

Japan's National Champions Will Wrestle Medford's Team Tonight

Biggest event of the high school wrestling season here, outside of the district tournament, is scheduled tonight.

Medford High school's Black Tornado will host the Japanese national champions of 1962.

The match will be at 2 p.m. at Hedrick Junior High school gymnasium. There will be eight bouts matching Medford matmen against the visitors.

Probable card is:

Saburo Sakai, 114.5, vs. Mike Horton, 123.
Mitsuo Nekai, 121, vs. Larry Simmonds, 130.
Shigekatsu Harakawa, 127.5, vs. George McNair, 136.

Tatehiko Shinjo, 134, vs. Tom Owens, 141.
Yoshiharu Tobita, 143, vs. Frank Williams, 148.
Akihira Sato, 152, vs. Ray Leauritzen, 157.
Shiguru Endo, 160.5, vs. Tom Metz, 168.
Satoshi Mabuchi, over 160.5, vs. Terry Winetroat, 178.

This will be the 17th appearance of the visiting champions against an Oregon high school this month. They began their trek through the state in the Portland area and have defeated every prep team they have faced. "Tremendous show" and "well worth watching" have been comments of those who have seen the Japanese youths perform. They reportedly have felt the strain of a gruelling tour of the state but it has not hurt their wrestling.

Sizable crowds have been on hand everywhere they have been.

The touring team met the Grants Pass Cavemen, defending state champions, last night, defeating them 26 to 0. Tomorrow they will be taken to Klamath Falls for their final match in the state.

That the tour was arranged is result of the friendship of Dr. Dale Thomas, Oregon State university wrestling coach, and Ichiro Hatta, who is in charge of the visiting athletes. Thomas is tour director. Hatta visited the United States with a group of college wrestlers in 1958. At the 1962 world championship he met Dr. Thomas again and the tour was arranged.

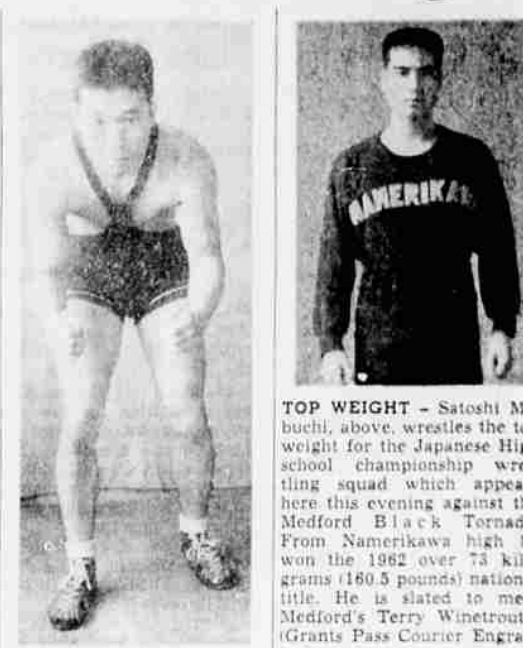
Japan Trip Planned

In a cultural exchange "home and home" series it is planned for an Oregon star team to visit Japan next summer and tour. Funds from the matches now being conducted will go for that purpose. Receipts have been so good that the Oregon team may continue on around the world.

The Japanese boys are staying in the homes of members of wrestling teams in the towns they visit.

The series now near completion follows a pattern of increased amateur wrestling awareness in this state.

The exchange has been termed "hand and holds" represents the first time a across the sea. This tour of this extent within one state has been undertaken.



HERE TONIGHT - Shigekatsu Harakawa, above, is one of the eight 1962 Japanese national high school champions who will face Medford high grapplers at Hedrick Junior high gymnasium here this evening. He is from Tokyo Jitsuzo high and won his crown at 58 kilograms (127.5 pounds). He is billed against George McNair. (Grants Pass Courier Engraving.)

By virtue of its wins over Grants Pass and Ashland last week end, Crater moved up from sixth to third. South Eugene remained first.

Grants Pass, third last week, dropped all the way down to eleventh, after an unhappy week end of losses to Crater and Klamath Falls. The Pelicans moved back into the top ten, attaining eighth place, Medford was tied for fourteenth.

Henley took over first place in the A-2 poll, bouncing Pleasant Hill to third. Elmira was second, Eagle Point fifth, and Illinois Valley 12th.

CLASS A-1	Pts.
South Eugene (16-2)	109
North Eugene (11-1)	96
Crater (12-1)	89
Pendleton (9-2)	58
Milwaukie (9-1)	56
Franklin (8-2)	44
Marshall (10-2)	38
Klamath Falls (11-2)	27
South Salem (6-3)	26
Corvallis (9-2)	21

CLASS A-2	Pts.
Henley (13-0)	101
Elmira (13-0)	92
Pleasant Hill (10-3)	87
Central (12-1)	80
Eagle Point (12-3)	48
Seaside (10-2)	41
Bandon (11-2)	40
Myrtle Point (11-2)	28
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Philomath (10-1)	20

Others: Grants Pass 13, Beaverton 6, Molalla 5, Lebanon 4, Astoria 4, Medford 4, Sandy 3, Cleveland 2, Hermiston 1.

Others: Coquille 18, Illinois Valley 9, Lakeview 8, Newport 3, Serra Catholic 2, Santiam 1, Concordia 1.

SPORTS

Henley Leads A-2 in OJ Basketball Poll; Crater Tied for Fifth in A-1

Portland-OJ-South Eugene and North Eugene continued to run one-two today among Oregon's A-1 high school basketball teams in the Journal coaches' poll.

Pendleton moved into third place, followed in order by Milwaukie, Crater and South Salem tied for fifth, Franklin, Marshall, Grants Pass and Beaverton.

In Class A-2, Henley was in first place followed in order by Elmira, Pleasant Hill, Central, Seaside, Bandon, Eagle Point, Myrtle Point, Philomath and Lakeview.

Hedrick 8th Wrestlers Top McLoughlin

Hedrick Junior High's eighth grade wrestlers defeated McLoughlin Junior High yesterday 39 to 28. In matches between seventh grade teams from the two schools, however, McLoughlin emerged victor over Hedrick by a 33 to 23 score.

The summaries: EIGHTH GRADE - Hedrick (H) 4-0, Gary Overturf (M) pinned John Langston (H) 3rd; Jay Poulos (H) pinned Mike Tillery (M) 2nd; Paul Lewis (M) decided Money Burey (H) 4-3; Rich Peters (M) decided Bill Leever (H) 3-2; Tony McPherson (M) decided Jack Hibbs (H) 4-3; Bob Mann (M) decided Steve Steinmetz (H) 4-2; Bob Andren (M) decided Rich Todd (H) 4-2; John North (H) decided Chuck Lowman (M) 2-2; Chris Ebert (H) pinned Brad Thompson (M) 2nd; Ernie Dawson (H) decided Jim Bryan (M) 9-4; Jack Van Buren (H) pinned Bill Atwood (M) 3rd; Chuck Pierce (H) pinned Larry Russell (M) 1st; Gary Lemacks (H) pinned Larry Spicibus (M) 1st; Mike Garner (M) pinned Bill Parke (H) 3rd; Ken Smith (H) pinned Dave West (M) 2nd; Dave Culbertson (H) decided Bryon Jones (M) 6-4; Jud Greenman (H) pinned Jim Porter (M) 1st.

SEVENTH GRADE - Rich Sears (M) pinned Bill Sparling (H) 2nd; Dave Leeson (M) pinned Mac Myers (H) 2nd; Larry Brown (M) pinned Bill McNair (H) 2nd; Rick Reynolds (M) decided Lynn Abernathy (H) 9-4; Maurie Skaggs (H) pinned Jeff Sireward (M) 2nd; Bob Allvater (M) pinned Danny Vorhies (H) 1st; Danny Robbins (H) pinned Jeff Jones (M) 4-1; 2nd; Phil Kendall (H) pinned Tom Fichtner (M) 1st; Larry Aguirre (H) decided Paul Hodson (M) 7-3; Greg Atterbury (M) pinned Gary Lorenz (H) 1st; Jay Avery (M) pinned Ed Wyatt (M) 1st; Vern Porter (M) pinned Gordon Sundry (H) 3rd.

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Webfoot Wrestlers Beat Southern Oregon 24-6

Ashland - University of Oregon's Duck grapplers subdued the Red Raiders of Southern Oregon college 24-6 in Eugene Saturday afternoon.

The university wrestled the smaller and less experienced SOC men for the first time this season. The Ducks scored six wins including three pins and suffered only two defeats in the regular matches. Doug Smith of the Raiders held his season winning streak by downing Dennis Radford 2-1. Southern Oregon's other victory came when Glen Moses defeated John Polio 8-3.

Oregon's three pins were by well experienced men in the 137, 147 and 157-pound classes. Jim Grush, the Raiders' strong freshman heavy suffered his first loss of the year at the hands of Terry O'Sullivan in a thrilling 5-2 match.

Coach Bob Bennett's comment after the match was, "The boys didn't have their usual spunk..." This was the Raiders' second defeat of the season. Their first came by the Pacific Coast champion contender Portland State college. Wednesday night the Raiders will meet Oregon Technical Institute at Ashland. The Owls of OTI have suffered only one defeat.

Refs Meet Wednesday

A meeting of Rogue Valley Basketball Officials association will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Medford Senior High school. Officials will discuss games of the past two weeks and assignments for games will be made.

RESULTS: 123-Doug Smith, SOC, def. Dennis Radford 2-1. 130-Dave White, UO, def. Gerry Holmes 7-3.

137-Manerd Bjorge, UO, pinned Trenton Douglas 3rd. 147-Charles Warren, UO, pinned John dePlace 3rd. 157-Doug Much, UO, pinned Jerry Hull 3rd. 167-George Moses, SOC, def. John Polio 8-3. 177-Bob Keeney, UO, def. Glen Moses 3-1. Heavy-Terry O'Sullivan, UO, def. Jim Grush 5-2.

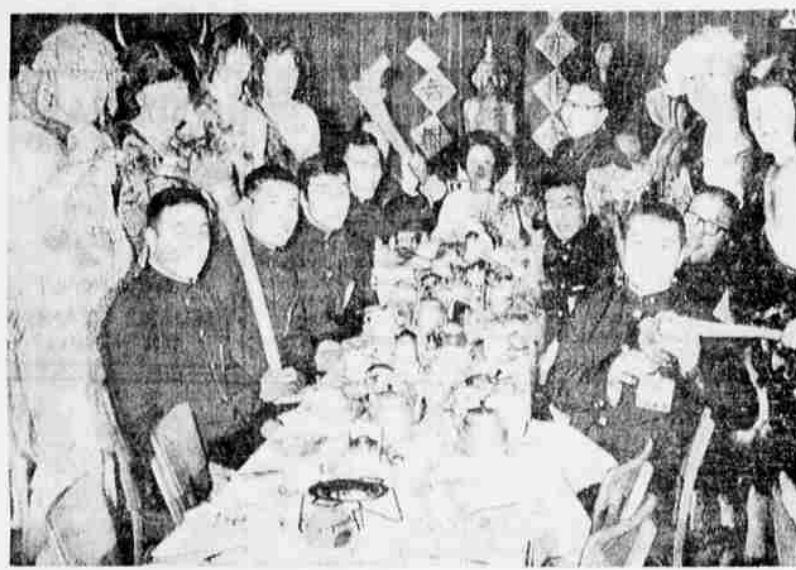
Racing Driver Dies in Arizona

Phoenix, Ariz. - (UPI) - Tragically roared down the dirt track at Arizona State fairgrounds again Sunday. Another racing driver was killed.

M. D. (Red) Sefton, a 27-year-old father of two from Ontario, Calif., who drove only as a hobby, was killed during time trials for the 100-mile California Racing Association Western States Championship. His car hit the crash wall on the backstretch, flipped over and over, and landed upside down across the track near the infield.

Names New Assistant

Corvallis, Ore. - (UPI) - Oregon State has named John Cooper to replace Bob Watson as an assistant football coach.



WELCOME TO GRANTS PASS—Members of the touring Japanese All-Star high school national champion wrestlers received the traditional welcome to Grants Pass from the Oregon Cavemen last night. The wrestlers proceeded to thump the Grants Pass High school wrestling team 26 to 0, however. They come to Medford tonight. (UPI)

Thorpe, Grange, Nagurski and Baugh Voted Into Hall of Fame

Canton, Ohio - (UPI) - Jim Thorpe, Red Grange, Bronko Nagurski and Sammy Baugh, possibly the greatest "dream" backfield the game has ever known, were among the first 17 immortals voted into the National Professional Football Hall of Fame today.

Also honored for their playing ability were backs Dutch Clark, Johnny (Blood) McNally and Ernie Nevers, center Mel Hein, tackles Pete (Fats) Henry and Cal Hubbard and end Don Hutson.

The six officials named for the Hall for helping to guide the pro sport from its original role as a stepchild of the college game to its modern popularity were former NFL Commissioners Bert Bell and Joe Carr, George Halas, founder of the Chicago Bears, Curley Lambeau, founder of the Green Bay Packers, Tim Mara, founder of the New York Giants, and George Preston Marshall, founder of the Washington Redskins.

The 17 - all picked unanimously by a national board of selectors - will be enshrined in a hall now under construction here where the National Football League was founded on Sept. 17, 1920. Five of the honored men, are deceased - Bell, Carr, Henry, Mara and Thorpe.

The announcement of the first group to enter the Hall was made by Dick McGinn, director of the National Professional Football Hall of Fame, who was present. "These are the milestone men of pro football. Their deeds and dogged faith wrote the history of this great game."

Meet Each Year - The board of selectors will meet annually to consider nominations for new members, with the next meeting scheduled for the eve of the 1963 NFL championship game. No set number will be chosen nor will it always be necessary for a man to be selected unanimously.

Thorpe, Grange, Nagurski and Baugh are perhaps the most famous backs in football history - and undoubtedly

Foresters To Hear Talk On Photography

The Siskiyou chapter of the Society of American Foresters will hear a talk on aerial photography at its meeting at Kim's restaurant Friday, Feb. 1. The program will start at 8:30 p.m. following a dinner at 7:30.

H. G. Chickering Jr., one of the members of the firm of Consulting Photogrammetries, Inc., of Eugene will talk on "Photogrammetry and Its Place in Forestry."

Society members, foresters and other interested persons are invited to attend. Reservations may be made by calling Kim's restaurant.

U OF O VICTOR

Government Camp, Ore. - University of Oregon skaters won the giant slalom race on Mullerport Mountain Sunday, but a Portland State student had the fastest time. Joe Darr covered the short slalom course in 30.6 seconds. Allen Sloan was the speediest Webfoot with 31 seconds. Carla Lawson of Oregon led women competitors with a time of 51.4 seconds.

Judo Group Enters Red Bluff Tourney

Ten members of Medford Judo academy traveled to Red Bluff, Calif. for a randori tournament on Saturday.

Bobbie Hardgrave of the local academy was an entrant in the intermediate division. Bruce Wick and Ron Seater entered the men's lightweight white belt division with Seater taking three out of four matches to finish in third place.

In the heavyweight white belt division were Ed Stuart and Darwin Moore with Moore finishing second in this class. Larry Nolte, president of the local academy, entered in the third degree brown belt division and won one match.

Bob Seater and Darwin Moore were awarded certificates and points for their playing. These points will be added to their scores toward promotion to green belt rank.



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