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Mud dancers grapple and slop at Royal Grove

By Casey McCabe

Caught between the fervor of Monday Night Football and Wednesday's "over-the-hill" parties is Tuesday, a lull in Lincoln's nighttime entertainment.

If you're tired of movies, television, and loitering around bowling alleys, the prospect of watching mudwrestling at the Royal Grove becomes more promising.

I was informed at the door that it was not mud wrestling as I had presumed, but mud "dancing," a sport I had never heard of. More on that definition later.

Mud dancing serves as the halftime entertainment for the live bands on Tuesday nights at the Grove. On this

particular evening it is a run-of-the-mill mainstream rock group called Wakefield. As assistants set up the foam, tarps and mud mixture on the dance floor, an emcee warms up the growing crowd.

This man looks like John Belushi, but his style more closely resembles Bill Murray's Saturday Night Live "lounge lizard" act. His job is to lure contestants into the ring. Tonight the \$100 first prize is apparently not enough. Only one couple has volunteered and the crowd is getting restless for some action.

His persistence and relentless coaxing pay off as five couples are cheered into the ring. They can be any combination; male/female, male/male or female/female. The male/female combination dominates but it was two women who took first prize.

As participants climb into the ring, the nature of the contest becomes clear. Mud dancing, it seems, consists of hurling each other to the mat, rubbing mud in the hair, slipping, flipping, grappling and in some cases ripping the

clothes off the female contestants.

As the band plays such music as "Cocaine" and "Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap" our mud affectionados are encouraged to have fun, for the judges will be judging on entertainment value, not athletic expertise.

The encee calls out "skin to win," a true prophecy considering that the couples who managed to keep their private parts in the confines of their swimming suits finished out of the money. The Royal Grove provides the swim suits, shower facilities and after-dancing sweatsuits.

A quick check with the Lincoln Police Department verified that mud-wrestling is not illegal, so the Grove's switch to mud-"dancing" is apparently for aesthetic rea-SORIS.

From my mud-splattered ringside perspective the sport appears no more distasteful than an average evening at most singles bars. And as far as spiritually rewarding Tuesday night entertainment, it's a step ahead of staying at home and watching Too Close For Comfort.

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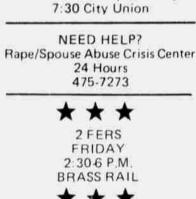
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