National Mat Champs Meet Star Jap Team Here

Unbeaten Japs Say 'Take Your Pick' To Mich., Ford Teams

By BOB WEBB

The star-studded Japanese amateur wrestling team that has emerged unbeaten at Free and Graeco-Roman style competition in its dual meets across the country may meet its match in Southfield tonight. It competes against the Michigan A.A.U. All-Star team and the great Ford Recreation team of Dearborn at 8 p.m. in Southfield high school gymnasium, Lahser and 10 Mile.

Only last Saturday the Ford team won the National A.A.U. Graeco-Roman style wrestling championship at Waynesburg, Pa. The Dearborn team is led by the incomparable Khalil Taha, who at the age of 19 placed second for his native Lebanon in the 1952 Olympic games.

He came to this country in 1955 and since then has proved himself the outstanding Graeco wrestler in the United States. He climaxed his career here by winning last Saturday at Waynesburg, which brought him his second national title at 160 pounds.

Taha won four straight matches at Waynesburg, all by falls, the final being over Larry Ten Pas, former Big 10 and national collegiate champ (1956). He was voted the outstanding wrestler among 83 men in the tournament.

Aiding him in the championships was another new arrival in this country, Frank Szeczi, winner of the 147 pound Graeco title. He fought the Russians in Budapest, escaped to Austria Nov. 8 and was on the first plane load of "Freedom Fighters" to arrive in the United States.

Flenoid Martin, 275 pound Ford heavyweight, placed third. Other members of the team who'll compete against the Japs include Rudy Williams, Wally Stephens and Charles Hadous.

The Japanese wrestlers, several members of which were on the 1956 Japanese Olympic team, will face the Michigan All-Star team in Olympic Free-Style and will challenge the Ford team in Graeco.

The Japs are adept at both styles, allowing home teams to "select their own weapons" so to speak. Japanese firsts at Waynesburg were taken by Takashi Hirata, 114 pounds, and Mashashi Kobubo, 137 pounds. Second places went to Mitsuhiro Ohira, 125 pounds, and to Masaki Hatta, 126 pounds.

Ohira placed 5th in the Melbourne Olympics.

His match against Tim Woodin of Michigan State tonight should be one of the highlights of the evening since it was Woodin who beat him out for first place in the Waynesburg match Saturday. Actually, Wooden and Ohira wrestled to a draw in their final match there, but Woodin was declared the winner of the weight, as he pinned all previous opponents.

A fourth place at the Pa. match was taken by Yoshio Komiya, 147 pounds.

U. of M. wrestler Mike Rodriguez, 157 pounds, along with Max Pearson, 130 pounds, should give the Japanese some competition. Both were 1957 Big 10 champions and runners-up in the recent N.C.A.A. tournament.

Other University of Michigan men on the A.A.U. team will be two outstanding freshmen, Mike Hoyles, 127 pounds, former Hazel Park high school star and Jay McMahon at 177 pounds.

Michigan State University will furnish LeRoy Gmazel, 137 pounds and William Allen, 147 pounds, both recent Region 3 A.A.U. champions, Jim Ferguson, 167 pounds and Tim Woodin, outstanding freshman who was national A.A.U. champion at 191 pounds in 1955.

The other weight, 115 pounds, will be handled by Jack Santa, star from the suburban Berkley high school team.

As part of the Thursday nite program the Japanese team will put on their unique team warm-up drills and Ichiro Hatta, the president of the Japanese amateur wrestling federation and a black belt owner who accompanies the team, and the coach, Tsurumatsu Shimizu, will present a demonstration of Judo wrestling.

The Olympic Free-Style should get under way shortly after 8 p.m., following the Judo exhibition, and the night will be capped with the dramatic Graeco-Roman match between the Japanese team and the Ford Recreation team.

Tickets may be bought at the door.

S'field Slates 'Ruth' Tryouts

The Southfield Babe Ruth league for boys from 13 to 15 years old will get underway with tryouts Saturday, April 13 at Southfield high school. League rules specify that only boys who are no more than 15 years of age this coming September 1 will be eligible to play.

Boys interested in the league may obtain registration blanks from their athletic directors at the schools they attend. It is important that parents sign these registration blanks. This is done for the boys protection as the Babe Ruth league insures boys registered against injury in practice and play.

Youngsters should come prepared to work out, bringing their shoes and gloves, as well as a 25 cent registration fee.

There may even be some keen-eyed scouts sniffing out talent. Parents are requested to join their sons if possible.

Babe Ruth Timetable

THIS WEEK application blanks handed out in schools.

April 16 League "Round-Up" at Derby junior high, 8 p.m. Boys return slips and are given numerals for tryouts. Fathers are briefed on 1957 program.

April 20 Tryouts start at St. James Field. Fourteen and 15 year olds report at 9 a.m. Thirteen year olds at 1 p.m.

April 27 Tryouts continue.

May 4 Tryouts end.

May 6 Player draft.

May 11 Minor league tryouts.

June 3 First scheduled game.

June 15 Deadline for filing of birth certificates and team rosters.

July 27 Last scheduled game.

July 31 Player between first and second half champions.

List Five Tests For Ruth Tryouts

Boys trying out for the Babe Ruth league this month will be tested the first week on running, throwing, fielding and hitting, league president William R. Barrett announced today.

Each boy will be rated on his performance in each category and his overall rating will be made available to the managers.

Robert W. Kirby, who is revamping the league's tryout procedure, has set up a series of tests with a maximum rating of ten possible in each. They include:

1. Speed in reaching second after hitting a ball.
2. Batting ability.
3. A throwing accuracy test, hurling at a strike zone from the regular pitching distance.
4. Infield play, fielding grounders and throwing to first from the short-stop position.
5. Outfield play, fielding a fly ball and attempting to throw out a runner trying to score after the catch from third.

The second week additional stress will be placed on batting and pitching tests, Kirby said.

The tryouts begin at St. James field Saturday, April 20. For the first time league officials will direct the tryout program. Managers and coaches will be relegated to the role of spectators.

Sportsweek

April 11—Thurston at Birmingham
April 12—Troy at Roseville
Southfield at Hazel Park
April 13—Mt. Clemens at Birmingham
Triangular Meet (Cranbrook, Troy, Berkley) at Cranbrook
Southfield at Redford Union
Bloomfield Hills at W. Bloomfield

Baseball
April 12—Redford Union at Southfield
April 13—Assumption at Cranbrook
April 16—Birmingham at Southfield
Berkley at Cranbrook

Golf
April 15—Triangular (Southfield, Berkley, Redford Union)
April 18—Bloomfield Hills at Northville
Troy vs. Clawson (Sylvan Glen)

Tennis
April 11—Ferndale at Cranbrook
April 12—Cranbrook at Grosse Pointe
April 15—Fitzgerald at Southfield
Berkley at Cranbrook
April 16—Clarenceville at Southfield
April 17—Hamtramck at Cranbrook

Birmingham YMCA Starts Softball

There will be an organizational meeting of the Birmingham YMCA Men's Softball League on Wednesday, April 17 from 7 until 8 p.m. The league is striving to have six teams which will play twice weekly from late May to the end of July.

Teams and managers interested in this activity are urged to be at the Y, 400 East Lincoln avenue, on this date. Fees, playing conditions, arrangements and scheduling will be discussed.

BASEBALL COACHES Ed Bryant and Cecil Foote (squatting) give some last minute instructions to their starting lineup against a powerful Redford Union team tomorrow. From l. to r., top row—Jim McCann, ss; Ron Heffner, lf; Mel Alldredge, p; Bob Filar, c; Jerry Londal, 1b; and Les Kuivanen, rf. L. to r. bottom row—Henry Kopek, cf, and Ed Kennedy, 2b. John Miolenan, 3b, was absent for the picture.

LEONARD (ANDY) ANDERSON recently shot a hole in one on the Plantation Country club course at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. From left to right in the celebrating party are Chuck Livingston, Bloomfield Hills; Anderson, Birmingham; Vern Wheeler, Bloomfield Hills, and Wally Wheeler, Birmingham. Anderson was runner-up in the Florida State left-handers tournament.

Bowling Scores

HOLY NAME LADIES

Team	W	L
8	72½	45
4	70	47
7	65½	52½
2	64½	53½
3	62	56
6	58½	61½
1	49	71
5	48½	71½

B'HAM SENIOR HOUSE

Team	W	L
1. Screws	69	39
2. Huron Bowl	68	40
3. Wilson Pontiac-Cadillac	64	44
4. C.V. Coal	62	46
5. A. & A. Asphalt	61	47
6. Bloomfield Lanes	57	48
7. Cooley Lounge Bar	55½	50½
8. Wolverine Potato Chips	55½	51½
9. Harold Turners	54½	51½
10. Quik Auto Wash	50	55
11. Birmingham Drugs	49½	55½
12. A. C. Oils & Associates	49	56
13. Colls Music	48½	57½
14. Birmingham Movers	47	58
15. Tibbits Contracting	46	59
16. Thomas & Son Electric	42	63
17. Huron Ball Drilling	41	63
18. Exton-Dakin	40	65

B'HAM LADIES SENIOR

Team	W	L
Wesley's Ice Cream	63	44
Peabody's Market	63	44
R. B. Shop	61½	45½
Liberty Cleaners	61	47
Bloomfield Lanes	60	48
Twin Pines	59	49
Ford-Huron Shopping	58½	50
Ford & Griffith	58	50
Hazel Farm	57	51
Tod Specialties	56	52
Adams Shell Service	54	54
Birmingham Cleaners	53	55
Birmingham Grille	50½	57½
Birmingham Eccentric	49½	58½
McDolland's	44½	63½
Mike's Appliances	44	64
Averill Press	43	65
McBride Hardware	33	75

OLD NEWCOMERS

Team	W	L
14	62	57
8	62	57
2	59½	59½
3	59½	59½
5	59	61
6	58	62
7	57	63
11	53	67
10	49	71
1	48	72
4	47½	72½
13	45	75
12	44	76
9	41	79

OUR SHEPHERD

Team	W	L
Rollaways	73	47
Builders	71	49
Hi-Fis	68	52
Broadminders	67	53
S. Angels	64	56
Could Be	61	59
Adventurers	48	72
Bowleramas	47	73
Wooden Indians	45	75
Holey Rollers	45	75

LADIES JUNIOR HOUSE

Team	W	L
8	72	40
18	71	41
5	67	45
1	65½	46½
10	64	48
13	62	50
12	59½	52½
11	59	53
2	57½	54½
16	55	56
7	54	57
9	53	58
3	52	59
4	51½	60½
15	50	62

HOLY NAME MENS

Team	W	L
Birmingham Landscaping	63	45
Fisher's Market	60½	47½
Howard T. Keating Co.	60	48
Standard Oil Co.	58	50
Martinelli's	57	51
Torrence Oil Co.	55	53
Birmingham Electric	52	56
Birmingham Grill	52	56
Al Fortuna Builder	52	56
Northern Stone	49½	58½
A. & A. Asphalt	46	62
Johnston Plumbing	44	64

Little League Tryouts Saturday

The 1957 baseball for boys 8-12 years of age begins Saturday, April 13.

All boys interested in playing baseball this summer are invited to attend the tryouts.

Application blanks for new boys may be obtained through the school they attend. A few forms will be available at the field.

Time of the tryouts is scheduled for 9 a.m. for boys from 11-12 years of age and 10 a.m. for boys 10 and under.

All boys living in National League territory—north of Maple and west of Adam—go to Popplelton Field.

Jay Little League Rally Is April 18

The Southfield Little League rally date has been much a-forward from Monday, April 22 to Thursday, April 18 and will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Southfield high school gymnasium.

A program of motion pictures and short talks by well known baseball athletic personalities will constitute the program for the night.

Parents are urged to accompany their sons to the meeting in order to become familiar with the objectives of the little League program.

The registration date is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at the north entrance of Southfield high school, 10 Mile and Lahser.

Harmons Hook Five

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Harmon, 662 Bennington Drive, Bloomfield Hills, caught and released five bonefish on a recent fishing trip to Florida. They were fishing aboard "Florida Palms" when they hooked, fought and brought the sportfish to boat.

Recreation Round-Up

SENIOR MEN'S CLUB

Who: Men over 55, or retired men.
What: Senior Men's Club promoted by the Recreation Department and the Community Bureau of food cultural interests.
When: Every Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Where: Community House.
How: No fee. Come and see what we have to offer.

SWIMMING

Who: Handicapped individuals.
What: Therapeutic swimming.
When: Thursday evenings, 6-7 P.M.
Where: Barnum Pool, Frank and Purdy Streets.
How: A doctor's certificate must be on file at the office of the Recreation Department, in the Municipal Building. No charge. For further information call MI 4-1800.

INDOOR SPORTS

Who: Residents of Birmingham, in the Birmingham School District 18 yrs. and over.
What: Fun playing basketball, volley ball, ping-pong, and badminton, golf driving, fencing, trampoline, and shuffleboard are also offered.
When: Tuesday and Thursdays, 7-10 P.M. April 11 is the next session.
Where: Birmingham High School
How: Charge: 25c per person

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Sports Hall of Fame Launched by Heston For Detroit Area

Plans for a sports hall of fame to honor outstanding athletes in the Detroit metropolitan area were announced this week by John P. Heston, former University of Michigan star football player and son of Willie Heston, star of Fielding Yost's "point-a-minute" UM team of 1901-1904.

Heston, of Allen Park, said that the program would be called the Willie Heston Sports Hall of Fame in honor of his father.

Sports minded persons throughout the entire Detroit area are invited by Heston to submit names of living athletes they would like to see chosen for the Hall of Fame. The first three selections will be made by the end of next month, from nominees whose names are submitted by May 20th.

Persons submitting athletes' names should include a brief resume of each nominee's athletic activities, together with his present address. Only living athletes, active or retired, will be considered.

Pictures of the first three athletes chosen will be hung in the Administration Building of Michigan Memorial Park near Flat Rock, which is owned and operated by the Heston family. This building, which will be the headquarters for the Hall of Fame, has been donated for this purpose.

The first three men selected will be honored in ceremonies at Michigan Memorial Park on the Sunday before Memorial Day. Each will be presented with a bronze plaquette.

Heston is planning to tape-record interviews with all athletes chosen, in the desire to preserve, in their own voices, their memories and recollections of athletic activities. The recordings will remain in the Hall of Fame for public use.

After the first athletes are chosen for the Hall of Fame, Heston will again ask Detroiters residents to submit other nominees' names for consideration. Other athletes will be chosen at intervals.

"Too often, athletes are not generally recognized for their accomplishments until after their death," Heston declared. "The Willie Heston Sports Hall of Fame will honor athletes in their lifetime.

"We don't care whether nominees played baseball, football or tennis, or participated in any other sport. Nor does it matter whether they are active today, or played in 1900. Our purpose is to give credit to great athletes no matter what or when they played.

"I sincerely hope that sports-minded persons will take the time to submit the names of athletes they believe are entitled to recognition."

He asked that the names be mailed to his office, located at 5870 Delham, Allen Park, Michigan.

Catches Bonefish

Ivan Torrence, 2845 Heathfield road, Bloomfield Township, caught and released a bonefish while fishing aboard the "Vee-N" out of Islamorada, Florida.

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Weight	Name	From		Opponent	From
	MICHIGAN A.A.U. TEAM			JAPANESE WRESTLING TEAM	
115	Jack Santa	Berkley H.	vs.	Takashi Hirata	Hosei U.
123	Mike Hoyles	U. of M.	vs.	Masaaki Hatta	Keio H.S.
130	Max Pearson	U. of M.	vs.	Osumu Tazura	Kansaigakuin U.
137	LeRoy Gmazel	State	vs.	Masaahi Kokubo	Keio U.
147	William Allen	State	vs.	Yoshiaki Komiya	Chuo U.
157	Mike Rodriguez	U. of M.	vs.	Katsuo Sugawara	Nippon Tauku U.
167	Jim Ferguson	State	vs.	Akeri Iwano	Doshisha U.
177	Jay McMahon	U. of M.	vs.	Haruo Takagi	Meiji U.
191	Tim Woodin	State	vs.	Mitsuhiro Ohira	Waseda U.

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