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and print card stock with the same back instead of two different backs for each of the series.



Picture 3 (BB574-1) – Maegashira Otachi - 1957 Marushou Sensou Bromide 5: Type 1

The last BB-series set used for playing menko was printed in 1960 by Marusan Gangu. The BB609 is a great set and includes the future Yokozuna Taiho at the rank of sekiwake. This set was issued in taba packs and children would have the opportunity to pull winner cards and get large bromide cards as a prize. It is



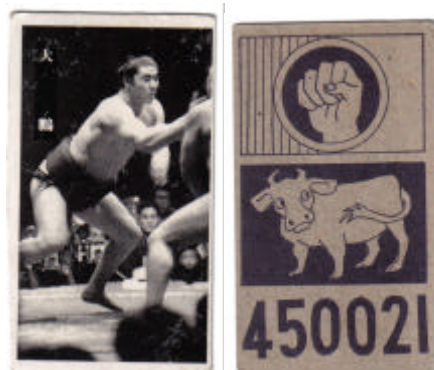
Picture 4 (BC574-3) – Maegashira Tokitsuyama - 1957 Marushou Sensou 5: Type 3

unknown which prize was issued with the bromide cards of this set, but there were more-than-likely three levels of winner cards with the #1 prize being a very large bromide card. There was probably only one #1 winner card in the entire taba pack.

The BB-series of cards and menko are quite unique and easy to find on the online auction market today, but unfortunately they aren't that popular with collectors.

This is partly due to the massive amounts of them which built up from the 1940s, and no real catalogued information to determine the sets each bromide belongs too.

In the next issue of SFM, I will look at the BC-series or Color Bromide cards and menko. Until then, cheers.



Picture 5 (BB609) – Sekiwake Taiho - 1960 Marusan Jyunishi Bromide 5-6