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Blomfield Retains Wrestling Title

BEST BOUT OF SEASON

Draw, One Fall Each, Against Katan

By holding the challenger, John Katan, to a draw, one fall each, Lofty Blomfield retained the British Empire wrestling championship in a remarkably fast and vigorous bout at the Wellington Town Hall on Sept. 2. Katan took first fall with a jack-knife in the fourth round; Blomfield drew even with an octopus-clamp in the sixth. The contest was characterized by more and harder elbow-jolts and a faster tempo than any recently; it was easily the most exciting of the season in Wellington.

The Town Hall was crowded. Every seat was taken, and scores watched the bout standing. Scenes of hysterical enthusiasm marked the falls, and the ultimate decision.

Earl McCready, former Empire champion, who watched the bout, repeated his challenge to the winner.

Blomfield weighed 16st. 4lb., Katan 16st. 10lb. The referee was Mr. A. Jenkins. Katan, who entered the ring first, was greeted with mingled cheers and boos, Bloomfield with a roar of un-mixed approbation. Throughout the bout, it was evident that the sympathies of the spectators were largely with the New Zealander. The crowd was in high spirits and unusually vociferous.

Vigorous from the first exchanges, the wrestling became rough in the second round, when jolting broke out between the contestants, and Blomfield tormented Katan by tugging his top-knot, bumping him on the nose, and jumping on him after rolling him into the ropes. He backed Katan into the ropes and lodged a swing in the small of his back with the side of his hand. He lodged a jolt in Katan's eye that echoed above the bellowing of the barrackers, and within a minute brought up Katan's eye the size of a walnut and the colour of a rainbow.

Plenty of Jolts.

Katan was out for revenge, and there followed the longest stand-up battle of jolts and forearm blows—yes, and occasional punches—seen in the Town Hall this season. Blomfield gave as good as he got. He made Katan release an armbar by twisting his ear. Katan lodged a hard rap, and picked up Blomfield's foot; he soon had Blomfield writhing in a painful step-over toehold. The referee approached to see if Blomfield proposed to submit; Blomfield's arm shot out, and clutched the referee by the trousers. There was a brief hurly-burly which ended with Katan expostulating. Blomfield at large again, and the referee on his head in the ropes.

Blomfield had the best of another exchange of jolts; he dazed Katan, staggered him, and was pitching him about with headlock throws when the bell cut him short.

Katan Takes a Fall.

More and more jolts, till Katan lodged a couple of well-timed ones, each time knocking Blomfield clean off his feet. Before Blomfield could rise the second time, Katan grabbed him by the foot, and stepped into a devastating toehold. From this he developed a jack-knife, forcing Blomfield's shoulders to the mat. After the fall, Blomfield lay prone for some seconds before being assisted to his corner.

He came back full of energy, however, and soon had Katan growling in a crucifix. He flung Katan across and across the ring, using the ropes as a spring-board. Katan thrust his head and shoulders through the ropes, but it required considerable persuasion from the referee to persuade Blomfield to respect the sanctuary.

Blomfield Draws Even.

Katan had the better of a further series of elbow jolts, early in the sixth round. Presently he knocked Blomfield down—and as he fell Blomfield tripped him. He sprang into an octopus clamp, dragged Katan out into the open, and sat for a second getting his breath, and waiting the psychological moment to take advantage of his coup. The crowd surged to its feet, screaming with excitement, when Blomfield rolled Katan over, with a swift movement, and stood up, throwing his weight into the

FIRST RACE

This Season's Juveniles

DEBUTANTE STAKES

The first juvenile race of the new season will be the Debutante Stakes on the second day (Saturday) of the Wanganui Jockey Club's spring meeting at Awapuni this week. There were 28 entries, including two or three by new sires and one bred in Australia. The list of the youngsters with their trainers is as follows:—

Nisus, Mrs. L. M. Lamb's br. g., by Man's Pal—Warden's Queen, by Lord Warden. (J. J. Waller.)

Gunyah, J. T. Spears' b. c., by Myosotis—Fortunio, by Rapier. (H. Telford.)

Come True, R. Barlow's br. c., by Vermeer—Abbey Dream, by Quin Abbey. (Owner.)

Varuna, W. A. Iorns' ch. c., by Vermeer—Astarth, by Chief Ruler. (J. H. Jefford.)

Saka Bona, A. Goodman's blk. c., by Gascony—Tudor Wench, by Lord Quex. (Owner.)

Par Avion, E. J. Kirkwood's br. c., by Ringmaster—Damaris, by Limond. (T. R. George.)

The Whipper, J. L. Cheeseman's b. c., by Ringmaster—Burnish, by Pom-bal. (T. R. George.)

Royce, M. J. Moodabe's ch. c., by Vaals—Limeen, by Limond. (H. B. Lorigan.)

Premature, G. M. Currie's br. f., by Posterity—Impetus, by Limond. (G. W. New.)

Retort, G. A. Button and Miss M. Murray's br. f., by Lord Quex—Caligo, by Tribulation. (G. A. Button.)

Bayadeer, R. R. Bennett's br. f., by Phalaron Bay—Bayloch, by Baydrop. (L. G. Morris.)

High Tone, F. H. Walker's br. f., by Phalaron Bay—Emberalto, by Campfire. (Owner.)

Underbank, Harris and Harrison's ch. f., by Alarie—Moerangi, by Son o' Mine. (H. H. Mawhinney.)

Silver Ore, C. Merrylees' ch. f., by Tiderace—Coronilla, by Chief Ruler. (B. McKay.)

Golden Moon, R. H. W. Holden's ch. f., by Tiderace—Fintry, by Chief Ruler. (L. Wilson.)

Tetratina, R. Brinkman and F. H. Bustin's b. f., by Theio—Squeeze, by Psychology. (J. J. Waller.)

Soutane, H. McManaway's b. f., by Leighon—Habit, by Thespian. (A. E. Neale.)

Fleche d'Or, M. Millar's b. f., by Tiderace—Talari, by Chief Ruler. (A. E. Neale.)

Pay Roll, T. Newman's ch. f., by Croupier—Zarisee, by Paladin. (T. R. George.)

Forsake, S. J. Newland's b. f., by Bulandshar—Western Maid, by Iliad. (T. R. George.)

Miss Baffles, Mrs. F. J. Farrell's b. f., by Baffles—Tractrix, by Tractor. (A. Cook.)

Lady Boswal, F. Kettlewell and D. J. Barlow's ch. f., by St. Boswells—Walkina, by Tuanahā. (H. B. Lorigan.)

Greek Step, T. J. Evans's b. f., by The Greek—Weatherstep, by Weather-vane. (C. J. Thomson.)

Leisurely, J. A. Mansfield's ch. f., by Leighon—Leisure, by Lord Quex. (Owner.)

Mymarta, J. B. Bradley's br. f., by Myosotis—Miss Martarma, by Martarma. (G. W. New.)

Colombo Bay, A. G. Longhurst and Mrs. M. O'Halloran's br. f., by Phalaron Bay—Colombo, by Chief Ruler. (G. W. New.)

Flying Spray, J. and L. McMillan's br. f., by Phalaron Bay—Sea Scout, by Night Raid. (G. W. New.)

Rule On, A. M. Zimmerman's ch. f., by Rulanut—Onward, by Hollowmas. (H. Dulieu.)

leverage of the painful hold. As Blomfield hauled him back to the middle of the ring, Katan beat the mat in submission. The fall was acclaimed by an extraordinary ovation.

There was plenty of action, but no fall, in the closing rounds being a championship bout, it had to be decided on falls, but, in any case, honours were even. At the close the referee raised Blomfield's hand amidst another noisy outburst from his many supporters.

PROFESSIONAL BOXING

Rayner v. Sharpe On Saturday

A full and entertaining programme of boxing is promised followers of the sport in the Wellington Town Hall on Saturday night. The contestants in the main bout, a professional lightweight contest, will need no introduction—Clarrie Rayner, Blenheim, and Jackie Sharpe, now serving with the Royal New Zealand Air Force. In addition, the pick of Auckland and Wellington amateurs will meet in a team match. The first bout will start at 8 p.m.

CHAMPION SCULLER

N.C.O. In Trentham Camp

Six times champion singles sculler of New Zealand, R. B. Smith, of the Auckland Rowing Club, is now in Trentham military camp, where he is training as an n.c.o. in the engineers' section. Smith, the Dominion's best amateur sculler of all time, having surpassed the record of McGrath, Otago, who in 11 years won the single title on six occasions. Five of Smith's successes were scored in succession.

Smith first won the New Zealand title in 1932. He was first past the judge at Picton in 1935, but was disqualified. From 1936 to 1940 he was unbeaten. He has been successful in the New Zealand double sculls three times; with J. Johnson in 1934, and with A. Morey in 1937 and 1938. The point that is most remarkable about Smith's performances is that in New Zealand regattas he has never been unplaced. He has competed in pair-oar and eights events, besides single and double sculls.

The Auckland provincial single scull title has been won by Smith nine times in succession since 1932. He has twice presented the Auckland province eights, in 1936 and 1938, on the latter occasion being stroke, while he was also Empire Games representative in 1935 both the singles and doubles.

RACING FIXTURES.

SEPTEMBER:

14-16—Avondale J.C.

5-7—Wanganui J.C.

14—Ashburton C.R.C.

14-16—Avondale J.C.

19-21—Geraldine R.C.

21—Marton R.C.

28—Foxton R.C.

28-30—Ohinemuri J.C.

TROTTLING FIXTURES.

SEPTEMBER:

7—New Brighton T.C.

18-21—Wellington T.C.

OCTOBER:

5—Methven T.C.

5—Thames T.C.

12—New Brighton T.C.

23-26—Wellington T.C.

26-28—Greymouth T.C.

28—Oamaru T.C.

26-28 or 30—Auckland T.C.

"And when were you born?" asked the sergeant, taking the particulars of the recruits.

"December, 1917," answered the recruit.

"Ah," mused the sergeant, "I well remember that winter. It was bitterly cold."

"Cold," echoed the recruit. "I'll say it was cold. I was brought by the penguin—the stork couldn't make it."

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President Roosevelt hopes to get the dinkum oil from Welles.