

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE Sports

COAST CHAMPION AWAITS BELCASTRO MIX TONIGHT

TONIGHT'S CARD
Joe Lynam vs. Pete Belcastro
Joe Smolinski vs. Jack Lipscomb
Earl Malone vs. Herb Parks

It will be a case of age against youth so far as years as a professional wrestler are concerned when Joe Lynam, coast junior heavyweight champion, meets Pete Belcastro, the Weed terror, in the six round main event at Medford armory tonight. Belcastro, who has been around the wrestling arenas of the country since before the time Lynam was starting on the Redmond, Ore., high school football team, will be gunning for a chance to force the good-looking ex-GI into a title match.

Tonight's battle will be a non-title affair but Belcastro has been told he can force Lynam into a title shot if he scores a decisive triumph tonight.

Baby-faced Joe Smolinski will be making his first southern Oregon appearance since being discharged from the army when he goes against tough and rough Jack (Buck) Lipscomb in the semi-windup, slated for four rounds or two out of three falls. Smolinski, who has probably been forgotten by most of the current mat fans, will have no trouble gaining former prestige if he can get past the hated Hoosier.

Earl Malone, who could easily be the most hated man in southern Oregon if Lipscomb were out of the country, goes against popular Herb Parks in the 8:30 p. m. curtain raiser.

Bobby Riggs Goes To Tennis Finals

Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 16—(U.P.)—Top-seeded Bobby Riggs went into the finals of the Tucson professional indoor tennis tournament at the University of Arizona opposite Fred Perry today by virtue of a victory over third-seeded Bill Tilden in straight sets.

Riggs downed the aging Tilden 9-7, 6-4. Perry won the final berth by defeating Wayne Sabin 6-3, 6-3.

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MAJOR LEAGUES PLAN FOR HEAVY SPRING TRAINING

Chicago, Jan. 16—(U.P.)—Big league baseball mapped the biggest spring training schedule of its history today, designed to give returning servicemen all the time they want to get the feel of bat and ball again.

The first postwar "grapefruit" circuit will include 185 games between National and American league teams as the 16 clubs return to their Florida and California training sites for the first time since 1942.

The American league service bureau reported that the eight junior circuit teams would play a total of 274 springtime exhibitions, almost 200 more than a year ago and approximately 70 more than the prewar average.

In addition to games against National league teams, the A.L. clubs will play 32 intra-league contests and 57 exhibitions with minor leagues, of mostly triple-A ratings, and all-star teams. American league teams will swing the entire length of southern states as well as dip into Cuba and Panama. Both Washington and the Boston Red Sox have scheduled games in Havana while the New York Yankees tentatively have arranged a nine-game tour of Panama.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By United Press
New York, (Park Arena)—Joe Dolan, 128, Spokane, Wash., outpointed Benny May, 125, Montreal, (8).

Elizabeth, N. J.—Allie Stolz, 133 1/2, Newark, outpointed Victor Flores, 130, Mexico City, (8).

Boston—Al (Red) Priest, 155, Cambridge, Mass., outpointed Fritzie Zivic, 151 1/2, Pittsburgh, (10).

Buffalo, N. Y.—Willie Pep, 129 1/2, Hartford, Conn., knocked out Johnny Virgo, 134 1/2, Rochester, N. Y., (2).

Salem, Mass.—Lew Jenkins, 139, Sweetwater, Tex., knocked out Jerry Zullo, 140, Chelsea, Mass., (2).

Hockey Results

By United Press
Coast League
Oakland 5, Hollywood 2.
Vancouver 8, New Westminster 3.

Hockey Player Turns Pro
Oakland, Calif., Jan. 16—(U.P.)—Nick Pidsodny, 21-year-old amateur goalie for the Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast hockey league, will turn professional with the American league Buffalo Bisons, Coach Mel Harwood announced here today.

JERRY ROSS OUT OF CONTEST WITH KLAMATH TONIGHT

Jerry Ross, high scoring forward on Al Simpson's Medford high basketball team, stayed home when the team left by bus this afternoon for their Southern Oregon tussle with Klamath Falls tonight. Ross has been bothered with a bad throat and has not practiced this week. His place will be taken by Bill Singler, who is fast working himself into a first string berth.

Simpson said Bob Watson would be alternated at guard and forward with Don Waldron bound to see a lot of service before the game is over.

The junior varsity quintet will clash with the Klamath Wildcats in the preliminary. Medford's next home appearance will be against the Oregon State Rooks here Saturday night when the JV's meet the Grants Pass juniors in a rematch of last week's thrilling engagement in the prelim.

Sport Chips

BY
Harry Chipman
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ASHLAND ELKS DEFEAT GROCERIA GOLD BARS

The Ashland Elks remained at the top of the Southern Oregon independent basketball league when they took a 39 to 26 victory from the Groceria Gold Bars at Ashland last night. The Elks led 19 to 9 at half-time. Medford Hotel plays Camp White Navy at Jackson School Friday night in the next league game.

BOWLING

In Ladies league last night Richfield Oil took three out of four points from Medford Seed and Feed (Swanson 550-Barr 529). Burgoyne's took three from Hubbard's (Swoope 518-Lowd 547) and Waincott's took three to one from Brown's (Colton 476-Riggs 494).

The five high bowlers of last night's games make up the Burgoyne team which will bowl at the state tournament at Portland next Saturday and Sunday.

CUB FARMERS

Chicago, Jan. 15—(U.P.)—The Tacoma, Wash., club of the class B Western International league today became the 13th member of the Chicago Cub's farm system. Luther (Red) Harvel was named as manager.

SALLY PLANS CLUB

Columbus, O., Jan. 16—(U.P.)—Sally Rand, voluptuous star of the weaving fans, slipped from behind her feathers at a local stage today, donned dress, and announced she will open a night club in San Francisco.

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One of the most thrilling basketball games we have had the privilege to see in a long time was the Medford Junior Varsity and Grants Pass Jay-Vees clash on the high school maple last Friday night. The kids deserved a whole of a writeup but the whole thing was erroneously omitted from our accounts of the main game.

At end of the regular playing time Medford and the Cave kids were all yotted up at 46-46 after first one and then the other team held a brief lead. A three-minute overtime found the score still 46-46 when it was decided that the first team to make a basket would win the game. As luck, and luck alone, would have it, Medford got the basket about a minute and a half after the second overtime started.

The main game between the varsity teams of Medford and Grants Pass was sort of anticlimax after watching next year's mainstays in their thrilling battle.

The Ashland Elks basketball team is doing more than its share for the infantile paralysis campaign. Not only are they meeting the strong Klamath Falls Marines here Jan. 30, but have signified their willingness to face any suitable opponent at Ashland, provided the gross gate receipts go to the paralysis fund. Added to the list of donations for the KF Marine game here Jan. 30 is 1,000 tickets by the Commercial Printing company. Every cent to be taken

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in at the game, with the exception of 20 cents out of every dollar for federal amusement tax, goes to benefit those stricken with infantile paralysis.

The Medford Athletic association and Groceria Gold Bars basketball teams also are contributing to the campaign. The MAA faces Rogue River and the Gold Bars meet Lathrop's in a double header at Grants Pass, Jan. 24.

Bill Bowerman, director of athletics at Medford high, has worked out a plan whereby more boys get to compete in competitive basketball. The high school originally entered the junior varsity in the Southern Oregon independent league but permits the sophomores to enter league play any time when the JV's have two other games during the week.

FELIX BLANCHARD WILL GET SULLIVAN TROPHY

New York, Jan. 16—(U.P.)—Felix A. (Doc) Blanchard, army's all-American fullback and intercollegiate shot-put champion, will receive the James E. Sullivan memorial trophy for 1945 at a luncheon at New York Feb. 24, amateur athletic union officials said today.

Measles and Flu Attack Gold Hill

Communicable diseases are especially prevalent in the Gold Hill area, with 20 cases of influenza and 24 cases of measles reported to the county health officer from that town last week. Also listed from Gold Hill were three cases of scarlet fever and six cases of chickenpox.

Ashland reported one case of scarlet fever and Eagle Point four cases of the same disease. From Lone Pine two cases of influenza were reported and Prospect reported one case of chickenpox. From Camp White reports showed two cases of measles, one of pneumonia and two of trench mouth.

Pierce Junction, Kan., Jan. 16—(U.P.)—Fireman Kenneth J. Moseley, 32, Falls City, Neb., and Engineer Fred Malsenbacher, 56, also of Falls City, were injured seriously today when a Missouri Pacific railroad freight locomotive "exploded" near here.

EAGLE POINT HIGH OFFERS PRIZES ON YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Eagle Point, Jan. 16—Publication of the high school annual, "The Eagle," is progressing here with present concentration on a snap shot contest ending February 1, according to Kathleen Davies, editor.

Judging of the contest will be done by Mr. W. V. Hay and Miss Yetta Olson, yearbook advisors, Helen Colwell, photographer, and Miss Davies. A money prize will be awarded.

This year's publication is the first in several years. Others on the staff are: Donna Colwell, assistant editor, Jeanne Adamson, class editor, Dale Ensminger, publications, Kathleen Vestal, dramatics, Helen Harnish, music, Rick Wolgast, boys' sports, Betty Walch, girls' sports, Delbert Valde, business manager, Bob Keim, assistant business manager, Bill Young, advertising manager, Wayne Russell, sales manager and Arlene Hickson, assistant sales manager.

Legion Auxiliary Invites Eligible

Children whose fathers died for America need more than a compensation check from the government, Edna Overmeyer, child welfare chairman of Medford Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, declared today in an appeal to all eligible women to join the Auxiliary and give their support to the Auxiliary's work for the children of the dead and disabled veterans.

Republicans Plan To Plan Activities

To plan activities for the next few months, the Medford unit of the Council of Oregon Republican Women will meet Thursday, Jan. 17 at the Holland hotel according to an announcement by Mrs. F. O. Northrup, 35 Myrtle street, president of the group here. The meeting is set for 1 p. m. in the hotel lounge.

The council is a new organization.

BRETHREN CHURCH WILL HOLD STATE CONFERENCE HERE

The state conference of the Church of the Brethren will convene at the local church at Mary and Saling streets with sessions beginning Friday morning and continuing through Sunday. Meetings of special interest to the community will be the La Verne College banquet on Friday at 6:30 p. m., and the young people's banquet Saturday at 6:30.

Dr. C. Ernest Davis will speak Friday evening on "The Christian College in the Post-war World." He is president of La Verne College in Southern California. Rev. Delbert Daniels, pastor of Medford's First Christian church, will speak at 6:30 p. m. Saturday on "We Must Be the World We Want." At 8 p. m. Rev. Ralph Smeltzer, under appointment by the Brethren Service committee to do relief work in Japan, will bring the message.

On Sunday, church school will convene at 9:45. At 11:00 Dr. Davis will again speak on "How Shall Christians Live in Today's World?" At the Missionary Rally, 1:30 p. m. Rev. J. W. Lear, director for the church on the Pacific Coast, will bring a missionary sermon. Closing session will be at 8 p. m. Sunday when Rev. Ora Huston will speak. He is director of Brethren Service on the Pacific Coast.

The public is invited to participate in the services, according to Stanley G. Keller, local pastor.

The Auxiliary is now expanding its ranks to meet the increased demands for its service work resulting from World War II. Women newly eligible through the second World War are being especially invited to come into the Auxiliary at this time. Their help is urgently needed in the child welfare program, as well as in other activities, Mrs. Overmeyer said.

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