

C. Y. O. TEAMS TO VIE FOR EASTBAY TITLES

THE NEUTRAL CORNER

BY ALAN WARD

WHEN a news scrivener has listened, with patience, to title claims of a dozen wrestlers more or less, it hardly could be expected he would attend one more conference with anything but resignation, a preconceived skepticism and a conviction that if all the grappling crowns in the world were laid end to end they still would be a big pain in the neck.

We entered the presence of Ed Don George, college graduate, hand some as a movie star, prepared to scoff. We left convinced. Perhaps the gentler manner of the former University of Michigan athlete, now a kingpin in the wrestling world, had something to do with it. Anyhow, the convinced DON GEORGE remains.

George maintains he still is heavyweight mat champion of the world, claims of others to the contrary notwithstanding. With pencil and paper he sat down and illustrated the method by which the title progressed from the late Frank Gotch to its present status.

George's explanation goes something like this: Ed "Strangler" Lewis was the diadem from Joe Stecher, who had taken it from Gotch. Gus Sonnenberg beat Lewis at Boston in 1929. George tossed Gus for the title at Los Angeles one year later, but six months after the "Strangler" reclaimed it from Ed Don, also in Los Angeles. A half year later Lewis lost to Henri De Gline on a foul at Montreal, and while the short ender put up a mighty squawk, it was conceded generally that inasmuch as the match had been billed as a title affair, Henri was well entitled to a seat on the golden chair.

Then along came Ed Don George. He threw De Gline and since that time hasn't been placed flat on his shoulder blades for three consecutive seconds. JIM BROWNING and Jim London, who also claim titles, are only commission made; George decried—with a pardonable snort of disdain. London was named champ by the Pennsylvania athletic body, which never carried much weight and now holds less. Lewis was selected as its banner bearer by the New York group when London refused to meet the "Strangler." Browning walloped the round and aging Lewis. And at this point of the dissertation George played his trump card. Browning defeated Lewis for the New York recognition—a recognition, incidentally, that is shared by California—George had beaten Jim twice. He's anxious for another engagement.

GEORGE, who will wrestle Dr. Freddy Meyer at the Auditorium Friday night, boasts an amateur mat record as impressive as his professional score sheet. He won the national simon pure and the Big Ten conference tournaments in 1928 and 1929. In 1928 he went to Amsterdam as a member of the American wrestling team and lost in the final. He had handed a crushing defeat to a number of national wrestling champions, but was unable to leave his studies for a sufficient long period. He devoted about five years to amateur grappling and has been in the pro field for a similar period.

KERMIT THOMPSON, local welterweight who has returned from a southern California boxing invasion, will headline the boxing program at the Lakeside Gymnasium smoker tomorrow night. Thompson will meet Johnny Freeman in a three-round exhibition match. Six other bouts, two wrestling matches and vaudeville will complete the entertainment. Walter McCoy and Eddie Ryan will be masters-of-ceremonies. Tony Irvin, San Francisco fighter referee, who accepts cheers and bows with the same broad smile, has a staunch admirer in Roy Carlen of Oakland, manager of Frankie Klick and Hans Kirkie. Carlen has seen dozens of arbiters in all parts of the country, but Irvin is one of the best in the business, he declared. George Blake of Los Angeles is another high class mediator, according to Roy.

"SPIDER" ROACH, boxing instructor for the Olympic Club, and rated one of the cleverest of all ringsters in his hey day, believes that Louis Nova, local heavyweight, has the makings of a good fighter, despite his deplorable showing against "Babe" McCurdy. Several pounds lighter, in the Pacific Association amateur show the other evening, Nova showed distinct signs of fatigue before the first round was half over, and turned his back to his opponent in the second. Roach stepped into the one-sided fracas to signal a halt.

"The boy was frightened stiff," the "Spider" pointed out. "It was his first public appearance and he didn't know what to make of it. But you noticed, didn't you, that he almost dropped McCurdy at the first dozen times with those right hand combos. He needs lots of practice, but he'll be all right." Roach was correct. Nova will have lots of training.

OPENING GAMES SET SUNDAY AT COAST PARK

By CHARLIE TYE
Secretary Baseball Managers' Association
With 66 teams enrolled and interested in the parish high, the Eastbay Catholic Youth Organization baseball leagues will open their second season in gala fashion at the Oakland Coast League ball park next Sunday afternoon.

The first game will start at 1:30 o'clock and will be between the St. Columba Midgets, district champions last year, and the St. Francis De Sales Midgets. The second contest will start at 2:45 o'clock, with the St. Leander and St. Patrick's teams in the main competition.

The St. Columba Midgets were defeated only once last season, by the St. Patrick Midgets, who later played for the State title at Los Angeles. The St. Leander nine last year lost the district championship to Sacred Heart in the final.

Father Leo Powelson, in charge of C. Y. O. activities in Northern California, plans to have high dignitaries of the Knights of Columbus and the Young Men's Institute lodges of the Eastbay present at the season opening Sunday. Impressive inauguration ceremonies are being planned.

Enlargement of the Eastbay Catholic tournament this season is a natural outcome of enthusiasm generated by last year's program. It has been pointed out, the senior division, which includes players up to 19 years of age and already has enrolled some of the best semi-pro athletes in the Eastbay, has been enlarged considerably, while the pigmy unit, which embraces boys from 10 to 15 years of age, has been added.

Manager Dean Duren of the Fairfield Club plans a busy summer season. Fairfield will be in the lead in the big Tribune Tournament.

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"SPEED" LOU TO OPEN
ByRON "SPEED" REILLY was elected for the seventh straight term as president of the Berkeley Elks. He is the only one of his kind west of the Mississippi and is rated high in local and national circles. All games are played at San Pablo Park, Berkeley, and large crowds attend each Sunday to see the hotly contested games. Reilly wears much credit for the business-like manner in which he conducts the game.

The Oakland Midgets and Berkeley Elks will play the final game for the championship at the Pacific Civic Center Sunday at San Pablo No. 1 at noon. These two clubs have played several close games.

The Sacramento Colored Giants will play the Berkeley Elks All-Stars at San Pablo Park at 2:45 p. m. for the benefit of the Berkeley Colored League treasury. Frank Williams will be the pitcher for the Giants, will be well worth seeing as he has plenty on the ball.

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Rules Given For Tribune Pin Tourney

1—The Third Annual Oakland Tribune Bowling Tournament will start Saturday, March 24. Entries will close March 21. The tournament will be conducted at the following establishments:

- California Recreation, 1515 Washington Street. Pablo Bowling Mecca, 1810 San Pablo Avenue. Fruitvale Bowl, 2125 Fourteenth Street.

2—Entry fee, 25 cents. Permits entitle to bowl in one or all of the three houses. Entry for all three may be made at one house. Entry fee for prize money only.

3—Highest known average will be taken as of March 1, 1934. Entrants having no known average will be considered as 150.

4—The tournament will be conducted in five classes, namely: Open—190 and over. "A"—180-189 inclusive. "B"—170-179 inclusive. "C"—160-169 inclusive. "D"—150 and under.

5—Gold medal will be awarded to the winner of each class. The Oakland Tribune Grand Championship Gold Medal will be awarded to the winner of the roll-off between class champions, which will be at handicap. Handicaps will be granted on a scratch basis of 205, two-thirds of the difference of the average bowled during the tournament being used.

6—The Grand Championship Gold Medal winner relinquishes his claim to the class medal, which will go to the runner-up in that class. In case of a tie between runners-up, a series of four games across four alleys shall be bowled to determine the medal winner, total pins to count.

7—The prize money accruing from the entry fee will be distributed on a basis of 40 per cent to the Grand Championship winner, 35 per cent to the first runner-up, and 25 per cent to the second runner-up. Ties will be rolled off in a 12-game series, four games at each house across eight alleys.

8—No more than 50 per cent of the field will be eliminated in each round at each house. Elimination will be based on total pins.

9—Semi-final round shall consist of four bowlers in each class and the winner of each class to represent the house in the class and Grand Championship roll-off. No round shall consist of less than four men, and no more than one pace bowler to a squad.

10—The final round, comprising five class winners from each of the three houses, will be four games across eight alleys in each of the three houses. Schedule to be determined later by The Tribune tournament committee.

11—The Tribune Gold Medal shall be bowled between the Grand Championship roll-off. No round shall consist of less than four men, and no more than one pace bowler to a squad.

RECORD SEEN AS LISTS CLOSE FOR BOWLING

By RALPH BELL
Entries for the third annual Tribune gold medal bowling tournament close tonight at the three houses which will conduct the meet with the Tribune, and with the usual last instant rush and a big registration already made, it appeared certain that all records for the number of entrants in the tournament would be broken.

Chief reason for the hearty participation of the men and women who get their exercise and recreation by their concerted drive on the bowling alleys is the fact that this year which puts each rank of the competitors into a division with others of equal ability. And there will be a gold medal for each division, of course, as well as for the grand champion of the Eastbay, who may come from any one of the five classes.

Every bowler will have a chance for the grand championship roll-off medal as the final series will be rolled at handicap and a 200 average will make it that much harder for the open class title winner to down his rivals from the other divisions.

But about that entry! Today's the last day when you can enter at the California Recreation, 1515 Washington Street; San Pablo Bowling Mecca, 1810 San Pablo Avenue, or the Fruitvale Bowl, 2125 East Fourteenth Street. Better attend to it right away. The tournament rules, printed in an adjoining column, will explain the meet and any questions about them will be answered at either of the three establishments where the tournament games will be rolled.

SMOKER SATURDAY

With The Tribune golf medal tournament starting Saturday night, bowlers also are interested in the smoker to be held that evening at the Lakeside Gymnasium. Volunteer certificates are to be awarded by A. J. Scalamanni, president of the West Coast Bowling Congress, and Industrial Athletic Association trophies are to be awarded by George Vestal, superintendent of industrial recreation in Oakland. More than 1000 are expected to attend the smoker, at which the gold medals for The Tribune tournament winners will be on display, and former champions of the Eastbay and runner-up for the gold medal will be introduced.

Details for the tournament will be announced later, according to Ben Bair, chairman of the golf committee, such as where the course will be held on other items—and there are no lack of items in promoting this event.

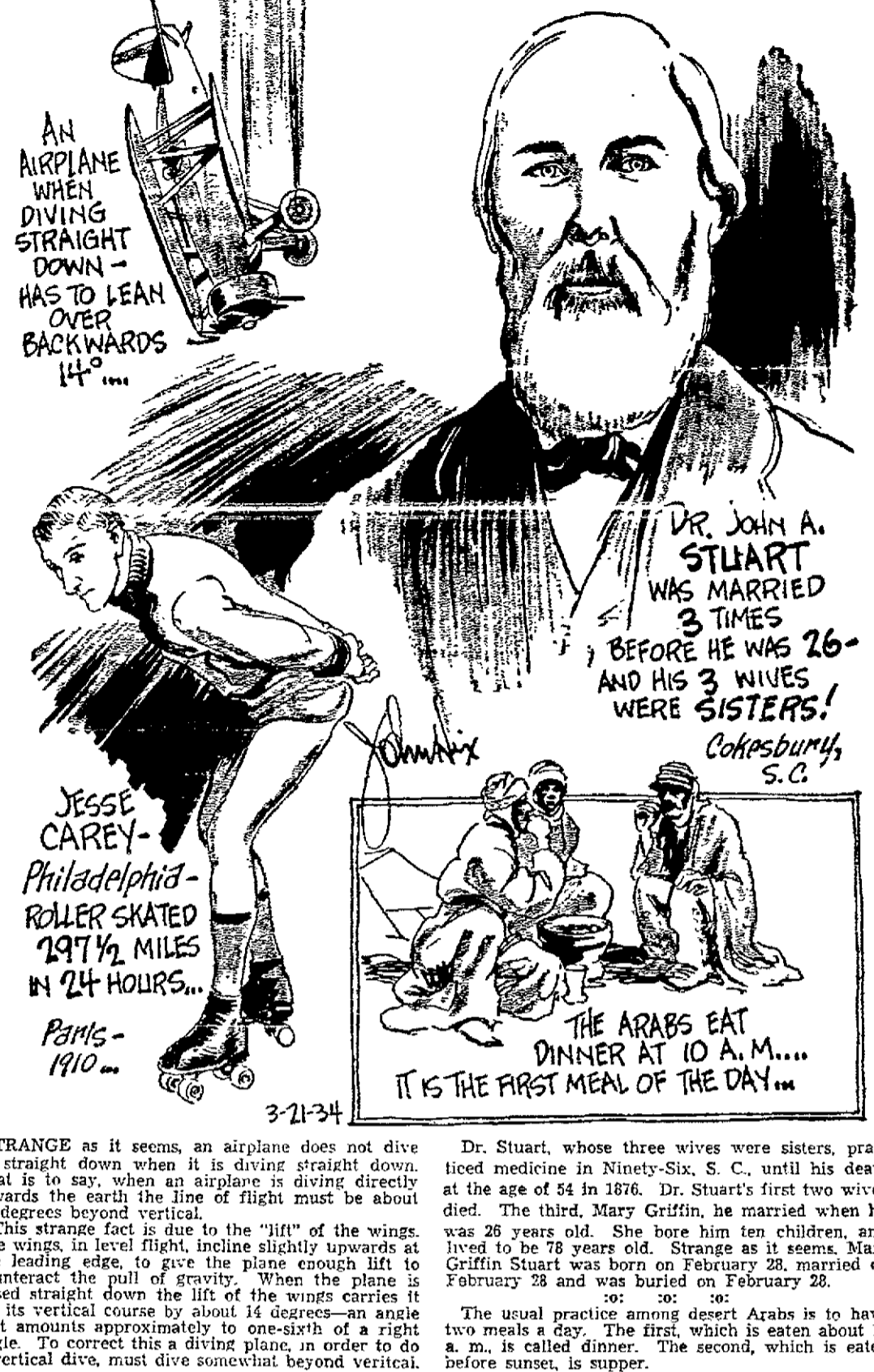
A. I. "Mike" Smith, tailor and executive secretary to John F. Hassler, City Manager, (maybe that tailor business doesn't belong in that spot, but that's what Mike does when he isn't tied down to his city desk) will defend his championship—but it's doubtful whether he will have the same generous handicap he was awarded last year, inasmuch as the net basis determines the champion.

Mrs. Klein Winner. Mrs. M. J. Klein won the monthly match play tournament for Alameda Golf Club women members yesterday when she defeated Mrs. R. H. Pilsbry by a 6 and 5 score in the 18-hole final.

Berkeley Beats Diablo. Berkeley and Mt. Diablo Country Club women golfers on the C teams ended their scheduled competition yesterday at Diablo with the Berkeley Club winning by a 9 to 3 score. The match, postponed from Monday, ended the regular program of home and home matches for the C teams, further competition being confined to the Claremont team, champion of the Eastbay division, meeting the San Francisco winner for the bay district title.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS (Copyright, 1934, for The Tribune.)

—By John Hix



'Y' TEAMS WILL PLAY FOR TITLE

Oakland Y. M. C. A. won the second half of the split season in the Eastbay Handball League last week by defeating the Alameda Elks Club in four out of five matches, and thereby won the right to meet Berkeley Y. M. C. A. for the league championship in matches to be played Friday night on the courts of the Athens Athletic Club.

The Oakland boys are going through an intensive training campaign for the Berkeley "Y" match, as the latter club defeated them 3 to 2 three weeks ago. Oakland is confident that it can take Berkeley this time with the games on a neutral court. So far, no team has yet succeeded in taking more than two matches from Berkeley in a five-match tilt. Berkeley's ace team of Koch and Robinson, with a clean slate, will probably meet Baird and Davies of Oakland "Y" in the feature contest of the evening.

When Oakland "Y" won the second half last week, they did so largely by defeating the two ranking teams of the Alameda Elks. Se-well and Baird finishing fast to take Bertrand and Donald, 21-15, 21-8, 21-8, while Barth and Rodde rode to victory in two straight wins over Ler Bruzzone and Olafson. Bruzzone failed to show much of the class which has made him famous in bay region handball circles in recent years and was a comparatively easy victim of the clever teamwork of Barth and Rodde.

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EXHIBITION BASEBALL

- Brooklyn (N. Y.) vs. Philadelphia (Pa.)
- New York (N. Y.) vs. Boston (Mass.)
- Philadelphia (Pa.) vs. St. Louis (Mo.)
- Chicago (Ill.) vs. Cincinnati (O.)
- Detroit (Mich.) vs. Cleveland (O.)
- Pittsburgh (Pa.) vs. Chicago (Ill.)
- Houston (Tex.) vs. St. Louis (Mo.)
- Boston (Mass.) vs. New York (N. Y.)

Fights Last Night

- Seattle—Cecil Payne, 137½, Louisville, knocked out Ernie Cavelli, 138½, Portland 2.
- St. Petersburg—Bobby Wilson, 147, Orlando, stopped Harry Schuman, 149, Chicago 1.
- Houston—Tex—Don La Rue, 156, Houston, outpointed Babe Kiser, 158, Tulsa 10; Don Davis, 165, Houston, knocked out Jack Sanders, 164, Peoria, Ill. 11.
- Los Angeles—Art Lasky, 192, Minneapolis, outpointed Leo Ranney, 186, Los Angeles 10.
- San Jose—Tommy King, 162, Fall River, Mass., stopped Nash Garrison, 163, San Jose 10.

BEARS RALLY TO BEAT TROY, 5-4

LOS ANGELES, March 21.—UP—Three successive singles that produced two runs in the ninth gave the University of California baseball team a 5 to 4 victory over Southern California in the final game of a three-game series. The series went to the Bears, two to one.

Trailing as they entered the final inning, the Bears tallied the tying and winning runs on singles by Snachez, Relles and Thompson. California nicked Baker and Forney for 10 hits while Trojan batsmen garnered the same number of safeties off Peterson and Moore. California 5, 0, 0, 3, 0, 0, 2, 5, 1, 5, 4; Southern California 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 4.

Batteries—Peterson, Moore and Ellis; Williams, Baker, Forney, Utton and Roberts.

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OAKLAND BOYS SCRAP FOR TITLES

With the heavyweight title already clinched, Oakland will fight for other honors in the light heavy and featherweight divisions of the annual Pacific Association senior amateur tournament, which will enter the semi-finals and finals at the San Francisco Exposition Auditorium tonight.

This city can't lose in the heavyweight department. The two remaining members are Oakland boys, "Babe" McCurdy representing the Golden Oaks Club, and Fred Ueb-ing representing the University of California. Although acquaintances, for a few minutes this evening they will become bitter rivals. The senior heavy crown is no insignificant honor in Simon pure circles.

McQUILLAN FACES HALE. Art McQuillan, local light heavy, who wears the color of the Golden Oaks, has his work cut out for him. He is matched with Walter Hale, Jackson A. C., in the semi-final, and if he hurdes that one, will face the winner of the Danny Flanagan-Joe Baldwin match. Flanagan is a particularly doughty foe. Art drew a bye Monday night.

George Casper, featherweight, who beat Tony Buzzini earlier in the week, is paired up with Ray Morales of the Olympic Club, one of the best punchers in the tournament. Should George get over Ray he will box the victor of the Fern Garcia-Earl Brooks match. Casper fights for the Lakeside Gymnasium here.

Other pairings for tonight's tournament lineup follow: 112-pound class—Maurice Fuerte, Olympic Club, vs. Tommy Cobb, San Jose Bears; and Cliff Samuelson, Willie Ritchie, Boy's School, vs. Joe Azria, Salinas A. C. 118-pound class—Soren Powell, Knives and Forks Club, S. F., vs. Arthur Brown, Salinas; Wayne L. Peterson, Maricopa, vs. Jim Pace, Catholic Youth's Organization, S. F. 135-pound class—North Meek, Olympic Club, vs. Nick Ventrice, Antioch A. C.; Eddie Holden, King City, vs. Pete Buzzini, Parkway A. C., Santa Rosa. 147-pound class—John Cartier, Torino, vs. Native Sons, S. F.; vs. Eddie Brooks, San Jose; Fred Granger, S. F., vs. Andrew Bozaco, Olympic Club. 160-pound class—Fred Apostoli, Olympic Club, vs. Jimmie Paroian, Usual Tony Darone, Antioch, vs. Al Ballerini, S. F. Winners from the two semi-final bouts in each weight division will clash in the finals. The amateur show will start at 8 p. m. Twenty-seven fights, of three rounds each, are slated.

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GOLF By BILL TOBITT

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