

From Marceles To Men . . .



By MURRAY OLDERMAN
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NEW YORK — (NEA) — The vogue in wrestlers changes just like the length of women's skirts. Last season it was Evil-Eye T. V. N., Montgomery the Mad, Baron Alexis von Kartoffel and Delicious Donald who were palpitating the crowds. The gimmick was the thing, whether marcelled locks or a dainty perfume spray.

This season the stage is set for the likes of Homespun Herman, Just Plain Joe and Honest Ernest. "The freak is passing out of wrestling," says Verne Gagne, a handsome cauliflower out of Minneapolis who belongs to the latter school.

Gorgeous George is in semi-retirement somewhere in the West, counting his turkeys. Gene Stanley, Mr. All-America, spends most of his time tending bar.

STRAIGHT

Gagne makes better than \$100,000 a year playing it straight — well, fairly so.

The day of the villain is in limbo. Now wrestling fans—55 per cent of them women—go for the brawny, handsome hero. World champion Lou Thesz and American idol Gagne are a couple of prime examples.

None of the other big men in the trade, the ones who gross better than \$50,000 annually, depend on butlers or frilled trappings to ply their business. Hans Schmidt, Wladek Kowalski, Pat O'Connor, Ray Dunkel, The Mighty Atlas, even Antonio Rocca keep their hair to a respectable trim.

Does that mean we can look for a return to the Greco-Roman school of tugging for five hours at a time? Hardly.

FURIOUS

"I could take care of Stanislaus Zbyszko in 10 seconds," insists Gagne. "What people go for is fast, furious action, and we've achieved this through a complete relaxation of the rules."

That could mean getting hit over the head with a chair one night or ducking a beer bottle the next, as has happened to Gagne. One night in Denver a gentle little old lady irately whacked him on the skull with her purse, and in Springfield, Mo., he was in the vortex of a tornado-like riot with drawn knives.

"It's a rough game because promoters want it that way," says Gagne. "It makes money — with our blood, of course."

DEAD

"So you think wrestlers don't get hurt. How about the guy who lay dead in a ring in Washington while the fans hollered, 'Puke!' Fellows like Schmidt and Kowalski are brutal. Schmidt kicked out four of my front teeth. Another time he dislocated one of my ribs. I was helpless, and he could have pinned me easily if he'd known it. Instead, he gave me a body slam, and the rib jumped back into place."

Gagne's itinerary might find him in Omaha on Monday, Des Moines on Tuesday, Denver Wednesday, Syracuse Thursday and in Newark, N. J., on Friday. Every week-end he flies home to Mrs. Gagne and the four kids at Excelsior, a Minneapolis suburb.

Last year he wrestled 268 times, won 268. In 1953 he's undefeated in more than 150 bouts.

What does he do when he's home weekends?

He plays sandlot football with the boys in the neighborhood.

TIME OUT



"Nuts to the students! The television cameras are over this way!"

CAGE SCORES

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
All-College Tourney at Oklahoma City:

Oklahoma A&M 67, Santa Clara 56 (championship).
Oklahoma City 63, Wyoming 54 (third place).
Tulsa 64, Mississippi 60 (consolation).
Cincinnati 83, Furman 77 (consolation).
Owensboro, Ky. (First round):
Kentucky Wesleyan 64, Denver 55.
St. Francis Brooklyn 58, South Carolina 55.
Gustavus Adolphus 66, St. Thomas 60 (championship).
Creighton 75, Illinois Wesleyan 66 (third place).
Tennessee A&I 88, Macalester Minn. 48 (consolation).

Midwest Collegiate Tourney at Terre Haute, Ind.:
Northwestern Louisiana 71, Findlay 68 (championship).
Other games:
Notre Dame 52, Northwestern 50.
UCLA 67, Michigan State 57.
USC 70, Iowa 60.
Michigan 76, Marquette 68.
Princeton 80, Syracuse 77.
Wichita 77, St. Bonaventure 71.
Arizona 79, Canisius 58.
Oregon 59, Sacramento State 53.
Baker Kan. 74, Kansas Wesleyan 56.
McPherson Kan. 101, Friends 46.
Southwestern Kan. 82, Bethany, Kan. 74.
Bethel Kan. 78, College of Emporia 66.

MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN PICK

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
HIGH SCHOOL
Grants Pass 82, Crater 40.
Lakeview 62, Eagle Point 50.

HOCKEY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Detroit 2, Montreal 2 tie.
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati 3, Toledo 2 (overtime)

TRACK

NEW ORLEANS—Wes Santee of Kansas ran the mile in 4:04.2, the third fastest clocking ever by an American.

NEW ORLEANS—Tom Brown of San Francisco defeated Fred Kovaleski of Washington, 6-2, 6-0, 6-3, in the Sugar Bowl Tournament final.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Mike Crane of Miami Beach won the Orange Bowl junior boys' title by defeating Eddie Rubinfeld of Miami Beach, 1-6, 7-5, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

BROOKLINE, Mass.—Phyllis Saganaki, 12, of Hamtramck, Mich., won the national junior girls' indoor title with a 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 victory over Norma Harris Brooklyn.

RACING
ARCADIA, Calif.—Alibhai Lynn (\$8,000) won the feature at Santa Anita.

MIAMI — Seventh Sun (\$22,600) captured the Solar Prince Purse at Tropical Park.

NEW ORLEANS—Fast Charger (\$18,000) took the Sugar Bowl Handicap at Fair Grounds.

HOAD, ROSEWALL SNUB PRO OFFERS

MELBOURNE — Australia's 19-year-old Davis Cup stars, Lewis Hoad and Ken Rosewall, have received feelers from America's Jack Kramer to turn professional but both answered "not yet."

The Melbourne Herald, which employs Australian team Captain Harry Hopman as a writer, reports that Hoad insisted he "definitely would stick to amateur tennis for a few years yet."

Rosewall was reported to be of the same mind.

In his first year as professional boxer, Joe Louis scored 10 knockouts in 15 fights.

Jeff Here Tonight For Opener of Cage Series

Air Lanes Keynote In Bowl Grid Games

By BOB HOOBING
NEW YORK — Victory through air power was the keynote for several bowl entries today with particular attention centered on Miami, where Oklahoma challenged Maryland's national champions.

The fourth-rated Sooners, one touchdown underdog, were expected to mix in plenty of passing against the nation's leading rushing defense club.

In other major bowl games Michigan State, No. 3, met UCLA, No. 5, at Pasadena; Georgia Tech, No. 8, faced 10th-place West Virginia in the Sugar Bowl; and Rice, No. 6, hosted Alabama in the Cotton Bowl.

At Jacksonville, Fla., Auburn pitted its "X" and "Y" units and the passing combination of Bobby Freeman to Jimmy Byrnum against free-scoring Texas Tech, led by second team All-America quarterback Bobby Cavazos in the Gator Bowl.

QUESTION

The burning questions of quarterback Bernie Faloney's condition and Maryland's right to the national title went on the line before an estimated 69,839 fans in a televised and broadcast game.

Faloney, the split-T magician whose knee was injured in Maryland's last regular-season game with Alabama and which gave way again several days ago in practice, will see some action, according to the team trainer. But his substitute, Charlie Boxold, was to start for Jim Tatum's powerful Terps and how much service Faloney would see was unknown at kickoff time.

Many people felt that Notre Dame, not Maryland, should have been named the No. 1 team in the country. The Irish, who defeated Oklahoma 28-21, voted the Sooners the toughest opponent they met. So today the Orange Bowl turf was to be Maryland's proving grounds.

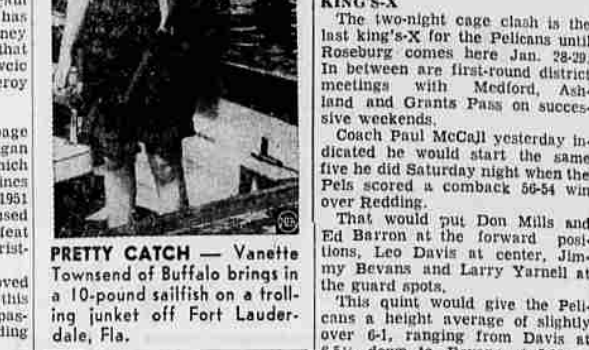
LINE

TV viewers looked forward to a terrific line battle sparked on the Terp side by All America Stan Jones and tackle Blubber Morgan and on the Sooner side by Lineman of the Year J. D. Roberts and

Set Last King's-X For Pels

After series splits with two out-of-state teams, the Klamath Pelicans train their cage guns on Portland's Jefferson tonight and tomorrow night on Pelican Court.

Klamath's junior varsity opens the show tonight at 6:30 against Hilltop Cafe of the City League; Chiloquin, defending Klamath County Class B titlist, are the jayvees' Saturday night preliminary foe.



PRETTY CATCH — Vanette Townsend of Buffalo brings in a 10-pound saffish on a trolling junket off Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Gallardo, Perez In Rematch

By JACK HAND
NEW YORK — The fight tonight is Davey Gallardo-Lulu Perez from the Madison Square Garden studio, a rematch of a match between two busy little featherweights.

Radio-TV viewers can catch the show at 10 p.m., EST, on NBC-TV or ABC-radio.

The International Boxing Club hopes enough fans will be attracted by the novelty of the first Jan. 1 fight in Garden history to make a passable gate.

Perez won the first match of this three-bout series because Gallardo suffered a deep eye cut that required two stitches. Gallardo came back to win No. 2, knocking down Perez twice in the fourth round. Perez was 4-1 in the first bout and 17-5 in the second.

The betting people are sticking with Perez as an 8-5 choice in No. 3 although the past performance charts show Lulu is a risky favorite.

With Sandy Saddler, the featherweight champion, due to get out of the Army in the spring and aching for action, this meeting of Gallardo, No. 3 challenger, and Perez, No. 9 behind Sandy, could be important. Saddler, incidentally, is fighting Billy Bossie over the weight at St. Nicholas Arena Jan. 15 while he's home from Germany on leave.

Perez has the better career record, 33-2 since he started in 1951. He has knocked out 119 opponents and never has been stopped. Gallardo is 47-14-5 for 66 pro starts since 1948. He has knocked out eight foes and has been stopped four times, usually on cuts.

Oklahoma A&M Wins All-College Tourney

By BEN OLAN
NEW YORK — The Oklahoma Aggies looked toward the remainder of the college basketball season today with high hopes of improving their already lofty rating among the nation's leaders.

The Aggies, ranked No. 5 in the Associated Press poll, captured the All-College Tournament title last night by whipping Santa Clara 67-56. Oklahoma A&M has lost only

Santee Runs 4:04.2 Mile

NEW ORLEANS — Hope for a four-minute mile was brighter today after Wes Santee of Kansas turned in a record 4:04.2 in the Sugar Bowl Track Meet—the third fastest mile ever run by an American.

Santee, holder of the American record of 4:02.4, flashed through a phenomenal 55-second final quarter yesterday to break the 15-year-old Sugar Bowl mark of 4:07.7, set by Glenn Cunningham of Kansas in 1938.

The slender Santee, who set the new standard over a damp track, said after the race he wasn't shooting for the four-minute mile, although a slip on a wet spot may possibly have cost him two seconds.

"I was just trying to break Cunningham's mark," he said. "I wasn't even thinking of trying to break four minutes."

Santee took over the lead just after the field crossed the line at the finish of the third lap. His time in the final lap was slightly sensational in view of the times turned in on the first three quarters. With Bruce Drummond of Oklahoma University and Charley Capozzoli of Georgetown alternating in the lead, the field did the first lap in 60 seconds, the second in 62 and the third in 65.

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Sports

UO Tips Sacramento State for Eighth Win

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
With most of their pre-conference games behind them, Northern Division basketball teams return to their home courts this weekend to complete preparations for the start of the 1954 pennant chase next week.

Washington and Washington State still have games with non-league foes on their schedules, but Oregon, Oregon State and Idaho wound up their early season tests this week.

Washington plays St. Louis at

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
DETROIT—Ken Hammer, 188½, Detroit, decisively Stanley Mylin, 177½, Chicago 8.



NEW STUFF—Hurler Saul Rogovin practices putting at Brooklyn home, apparently undisturbed by Chicago White Sox announcement that he was being sent to Cincinnati Reds. (NEA)

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