,000 for financial aid during rehabilitation.

The return of Czech citizens from France, Poland, Austria, Soviet Russia, Yugoslavia and Hungary was said to be in the planning stage.

BASKETBALL

By United Press
Chicago 46, Navy Armory 42
Illinois 64, Drake 42
Indiana 51, Cincinnati 44
NYU 92, Brooklyn Poly 24
Loyola of Chicago 52, Chicago Teachers 30
Washburn 38, Wichita 33
Harvard 53, Tufts 48
Toledo 65, Akron 60
Virginia 56, Marshall 39
Kentucky 67, Arkansas 42
Louisville 51, Butler 41
Western Michigan 54, Utah 51

The original name proposed for Utah long before it became a state was Deseret.

Anyone Can Wear Service Emblem

New York, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—That little gold ruptured duck, which the nation's fighting men sweated out through years of war, can now be bought by any grafter, grifter or 4-F who has the cash.

Current asking prices range from 35 cents to \$25 in New York stores for the gold emblem which decorated Trajan's forum in ancient Rome and more recently was adopted by the United States as the token of

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