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JIMMY COFFIELD



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went at each other in a lively struggle, which ended up with the haughty ex-lumber jack, La Rue, getting disqualified for running Long's head into the steel ring post. Johnny hit the Canadian with a hard tackle and on the second one, LaRue dropped down and Long rammed referee Bob Shipp and both went out of the ring, with Leng ending up on the apron and Shipp on the floor. LaRue saw Long momentarily stunned on the apron and rushing over to Johnny, he rammed Long's head into the ring post. Shipp instantly disqualified LaRue. LaRue protested and after Long recovered, he mopped up the ring with La Rue and second Tiger Kirkland being used as the mops.

Don McIntyre gave former world's champion, Texas Babe Sharkey, a going over before pinning him with a series of flying tackles.

Sharkey, 255 pounds strong, rushed out of his corner and wasted no time in getting to Don. He slugged, choked and used every illegal tactic in trying to wear his opponent down. However, this didn't last long, as Don turned the tables and gave Sharkey some of his own medicine. Don punished Sharkey with a Japanese arm lock and it looked as though the huge Texan would give up, but at the last second he scooted under the ropes.

In a fast mix-up, Don came bounding off the ropes and caught Sharkey with 2 hard tackles and jumped on him for the pin.

Jimmy Coffield and Red McIntyre battled for 22 minutes before the arrogant, strutting Coffield was able to down the young dynamic redhead. It was the case of youth and speed not being able to overcome ring-generalship and experience. Red, who is fast coming to the front as a top notch grappler, looked as though he was going to down the rugged Kansas Citian, but in the clutch, Coffield had the edge and came on to win, by hammerlocking Red and running his arm into the turnbuckle, then stomping

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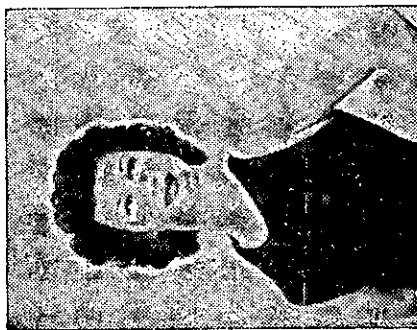


ROSS—Clemson

**Louie Ross returns to take on Bob Shipp, Louie Ross**

Bob Shipp will step out of the refereeing assignment to take on Louie Ross, the former Clemson football star and present Anderson, S. Carolina coach. Shipp has been demanding a place on the wrestling card for sometime, declaring that with his added weight and size, he would be able to hold his own.

Louie Ross, the big 235 pounder, who was a favorite here, will be making his first appearance in over a year. He has been wrestling in the southeastern part of the country, but his engagements have been limited because of his football coaching duties at the Anderson, South Carolina high school. Now that the season is over, Louie is ready to give his full time to wrestling. Ross learned wrestling from his father, Jack Ross, who was a tough grappler. Ross is



Juanita Coffman wants to get in the running for a match with Champion Mildred

**Next Wrestling Date . . .**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28th.**

**Nick Carter To Try Wampler**

Earl Wampler, the tough Iowa farmer, who would rather wrestle than stay on his productive farm, may wish he was back in Iowa before he finishes with Nick Carter. However, in last week's tag team match, the rugged Iowan proved he could really take it as well as dish it out and at times, he was taking plenty from both Carter and McCoy. The popular Alabama Nick looked at his very best last week and says he will send Wampler running before their scheduled 20 minute time limit bout is over.

well schooled in scientific wrestling and with his 235 pounds he is plenty capable of roughing it up, if the occasion arises.

Shipp and Ross, both plenty rugged and anxious to make a name in Atlanta, will do their best to come out on top in their 20 minute open- ing match.

**"BEHIND THE MIKE"**

By  
**RAY MCCAY**

By the time you read this, I'll be out at Lawson Veterans Hospital undergoing a little repair work. The young man substituting for me "behind the mike" tonight is my very good friend, Ben Gunn. I know that Ben will do a good job for you. I hope that he doesn't do too well, however, as I want to be back with you next Saturday night. I hope to be able to get to a television set so that I can see what goes on this week . . . Last Friday night was a night of action with Don McIntyre subduing Texas Babe Sharkey, Johnny Long lashing Jack LaRue, and Bibber McCoy puncturing the "Blimp". Sure hope it won't be long before Bibber comes back. . . . Wish I could be here to see Louie Ross in action especially against our boy, Bob Shipp. . . . Some of the wrestlers had a hard time getting to Atlanta last week because of the heavy fog. . . . Johnny Long didn't get in until just before his match. . . . The girls start on the tournament trail tonight. . . . the ultimate winner is to get a crack at Mildred Burke's World's Championship title. . . . I sure regret missing the debut of our new referee, Howard Brown. I'd like to welcome him, though, and wish him a lot of luck. . . . He'll sure need it. . . . Captain Varley Broe, of the Third Army, stationed at Fort McPherson, was on Military Police duty at the matches last week. . . . The captain is a referee of note. . . . Other visitors last Friday night included Councilman Joe Allen. . . . Ditto Jimmy Vickers. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gunn saw a wrestling match for the first time in their lives last Friday. They had been seeing them on television, but had never seen one in the flesh. . . . Wrestling is booming in Augusta, Georgia. . . . Fritzie Zivic, one-time

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Larry Moquin, the French Canadian star that appeared here last year, is one of the top headlines in the East—Tiger Joe Marsh has just finished work on a picture called "OUTBREAK", and he has a featured part—Jack Hader, the Kansas City badman may be seen in Atlanta soon—Texas Babe Sharkey, who appeared on last week's wrestling card, held the World's Title for nearly two years—Gorgeous George, the famous blonde haired grappler from Hollywood, has been replaced as the No. 1 television wrestler by Antonio Rocco, the colorful Argentinian grappler—Lady champion Mildred Burke can best be described as the "Pin-Up-Girl who pins 'em down—to the tune of \$50,000 a year."—Lillian Ellison the speedy South Carolina girl would give Champion Mildred a run for her money—would like to see them matched—Jimmy Coffield is demanding a chance at the Southern Heavyweight Title—claims that he is the class of the wrestlers here—George Harben, older brother of Charlie, who has been wrestling on the west coast, will make his Boston debut on Jan. 23—Bob Shipp will get a chance to prove himself in tonight's match—Howard Brown who will take over the officiating duties weighs 230 and has been refereeing for over 10 years—he is capable of keeping the wrestlers under his thumb—Tough Tom Mahoney is after another shot at the Southern Title—Killer Karl Davis is in Texas—Jim Londos, the Golden Greek and former champion will wrestle in Chicago in early February—Earl Wampler, the Iowa farmer, is an ardent coon hunter—Bob Shipp trains bird dogs—Johnny Long has fighting chickens—Johnny

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1950

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— FIRST EVENT —

**LOUIE ROSS, JR. vs. BOB SHIPP**

235 — Augusta, Ga. 222 — Marietta, Ga.

1 FALL — 20 MINUTE TIME LIMIT

— SECOND EVENT —

**NICK CARTER vs. EARL WAMPLER**

235 — Oneonta, Ala. 225 — Iowa

1 FALL — 20 MINUTE TIME LIMIT

— MAIN EVENT —

**CELIA BLEVINS vs. LILLIAN ELLISON**

Oklahoma Columbia, S. C.

1 FALL TO A FINISH

REFRESHMENT TIME INTERMISSION REFRESHMENT TIME  
15 MINUTES

— TAG TEAM MATCH —

**JIMMY COFFIELD and JACK LaRUE**

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**JOHNNY LONG and DON McINTYRE**

218 — Washington, D. C. 227 — Atlanta, Ga.

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### Coffield-La Rue Against Long McIntyre In Tag Team

Johnny Long, and Don McIntyre have yet to be defeated in Atlanta, when they team up as tag partners. Both Long and McIntyre have a personal score of their own to settle tonight, so this match is sure to see caution, thrown to the wind, with these boys both determined to give their opponents a thorough working over. The feud between Long and LaRue started some 2 weeks ago when LaRue waylaid Long on the stage and knocked him backwards down the steps. Then in last week's matches when it seemed Red McIntyre was getting the upper hand of the strutting Coffield, he added hair pulling and used the turn buckle to a good advantage with his hammerlock to take the fall. Don was on his way to the ring for his bout when nearly attacked by Coffield, in the aisle. It seems that words flew fast and fists were ready, when the police interfered. So, Don wants to get at Coffield.

LaRue and Coffield form a new team combination which will be a torture chamber deluxe. Coffield will be the leader of the team with his scheming and planning while La Rue is the one who will bore in and do the rough work. McIntyre and Long will have their ring strategy mapped out before entering the ring and any way you look at it, this will be a battle to a finish.

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CELIA BLEVINS

### Celia Blevins Meets Lillian Ellison Tonight

It is always a thrill for the wrestling fans when the Lady Wrestlers appear on the program and tonight finds two of the cleverest wrestlerettes in the business opposing each other.

Tonight's match is the beginning of an elimination tournament among the feminine grapplers appearing in Atlanta and the girl who is the most consistent winner will be awarded a match to be held here, against champion Mildred Burke.

It will be hard to pick your winner, before this bout between Celia Blevins and Lillian Ellison ends tonight. Both girls mean to win and both are fast, clever and know their wrestling. These girls are two of the smallest of the Lady Wrestlers today, but don't let their size fool you. T.N.T. comes in small packages and these ladies might each be said to be T.N.T. when they enter the squared circle.

Blevins is a full blooded Cherokee Indian girl, with all the fire and energy of her ancestors. She is a college graduate and a practical nurse, as well as a professional wrestler. When she first started her pro career, it wasn't long until she was on



French Angel to appear in near future.

### BEHIND THE MIKE (Continued from page 4)

World's Welterweight Boxing Champion, took to promoting wrestling and making money after losing in fistic ventures. Fritzie promotes in Pittsburgh. . . Tom Mahoney exhibited last week the signs of eight stitches which had to be taken in his lip as the result of a cut suffered in a tag team match. . . Well, that's all for now. . . Hope to see you in person next SATURDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 28th, "Behind the Mike".

the Big Wheel and meeting some of the best in the sport.

As yet we haven't been able to get an interview with Ellison, but she showed plenty of class in her recent match here. Lillian is a South Carolina girl and certainly has her eyes on champion Mildred Burke. She displayed a flying head scissors comparable to Johnny Long's pet hold. Watch this girl as she looks as though she will go a long way in the wrestling world. The winner of tonight's bout will be in line for future matches.

## Wear and Tear of Mat No Worry to Wrestlers, They Improve With Age

The baseball world was astounded when "Ole" Satchel Paige was signed to pitch for the Cleveland baseball club. "Why, Satch must be at least 50 years of age!" declared some of the wise ones.

"So what," is the comment among the experts of the athletic world. This is the age of "old men" in the sport game. Joe Louis, Gus Lesnevich, Tony Zale and even Willie Pep are all over 30 years of age. Many pitchers going great guns at present in the big leagues are well over 30.

A wrestler in his 30s is still a young man in the mat game. We have it on record that Stan Zbysko was close to sixty when he was wrestling steadily.

Wrestlers stand the wear and tear better than any other athletes in the sports world. People are living longer today and athletes are in competition longer, thanks to medical science and the knowledge of how to take care of oneself.

Wrestlers are the marvels of athletics. The modern art of wrestling as practiced today is 10 times more strenuous than in the days of Frank Gotch, Earl Caddock, Lou Talaber and Hans Steinke. In former days wrestlers were on the mat engaged in headlocks, toeholds and scissors grips for 20 minutes at a time. Today they must resort to flying tackles, body slams and flying mares. A wrestler is really in action every second of the time he is in the ring during the present era.

For that reason, when a wrestler gets past the 40-year mark today, he must be given credit for being in great shape.

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ing the injured arm. Red was then set up for the pin.

Coffield, after his victory, strutted around the ring like a rooster, proud and happy that he had won. However, Coffield had a tough time downing Red.



**Tiger Joe Marsh here next week.**

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## GOSSIP (Continued from page 5)

Gallagher of Columbus, Ohio, a well-built 218 pounder, is anxious to wrestle here—Juanita Coffman has put in her bid to get into the women's elimination, for a shot at Mildred's crown.