

Armory Main Eventer Seeks Matthews Bout



JIMMY BYRNE ... gets dodge from Kid Matthews

Seattle Kid Rumored Ducking Jimmy Byrne

Harry (Kid) Matthews, listed in the top ten among the nation's heavyweights, wants no part of Jimmy Byrne, 215-pound belter who will face Al Winn of Vallejo, Calif., in the feature bout on Saturday night's fistie program at the Armory.

Byrne reportedly was fired by Matthews manager, Jack Hurley, when the big wallpaper made Matthews look bad in sparring sessions.

Since then the Kid, through Hurley, has ducked Byrne in the latter's attempts to land a fight with the Seattle Slasher.

Byrne, now listing his home as Portland, has since piled up a long string of knockouts in an attempt to force Matthews into a fight.

His latest lullaby caper was over Big Bill Mathis of Eureka, Calif., a three-round trick.

SLEEPER
In Winn, Byrne may be meeting a "sleeper". The 21-year-old Vallejo Negro will come in at 190 pounds with a short 12-bout pro career after 40 amateur fights.

Winn lost two of the 12 pro starts, to James Cartwright when Winn suffered a broken thumb, and to Chuck Woodworth in Salt Lake City on a cut eye.

He fought an eight-round draw with Mathis, Byrne's victim, but Winn staged a terrific rally for the dead heat after Mathis, who outweighed him 70 pounds (Mathis is 260), had him down five times in the first two heats. Winn had Mathis "out on his feet" at the end of eight rounds, according to Manager Guido Giometti.

VICTIMS
Byrne's kayo victims include Joe Kahut, the Woodburn Wood-chopper.

Both fighters have predicted a win; both can't be right, but one thing is certain—it's bound to be a real brawl, and unofficially at least, isn't expected to go the full 10 cantos.

Neither is the semiwindup expected to cover the scheduled six rounds in a fight that could rival the main event for sheer excitement.

It puts Ralph Weiser, the Beatty Bomber, against Winn's stablemate, highly-rated Kenny Williams. The Vallejo lightweight has gone to the professional post five times; four times he's won by a knockout, including a one-round freeze job over Al Garby on the recent Bobo Olson-Joe Rindone card in San Francisco.

KAYO SEEN
Giometti picks Williams, in line for a San Francisco main event shot against Tommy Flores, to stop Weiser. But Weiser, a busy, crowding battler, is always dangerous with either hand and could well score an upset.

Knockouts are more than possible in the six-round special event and the two four-round prelimi-

naries.
Darrell Harrington, not too good a catcher but a good puncher, faces Ex-OI Eddie Brown, now training with Weiser, in the special event.

The fours put George Bray, Bonanza, against Scott Croquette of Vallejo; and Billy Plummer, Bly, against Phil Jackson of Bonanza. Reserved tickets are on sale at Dick Reeder's, 5th and Main.

Three Techs In Mat Meet

Three Oregon Tech wrestlers are entered in the two-day Western Wrestling championship tournament today and Saturday in Oakland, Calif.

They are 117-pound Fred Stepper, Joe Kimm 115 and Alvin Christie 130. Coach Bob Smith, whose team won seven of eight meets in its maiden year in intercollegiate wrestling, wanted to enter his entire team but was unable to raise enough money for more than three entries.

Thanks to Oregon Tech's maintenance crew and some Klamath Falls merchants, Stepper, Kimm and Christie are able to compete in the annual meet that will see a record 125 entries representing 25 organizations.

San Diego Naval Air Station is defending champion; Tirose competition is expected from the San Francisco Olympic Club.

Athletics Upset By Jayhawks

The Jayhawks upset the Malin Athletics, 72-57, last night, the second defeat for the league-leaders. In other games reported, the Dorris Lions edged the Chiloquin Townies, 44-40, and the Dorris Townies, 40-33, the Chiloquin Parks, 80-53.

Jim Conroy threw in 22 points for the Athletics but they missed the services of Rod Dietrick. Meanwhile, Johnson and Layton were throwing in 25 and 21 for the Jayhawks at Keno.

The Dorris Lions' Barnett led that team in victory with 23 points. Irwin Crume collected 16, high effort for the Chiloquin Townies. High scorer last night, though, was Wilbur Welch of the Dorris Townies with 32.

Scoring	JAYHAWKS (72)	(57) ATHLETICS
Ramsay	F	9 Woodley
Layton	F	3 Duncan
Reis	C	22 Conroy
Poster	F	11 Peterson
Johnson	G	10 Anderson
Jayhawks subs	Jones	2 Athletics
subs — Kenyon	2	

DORRIS TOWNS (40)	(33) CHIL. PARKS
Hokins	17
Williams	2
Porterfield	10
Robinson	3
Jefferies	8
Dorris Townies subs	— Rigo, Welch 32, Lasky 5, Hammond 4, Owen, Chiloquin Parks subs — Bickers 2

DORRIS LIONS (44)	(40) CHIL. TOWNS
Brannan	11
Fine	9
Miller	8
Bear	23
Comeland	2
Dorris Lions subs	— Ward, Dodson, Long 2, Cleveland, Chiloquin Townies subs — Cline, Harrington, C. Hatcher

(Malin Townies - Langell Valley box score not available.)

Sessler Named To Weimarner Post

Mill Sessler this week was named regional vice president of the Oregon Weimarner Club, replacing Don Cutsforth of Salem in the meeting held in that city.

Sessler, with his dog Fritz, has won a flock of trials on the Pacific Coast and throughout the country.

Shuff Stuff

Last night's City Shuffleboard League results:
Suburban 4 Jonesies 0
Roundup 3 Tat's 1
(VFW-Wocus postponed, makeup tonight.)



MALIN'S SHARPSHOOTING GUARDS tee off at the basket for the Herald and News photographer. Left to right, they're Lavon Travis and Ray Johnson, starters, and Stan Miller. Miller lost his regular job when he injured his ankle in the Klamath County Tournament. But Coach Jim Conroy says he'll "be ready" for tonight's opener against Talent, the first of a series that picks the 5-B champ for the state tournament.

Malin, Talent Launch Title Series Tonight

The Malin Mustangs are in Ashland tonight for the opener of a basketball series against the Talent Bulldogs that will name the Dist. 5-B champion and a berth in the Class B Oregon high school tournament. Tipoff time is 8:15.

The best two-of-three series is booked for the Southern Oregon College gymnasium tonight and Saturday night. The third game, necessary only if the teams split in Ashland, will show at Henley High School in Klamath County Monday night.

Jim Conroy's Mustangs are in line for the big try by virtue of a thrilling 50-49 win over Chiloquin in the recent Klamath-Lake tournament.

Chiloquin won the district championship last year but lost in the semifinals in its state bid.

HEIGHT
Malin will have the height edge on Talent but the Bulldogs may

carry more speed, pointing up a real donnybrook for the district prize and the state berth that goes with it.

Talent's starting lineup will carry just one boy over six feet. He is center Clyde Gett, a 6-1 junior.

Bob Seymour, who works at either forward or center in a reserve capacity, is 6-3.

Other starters, with Gett, are forwards Jim McAbee (5-10) and Jack Barrett (5-11) and guards J. Lloyd Wood (5-11) and Alan Hoffman (5-9).

SPEED
The Bulldogs, winner of the Jackson County title with a respectable 14-1 record, major in speed and hustle.

Malin, on the other hand, will have two boys over six feet in the starting lineup and one, forward Glen Steyskal, an even six. Forward Virgil Rick is 6-3, center Rod Lyon 6-2.

Guards Ray Johnson and Lavon Travis on the starting lineup are both under six feet.

But Conroy has two subs who add height to the lineup, Norm Oliva at 6-2 and Roger Dokken at 6-3.

Stan Miller, a regular guard until he injured his ankle in tournament play, won't answer the first whistle but Conroy said he "would be ready to go."

10 PLAYERS
Allen Meyer and Don Rajnus, complete Malin's 10-strong hoop entourage.

Seymour is Talent's top handy man in the reserve ranks and could see a lot of action to give the Bulldogs some height to fight Malin on the boards.

Others who may see some action for Talent are the Wallace Tucson, Ariz., pro, was one stroke behind Haas at 68.

Middlecoff Stroke Up

HOUSTON (U) — Cary Middlecoff, to the surprise of practically no one, held a one stroke lead Friday in the \$30,000 Houston Open.

The former Memphis dentist Thursday repeated his usual custom of finding a magic putter in Houston. He ignored an aggravating head cold while methodically beating or tying par for a first round 66 on the 7,200-yard, par 72 memorial park course.

This left him one stroke ahead of Freddie Haas of New Orleans, winner of the January Palm Springs Open. Bill Nary, the young Tucson, Ariz., pro, was one stroke behind Haas at 68.

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Pel Matmen In Corvallis

The Klamath Pelicans this afternoon opened a bid for their fifth Oregon high school wrestling title in the two-day state tourney at Oregon State College, Corvallis.

Twelve Klamath Falls matmen are in the field; the Pelicans lost Elvis Mitchell, 168-pound Dist. 7 champion, with a shoulder injury on the eve of the meet.

On hand for the Pels are Don Tilman and Kent Flug in the 98-pound division, Ron Conner and Richard Berg 115, Larry Deering 130, Jay Deering and Dave Leeling 141, Don Blehn 148, Don Dexter 157, Julio Gonzales 168 and heavyweights Jack Himelwright and Ben Lawver.

Corvallis In Dist. 7 Finals

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
There will be action in nearly every district in the state this weekend as Oregon high schools reach the climax of district playoffs.

Corvallis, the No. 2 team in the state, got an early start and advanced to the district 7 finals Thursday night with a 51-38 win over Toledo, with the big Corvallis center, Dave Gamber, showing the way by producing 26 points.

That will bring a showdown against Albany, the state's No. 8 team, Saturday night. Albany gained the district 7 finals by stopping Reedsport, 85-55.

FAVORITE
One other class A and four class B districts also fired away Thursday night. In district 3-A Estacada eliminated Columbia Prep of Portland, 52-34, and Parkrose dumped Sandy from the playoffs, 67-38. The district favorite, Gresham, ranked No. 6 in the state, will go into action Friday night, meeting Central Catholic of Portland.

In class B play there was this action:

District 1 — Tillamook Catholic advanced to the finals by downing Astoria's Star of the Sea, 46-34. Tillamook Catholic will meet Knappa for the title Saturday night.

District 2 — Mill City defeated Gervais, 46-45, and Corbett downed Jefferson, 61-36. The winners meet for the title Saturday night.

COBURG WINS
District 3 — Coburg eliminated Siletz, 48-43, and Harrisburg trimmed Lowell, 52-41, the winners gaining the final round.

District 6 — St. Mary's of The Dalles and Heppner advanced to the finals as St. Mary's downed Culver, 51-46, and Heppner defeated Condon with a last-quarter rally, 49-42.

District winners will advance to the two state tournaments. The class B tournament will be held at Salem, March 11-13, and the class A tourney at Eugene, March 16-20.

BILL LOGAN pitches forward on his face—out for keeps—after catching a bomb thrown by Al Winn of Vallejo. The Vallejo heavyweight faces Portland's Jimmy Byrne Saturday night here in the top bout of the first boxing card since Oct. 13, 1953.

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Francis May Miss Tourney

KANSAS CITY (U) — How would you like to tell Coach Nevt Oliver he can't bring his 50-point a game Bevo Francis and the Rio Grande, Ohio, basketball team to your national tournament?

The man who might have to do it despite Bevo's obvious gate attraction is Al Duer, major domo of the National Assn. of Intercollegiate Athletics basketball tournament which starts a week-long run in Municipal Auditorium Monday with a field of 32 teams.

All 32 teams, with one exception, have been or will be chosen by district tournaments. The one exception is in Ohio where a big

snowstorm forced cancellation of a playoff among Rio Grande, Findlay, John Carroll and Wilberforce.
"That one exception would have to involve the nation's most tabularious basketball pointmaker," moaned Duer. "He has a 50-point average over two years of play and scored an unbelievable 116 in one game. He would be a big asset but what are we to do about those other three? They all have good records and maybe would have knocked off Bevo and Rio Grande."

Duer, executive director of the NAIA, said he and the members

of the executive committee will have the answer sometime Friday. There is a possibility they may name two Ohio teams to come to Kansas City.

Meanwhile, the nationwide playoffs Thursday night ground out seven more district titleholders and brought the total entry to 23. The winners were Southeastern Louisiana College, Western Illinois, Geneva, North Dakota, Wayland, Texas, East Texas, St. Peter's of New Jersey.

Teams previously qualified included Montana State of Bozeman, Whitworth, Spokane, Wash., and Portland, Ore., University.

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