

# MUST BE WINNER WHEN PESEK AND FREBERG MEET

One or the Other Must Win  
Two Falls, According to  
Agreement; Both Men  
Rough Wrestlers.

The Friday show at the Auditorium has created all sorts of comment among the wrestling "bugs" of this section and even the Chicago fans are getting up some excitement over it. A crowd of Chicago fans are expected to come in Friday afternoon. The all-star show at popular prices has caused sportsmen that never cared for this particular game to think about getting a seat. Tickets have been on sale for the past week and the sellers report they are going rapidly.

When the smoke of battle has cleared away, the witnesses will see a real winner, for Promoter Lewis insisted on a real finish match, best two out of three falls. In a match of this kind, there is little possibility that the wrestlers will "job" it. One or the other must win and they will each strive to be the victor, for the loser will probably never get another chance to wrestle in Omaha. The local fans like to see winners work, but they don't go crazy over a man they have seen beaten.

The Swedish champion, John Freberg, is known as a rough-house wrestler. Freberg's principal stock in trade is a mean eye and a meaner disposition. He loves to jab his elbow into the face of his unsuspecting opponent and he isn't satisfied with a match unless it results in a couple of black eyes, a split lip and a newly cauterized ear.

But this propensity of Freberg's to disfigure the anatomy of his opponent is causing no worry for John Pesek, who is to meet Freberg at the Omaha Auditorium Friday night, according to a letter from Promoter Jack Lewis has received from Pesek.

"I'm tickled to death to hear that this Freberg person is a rough-house artist," wrote Pesek. "That means a pleasant time will be had by all." For, he knows, Pesek is the pinkie grappler himself. Pesek doesn't pride himself upon his rough-house tactics nor does he practice questionable methods in his matches, but neither is he noted for his gentility and he delights in a good rough and ready bout. He promises to give all that he receives. Just let Freberg try to rough up Pesek. Pesek wrote, "he'll be yelling for six doctors and a company of nurses before the evening is over."

"This should be joyous news for the fans," said Lewis as he exhibited the Pesek letter. "It means a warm match Friday night. I think I'll enjoy watching it myself."

Pesek also conveys the information that he and Clarence Ecklund, the light heavyweight champion of the world who is also on Friday night's bill, are training diligently. We're leaving no stones unturned to get into the very best of condition, and we'll both be ready for any kind of a match," wrote Pesek. "You may not have heard much about George Sauer down in Omaha, but we know a lot about him out here in the state. He'll give Ecklund a tough match Friday night and Ecklund knows it and is training doubly hard."

General Pershing Is  
Good Sport, Cables to  
Cubs "Alex Enroute"

Chicago, March 18.—"Alexander has left station enroute to United States."

This cablegram, signed by General Pershing, commander of the American army, gives first definite assurance today that Grover Cleveland Alexander, premier pitcher of the National league, will be on his way home to join the Chicago Nationals. The message was received by Fred Mitchell, president of the club.

Alexander has been in Germany with the army of occupation. He is expected to land within two weeks and to join the Cubs at the spring training camp, Pasadena, Cal.

Britton to Fight Laughlin.  
Tulsa, Okla., March 18.—Jack Britton, welterweight champion, has been secured to replace Ted Lewis in a 15-round match with Willie Laughlin of South Bethlehem, Pa., to take place here March 31.

## Omaha Feather Boxer, Under Management of Joe Levy, Doing Well

In a letter to "Dode" Hamilton, Jack Lawlor says he is going great in the boxing game. Lawlor is a featherweight boxer and has placed himself under the management of Joe Levy of Nashville, Tenn. He said he has beaten Eddie Ketchell of Brooklyn, N. Y., in eight rounds at Nashville and had also trimmed Terry Nelson of Philadelphia in the Tennessee town. Nelson weighed 150 pounds, while Lawlor only weighed 125 pounds.

Two matches have already been arranged for Lawlor, the first with Jack Sheppard tonight and the other with Jimmy Haulon of Denver at Hot Springs, March 20. Levy is considering offers to box Artie Root at Cleveland, Kayo Mars at New Orleans and Frankie Britt at Boston. He has had to turn down several offers for bouts as the dates were too close together.

Manager Joe Levy is also the matchmaker of the Nashville Boxing club and he has offered the featherweight champion, Johnny Kilbane, \$1,000 to box Lawlor in Nashville, eight rounds on April 1. They have not heard from the Kilbane parties yet but have every hope of landing the bout.

The Central Furniture, Nakens, Omaha Nationals and All Stars survived the first round of the local championship basketball tournament played last night on the Young Men's Christian association's floor. The All Stars and the Nakens, and the bankers and the Central Furniture will mix Thursday night to decide the eighth round of the title game next Tuesday.

The crack first Christian team from the Bluffs withdrew from the tournament, giving their place to the Highland Pharmacy five, composed of high school flippers, who went down in defeat, 24 to 8, before the Central Furniture five.

The Nakens quieted disposed of the Calvary Baptist five, 15 to 10. The All Stars, composed of the cream of the high school combination, made life miserable for the Independents, defeating them, 26 to 16.

The Omaha National bank five teased the Trinity five for 30 minutes ending the game with the score, 28 to 8, in their favor. The Independents and Calvary Baptists will mix Thursday night to decide fifth and sixth city honors.

Steers and Thoma-Lose  
the Two-Men Honors  
in Bowling Tournament

Toledo, March 18.—Harry Steers and Fred Thoma of Chicago lost their title of champions of the two-men division of American Bowling congress when they failed at the tournament here late this afternoon. The Chicago pair totalled 1,192 in the three games.

As the losing figure in the list of first ten is 1,194, the former champions failed to bowl into the select class.

Frank Caruana of Buffalo was the best bowler of the day, garnering 636 in his singles, 613 in his two-men and 629 in his three-men. He won the Schwabi No. 4 team last night.

His work sent him to the top in all the events, with 1,928, 11 points ahead of Harry Cavan of Pittsburgh.

"Babe" Ruth Fails to Go With  
Red Sox to Training Camp

New York, March 18.—"Babe" Ruth, leading pitcher and batsman of the Boston American league team, did not accompany the team when it sailed today for Jacksonville, Fla., on the way to its training camp at Tampa. Ruth, who has not signed a contract, had an engagement here early today to talk over terms with Harry Frazee, president of the club, but did not appear.

Boston, March 18.—"Babe" Ruth, Boston American league pitcher, in a signed statement which will be made public here tomorrow, says he will not play with the Boston American league club this season unless he is awarded a three-years' contract at \$10,000 a year, or a contract for this season at \$15,000. He says Harry Frazee, president of the club, has offered him a one-year's contract at \$8,500.

Britain to Receive 30,000  
Tons of German Potash

London, March 18.—Under the agreement reached at Rotterdam, a dispatch from Berlin says Great Britain will receive 30,000 tons of potash from Germany. Negotiations with other belligerent countries were not completed. The proceeds of the sale of the potash will be credited to Germany in payment for food supplies.

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## SILK HAT HARRY



ANOTHER Buffalo has popped up in the Malay islands with a story that proves truth is stranger than a politician's income tax report. This Buff is one of the famous regiment of fighting padrollers that helped to pull the Kaiser's strings.

This Buff was one of the toughest birds who ever guessed the ill-dotted chaps who now his nerve is gone like last year's crop of buttercups. All he wants now is a chance to quit crap and other kinds of war and to earn an honest living.

Says he doesn't care how hard the work is just so long as he doesn't have to take his feet off the desk.

Seems that he was going good. Captured 16 Dutchmen the first day who didn't know any more about crap than a one-legged ostrich does about logarithms. Said those Germans had heads like furniture. Took all the coin they had and didn't charge 'em for the lessons. Said he sharpened up his bayonet and dice and started out to look for new pupils.

Saw something that looked like grapefruit on the ground and took it up to sniff it. That's the next and last thing he remembered. He don't know what the last thing was. That grapefruit went democratic and blew him for a row of Mongolian pagodas.

Says he is off grapefruit now unless they have their adenoids amputated.

That grapefruit knocked him blonde. When he got his ideas back between his ears he was in a strange predicament. Handsome place he ever aimed an eye at. Birds twittering in the trees, flowers blooming and monkeys walking in the trees. Just like a golf links. Said he shook himself up to get rid of any loose ends he was loose and didn't even have a bluish mustache anded on his head.

Went looking around for a place to put on a nosebag and ran plumb smack into the biggest smoke he ever saw. It was just like looking into a mirror. Says he put out the right hand of fellowship, but this cuckoo must have been left-handed. Hauls off and tries to change the size of his hat with a big club, but the Buffalo beat him to it.

Says this dinge had a complexion that was darker than the inside of an oil can. Had two white eyes that make his face look just like a deuce on a dicepiece. Buff hit him on one eye and closed it like a bank on a holiday. That made the strange smoke like an ace.

The Buffalo was starting one from his liquor pocket that would have made that bird look like a blank, when suddenly—somebody ordered another grapefruit.

When he came back from wherever he had been, he says he was surrounded by a minstrel show without the end men. Saw right away that he was outta luck, like a pug-nosed ant-eater. Said his clothes felt kinda hard, and when he looked down he found he wasn't wearing anything but a big eight-gallon vat. Water up to his neck and janitor had built a big fire. Some big ward heeler was strutting around with an oil can on his head. He knew he was the king.

He said it was the funniest situation he'd ever been in. King wearing an oil can and an ace wearing a hat. King looked at him with an eye that belonged in a fish's head. Then he spoke. Buffalo said it was in perfect broken English:

"Um, um. Where you come from?"  
"That ain't worryin' me, King. Where'm I goin' to?"  
"Big eats. Eat 'um up cannibal!"  
"Nothin' doin', King. I'm a vegetarian when I'm home."  
"You ain't home now?"  
"But I feels right at home, King."  
"Stay for dinner, then, if you feelum home."  
"I'll stay for dinner, King, but not if I'm gonna be the dinner."  
"You ain't dinner, you dessert."

The Buff saw that he was outta luck like a clamdigger in a marble corridor. His hat was going to get a better fate and the janitor was nowhere in sight. Just then he piped another big smoke carrying the country's national flag. He let out a whoop and knew he was among friends. The national flag was two national flags. There were five spots on one flag and two dots on the other. A perfect natural. He reached down in the vat and fumbled for his lil' square pals. They were there, but the boiling had made 'em a little soft. But he throws 'em out and the minister show spotted 'em they flopped on the turf and banged their beans on the carpet 11 times. He had bounced a natural off the lineoleum and copped the King's oil can.

They made a ring about the Buffalo and the King and they go to it. The cooking had warmed up the bones and the Buff knew he was in right if nobody didn't order another grapefruit. They were pegging the dice and the vat was going to be the dinner or the dinner. Buffalo gets his inshoot working and opens the throttle. Threw a hen and the King's face looked like a coal hole with the cover off. Smoke looked him over and chirped:

"King, you is outta luck like a flea on an iron deer."  
"Stoppum ear oil and throw 'um bones."  
"King, you is goin' on a long, long journey and I'm gonna furnish the tieke."  
"Stoppum bunk and give 'um action."  
"King, I'm gonna butter your ear and eat it for a soda cracker."  
"Stoppum bunk and letum go."  
"Any last message to the folks, King? Your bath is gettin' hot."

The Buffalo says that he had the old King smothered with natural when all of a sudden another big smoke eases by with another set of flags. One had a single spot on it and the other had two. The Buff added 'em up and knew that the cows had come home tails first.

He was skeered to throw the bones again, for he knew they were loaded with bad news. The King said something that sounded like a set of dishes clattering down a flight of steps and every minstrel in that show pulled out a razor that was long enough to strop on the moon.

The Buff took it on the loop and was one jump ahead of the nearest razor and two jumps behind a fit when he looks up and pipes a grapefruit tree full of monkeys.

He grabs a grapefruit, beans the nearest guy, and waits for the explosion.

Either that grapefruit wasn't loaded or some sucker had stacked the cards. When he came to for the third time, he had a lump on his head that made him look like twins.

He was want a good warm to keep your apartment warm in summer and cool in winter, just ring this Buffalo up at his office in City Hall park. He's got a palatial suite on the fourth bench from the corner. You can spot him by the lump on his bean. It looks like a grapefruit.

Bolshevik Forces Retreat  
Before Lithuanian Attack

Stockholm, March 18.—Fighting has been resumed against the bolsheviks along the entire Lithuanian front, according to an official statement issued at Lithuanian headquarters, which adds that the bolsheviks suffered a severe defeat at Soda and Pagirai. "Southeast of Vilna we are advancing victoriously, forcing the enemy to retire along the whole front," the statement concludes.

Bryan Recovers and Will  
Celebrate 59th Birthday

Washington, March 18.—William Jennings Bryan, who has been ill for several weeks at the home of friends, here, had recovered sufficiently today to join Mrs. Bryan at a Baltimore hotel, where tomorrow they will celebrate Mr. Bryan's 59th anniversary. Mrs. Bryan also has been ill and only today was able to leave a hospital in Baltimore.

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## Drawn for The Bee by Tad



## Sport Shorts

By KID GRAVES.

One of Omaha's semi-pro players, sitting in a barber's chair recently, thought of the old shaving mugs. This thought came to him as he was perusing the "ads" in The Bee while the barber was clipping away and he looked around the place and failed to see any old familiar case of cups with owner's names in gilt letters. "Where have all the shaving mugs gone to?" he inquired. "Gone," repeated the barber. "They've all been taken over by the one arm lunch rooms and are now being used for coffee cups."

A Chicago saloon keeper named August Samuels sprung a new one on his customers recently, twisting the calendar a little but not the truth. He placed a sign in his window which reads "The first of July is the last of August." Samuels' place used to be a hangout for the Chicago boxers and wrestlers. If August is finished when July starts in, wonder where the old gang will go to?

In their "steenth" scrap, old Jack Britton finally hung on to Ted Lewis' chin and put him to sleep in the ninth round of their 12-round mix-up at Canton, O., Monday night. Jack is the first of the welterweight champions to lose the title and regain it since the old days when Matty Mathews did the trick. Mathews and Britton are the only two champions in any division that ever performed this feat. Jack lost the title to Lewis in the same ring at Canton, in which he won it, with the same referee officiating. Monday night, in the change of scenery, he outboxed Lewis all the way, finally forcing him to the ropes with a series of short snappy hooks and jabs and then brought a ripping right hook to the jaw and Lewis crumpled to the floor and never moved till he was picked up by his seconds and placed in his chair in the corner. The winner went over the top rope of the ring in going to his dressing room and was caught in midair in Danny Morgan's arms. Danny wouldn't let him down till he was in his quarters.

Some base ball fans think they have seen the best base runner in the national game, when they have seen Cobb, Sisler, Speaker and other noted base sprinters, but the official records show that the Bridgeport club of the Eastern league has the fastest base runner and the greatest surprise of it all is that the best base runner is a Chinaman! Tin Lai, an infielder stole 34 bases in 55 games for a percentage of 618, showing himself a marvel of pioneering speed. Tin Lai toured the country as a member of the famous Chinese-Hawaiian ball organization. The Philadelphia Nationals signed him up but farmed him out. He landed with Bridgeport and showed himself an all-around good player, leading the entire country in base stealing, fielding well and hitting for an average of .293. We've had several brands of foreigners make good at the game, including Italians, Swedes, Danes, English and Austrians, but this is the first time that a Chinese has ever come to the front in base ball.

The American boxers in France

are finding the Frenchmen rather hard to handle in the boxing game. Some of the Frenchies hand them a lacing once in a while. Jack McAuliffe, the old-time champion lightweight, is a boxing instructor in the American army in France. Other Yank scrappers "over there" are Battling Schultz of Toledo, O.; Gene Belmont of Memphis, who lost a decision to a Welsh boxer, Danny Morgan; Mike O'Dowd, who refereed the Morgan-Delmout scrap; Jack Abel of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Herman Butchin of Philadelphia; Spider Kelly of Cleveland, Johnny Slinger of Boston, Johnny Gannon of Brooklyn, N. Y., Lee Grant of Brooklyn, Mass.; Mike Kivetti of South Dakota, who lost to a Frenchman named Devillard, and a number of American managers, promoters and referees are also with the boys.

It is reported that Georges Carpentier, the French middleweight and heavyweight boxing champion, has ordered a ringside seat for the heavyweight championship scrap on July 4. Georges is taking no chances on being roughed up in the rush for seats at the last minute or of going unrecognized and not permitted to enter the arena on his professional reputation.

Recreation Director Jake Isaacson has been elected a director of the Western Base Ball association, according to advices received yesterday.

The Council Bluffs wrestling promoter, Al Fiori has signed Vernon Breedlove, featherweight champion, for another match to be held in the Bluffs auditorium on the night of March 25. This time, Breedlove's opponent will be Jack Finn of Belmont, Ia., who is to weigh in at 130 pounds or under.

Before a crowd of students in the Shenandoah high school gymnasium the Shenandoah high school basketball team trimmed the Blanchard Hi 37 to 19. The Shenandoah team took the lead in the first minute of play and was never headed. The Shenandoah girls were not so lucky in the preliminary game, losing to the Blanchard girls, 12 to 8.

Nevada Senate Refuses  
Endorsement of League

Carson City, Nev., March 18.—By a vote of eight to four the senate of the Nevada legislature refused to pass a resolution endorsing the league of nations, of which the United States shall be a member. The resolution was passed by the assembly early in the session. Last week the senate tabled a resolution condemning the proposed league of nations.

Today's Calendar of Sports.

RACING—Winter meeting of Cuban-American jockey club at Havana. Spring meeting at Oaklawn Park, Hot Springs, Ark.

TENNIS—Florida State championship tournament opens at Palm Beach.

BASE BALL—Chicago Nationals start for spring training camp at Pasadena.

GOLF—Opening of annual midwinter tournament of Houston (Tex.) Country club.

SWIMMING—Central A. A. U. one-mile and other title events at Minneapolis.

## FIGHTERS BEGIN PREPARING FOR TITLE CONTEST

Sparring Partners Sought for  
Willard and Dempsey in  
Training for Battle  
on July 4.

New York, March 18.—At an informal conference here tonight the managers of Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey discussed the heavyweight championship contest, scheduled for July 4, with Promoter Tex Rickard, preparatory to arranging for preliminary training. Willard was represented by Ray Archer. Dempsey's plans were explained by Jack Kearns.

Both managers stated they were in this city prepared to engage sparring partners for their principals and each carried a list of heavyweight boxers from which it was expected they would be selected. Archer said that he was prepared to take at least two such helpers back to Lawrence, Kans., with him when he leaves for Willard's home town at the end of the week.

According to the champion's manager, Willard has already begun light physical work and is a trifle below 270 pounds in weight.

The champion will do all of his work at his home in Lawrence until several weeks before the bout, when, according to the terms of his contract with Rickard, he will move to the scene of the titular battle. In the interim, however, Willard will find time to star in a moving picture drama in which he will appear as the hero. His stipend for submitting himself to the camera will be \$100,000, it is reported.

Dempsey expects to leave Palm Beach tomorrow for a week or ten days of rest before engaging in an athletic-vaudiville tour of a month. Before he leaves he expects to purchase a large farm near Freehold, N. J., where the challenger will do such training as may be necessary before moving on to the scene of the bout. Kearns said that Dempsey weighed 197 pounds at present and would enter the ring at between 192 and 195 pounds, according to the altitude at which the bout is staged.

He will begin serious training on May 1 and will have as sparring partners the largest and heaviest men who can be engaged in order that he may become accustomed to boxing with men as near as possible the physical standard of Willard. Andre Anderson is the only one mentioned to date.

Rickard plans to return to his Texas oil fields tomorrow and will be absent from this city for several weeks. He stated positively tonight that he would not announce the site of the contest, the referee or other details until April and that he did not expect to investigate any prospective fight cities while away.

Hudson Bay Dog Derby

Won by Bates Campbell

The Pass, Manitoba, March 18.—Bates Campbell, "mushing" behind his dog team, crossed at 1:20 p. m. today the finish line, first in the annual 100-mile Hudson Bay dog derby. Campbell made the course without stopping in 15 hours and 35 minutes.

McKay, a favorite, was second. Five out of seven entries went the 100 miles without rest and finished. The test was one of endurance as well as speed, as the trail was banked high with new snowy spots and badly cut up in other places.

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IT IS TIME TO  
CLEAN UP.



## GREATER OMAHA LEAGUE HEADS PASS THE BUCK

None Would Take Initiative  
and No New League Is Or-  
ganized; Committee to  
See Muni League.

The meeting of the Greater Omaha league managers, held at Ernie Holmes' Billiard Parlors last night proved a fizzle as far as any real action toward the formation of a new league was concerned. Only five managers were present, one of them being only a possibility at that, for while it is generally thought that Johnny Deane will manage a Krug representative team, no one, not even Dennison, knows whether he actually will have one or not.

Name Committee.  
It was finally decided that a committee should be appointed to call on the directors of the Municipal league and ask for a reconsideration of the rules prohibiting games on enclosed parks. It would even be conceded by the class A managers to allow free admission to the parks if a charge could be made for the seats. A motion to this effect was made, put and carried and Ar Christiansen, Bert Murphy and Johnny Dennison were selected as the committee to represent the Greater Omaha league. If the request is denied then, another meeting of the class A managers will probably be called for a more definite action on the formation of a semi-pro league.

State League Suggested.  
The suggestion was made that a state league be formed, taking in teams from Beatrice, Plattsmouth, Fremont and Lincoln, besides the Omaha teams, but most of those present thought this could not be successful. Then the local league was broached, but it didn't hit the spot either, some of the managers thinking that Omaha could not support a semi-pro league. At any rate there was no league formed and will not be formed until the Muni league tells the committee flat-footed that they cannot play in the enclosed parks.

Charlie Schmidt, Former  
Tiger, to Manage Sioux City

Sioux City, Ia., March 18.—Charlie Schmidt, former Detroit catcher, signed a contract today to manage the Sioux City club of the Western Base Ball league.

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