

Grapplers Plan Big Program at Camino

Local wrestling fans will be enabled to take in a jumboized program Saturday, when grapplers from most sectors of California engage in the mat sport on the campus of El Camino College Saturday afternoon and evening.

To date, 14 colleges have entered the Southern California Junior College Wrestling Tournament, according to Dave Hengsteler, coach of the El Camino matmen and host of the "battle royale."

Favorites to cop the tournament—and the Southern California wrestling championship—are the grappling teams from San Bernardino Valley College, Mt. San Antonio, and the host squad of El Camino.

Teams Entered
Other teams already entered represent Orange Coast, Santa Ana, Chaffee, Los Angeles City, Coalinga, Modesto, Fresno, and Antelope Valley colleges.

In addition, the freshman squads from San Diego State, Long Beach State, and Pomona College are entered in the El Camino tourney.

Tabbed by Hengsteler as outstanding wrestlers who promise to display a combination of cunning and strength in their matches are Raul Fernandez (123) and Sid Wingo (167) of Modesto; Don Cameron (137) of Coalinga; Bill Cunningham (147) of Fresno; Jerry Buma (130) of Orange Coast; Ken Roberts (191) of San Di-

ego Frosh, and brothers, John and Norbert Hoffman, 167 and 177 pounds respectively, of Mt. San Antonio.

'57 Champions
Other standouts who will appear on the Camino mats include a Southern California champ in the 1957 tournament, 123-pound Bob Garcia of San Bernardino. A runner-up last year in the 130 division, Bob Kinslow of San Bernardino, will be back to claim top honors in his class. A third San Bernardinoan, Hector Alvarez, has been undefeated this year in the heavyweight class and poses a strong threat in his division.

Mt. San Antonio, regularly a threatening power in Southern California wrestling circles, is placing strong hopes in 157-pound Dan Hopping, who nabbed the '57 championship in his wright classification.

Hengsteler, who consistently sends strong wrestling crews to the mats, has a few powerhouses of his own to offer as top contenders. Two of his top men are Don Wood (123) and Wayne Atkins (167), whom he believes to be strong candidates in their weight classifications. Hengsteler is also high on Mike Coyle (147) and Larry Swallow (157).

Warrior Laurie Belger, a strong heavyweight contender, will find tough competition in the person of Alvarez, but cannot be counted out of the running, Hengsteler opined.

Young TV Actor To Enact Role In P.V. Comedy

Thirteen-year-old Dean Dwight is one of the more experienced "professionals" to appear in the Palos Verdes Players' riotous comedy, "Strange Bedfellows," rehearsing under Miles Middough's direction for a March 7 opening. Recently co-starred on TV's Telephone Time presentation of "Under Seventeen," Dean will soon be seen with Danny Kaye in the forthcoming MGM picture, "Merry Andrew." He has also appeared on Matinee Theater with Jane Darwell, and Dr. Hudson's Secret Journal.

A student of Anne Sutton, prominent South Bay actress also playing a featured role in "Strange Bedfellows," Dean made his theatrical debut with the Gardena Theatre Guild. He was seen there with Miss Sutton in "Hansel and Gretel" and came under her tutelage as she encouraged the talented teen-ager to enter the Hollywood motion picture-television scene.

In Nob Hill Set
In his initial appearance for the PV Players Dean has been cast as the youngest member of a Victorian Nob Hill household caught up in the fervor of the women's suffrage movement in the '90's.

Veneral Disease Vaccine Seen, But Use Raises Many Questions

By ROY O. GILBERT, M.D., Los Angeles County Health Officer

The long-sought-for vaccine that will protect individuals against syphilis and gonorrhea may be closer to realization than was thought possible a few years ago. Indeed, although the vaccine may not be "just around the corner," the possibility of its successful development is no longer merely a matter of conjecture.

For some time the problem of a vaccine for the two most common veneral diseases has been receiving the close attention of medical scientists, and at a recent conference of VD specialists the director of the U. S. Public Health Service Experimental Laboratory was most optimistic concerning the ultimate success of the project.

Time Lag Seen
However, even if this group of experimental scientists were able to successfully develop a VD vaccine as of this moment, a considerable time-lag would be inevitable before the product could become generally available. A vaccine developed experimentally and most promising in the laboratory may be ineffective in field trials on human beings—and

may possibly be dangerous. For that reason success at the experimental laboratory must be backed up by extensive field trials conducted through the research laboratory and VD control field services.

In many respects, the significance of this vaccine would actually rank with the Salk vaccine. Physical damage from undiscovered or neglected syphilis and gonorrhea is probably far more common than from certain other diseases that may leave residual effects. Also, damage from the veneral diseases is often progressive and can result in insanity or death. And, unlike most other diseases, the ill effects may be passed on to the offspring of the infected individuals.

Critical Need
At the present time veneral disease control has again come to the fore as a critical national health problem. Experts of the U. S. Public Health Service estimate that somewhat more than 50 per cent of all veneral

disease infections is occurring among individuals under 20 years of age, and that the number of cases in this broad age group is increasing faster than the pace in case finding, diagnosis, and treatment. The danger of this situation lies, of course, in the fact that young people comprise the age group also responsible for the highest birth rate.

Many Undiscovered
Furthermore, there is substantial evidence that not all the VD cases are discovered and treated. On a national basis, the index which measures the degree that case finding is effective now stands at less than 1.0. It is called the contact index, and since each individual with an infection of syphilis or gonorrhea has usually had at least one contact to have the disease, the battle of VD control is obviously losing rather than gaining ground.

Fortunately, the Los Angeles County Health Department has jurisdiction over one of the

areas in the United States where the line is at least being held. The local contact index for syphilis stands at 2.0 per case, although it is slightly less than the acceptable 1.0 in gonorrhea.

Experts in VD control are concerned, for although there has until recently been a steady decline in the veneral disease since World War II,

the downward trend nationally and locally has at least temporarily halted and reversed itself.

Several Questions
A VD vaccine would answer many problems in VD control, but even if such a vaccine becomes available within a few years, it is likely that problems of an entirely new nature will develop.

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