

The Sporting Page

MOE LEADS FIELD OF 15 QUALIFIERS; MILLIGAN SECOND

PORTLAND, July 28. — (P) — Don Moe, Oregon state amateur champion and former Walker cup team member, turned in a three-under-par 71-70-141 in the 36-hole qualifying play here Tuesday to fill Oregon 15 allotted places in the National Amateur Golf tournament here August 23-29.

He led a field of more than 60 entrants over the Portland Golf club course. A score of 181 was required to qualify.

Sidney Milligan of Eugene, ace member of the University of Oregon golf team, trailed Moe by two strokes to place second, with a 73-70-143, one under par.

Other qualifiers were:

Alan Mills, Portland, 73-72-145.
Eddie Hogan, Oswego, 73-73-146.
Dr. Cliff Baker, Portland, 76-71-147.
Dr. O. P. Willing, Portland, 74-73-147.
Roy Higgins, Oswego, 75-75-147.
Vincent Dolph, Portland, 72-75-148.
Joe Brown, Portland, 75-74-149.
George Will, Portland, 76-74-150.
James H. Crowell, Portland, 79-71-150.
Harold Salvador, Portland, 73-78-151.
Dr. R. B. Watson, Portland, 75-76-151.
Ray Isaacs, Portland, 79-72-151.
Don Thompson, Portland, 75-76-151.

Other entrants who failed to qualify included:

James Bushong, Eugene, 77-77-154.
Leland Clark, Medford, 82-78-160.
Wilson M. Jewett, Jr., Eugene, 77-82-160.
R. W. Prescott, Eugene, 79-84-163.
Harold Hansen, Bend, 86-84-170.
R. R. Hammond, Medford, carded 82-75-187.

Rajah Deposed



"Sunny Jim" Bottomley (above), coach and reserve first baseman, was named acting manager of the St. Louis Browns. Manager Rogers Hornsby (below), long a figure in baseball, was relieved of his duties "for good of the Browns," President Barnes announced.

CRESCENT PLAYER STAGES RUNAWAY IN BATTING RACE

Continuing his amazing onslaught against all Southern Oregon League pitchers, Crescent City's sensational Orville Framsted belted three hits in five trips against Grants Pass last Sunday to increase his league batting lead to over 100 percentage points over his closest rival, Lefty Baker, a teammate. Framsted, with an average of .515, is turning the hitting race into a farce.

Considered the fastest man in the league, Framsted also leads the circuit in runs-scored, with 12 and in basehits with 17. His nearest batting rival, Baker, has a mark of .412.

Bob Smith, Medford's southpaw first baseman, is close behind Baker with an average of .391, and Leonard Patterson, Ashland first sacker, is next in line with .372. Mel McCarthy is the actual Grants Pass leader with a mark of .368, and is the lone player in the league who has hit safely in every game. Leslie Pete is batting .341 to head the Glendale brigade and Robertson heads the Roseburg hitters with .378. Ralph Deo, with three wins and no losses, is Crescent City's contribution to the league pitching lead. Bob Hardy, Ashland southpaw, and Mike Koll, Crescent City portlander, have each won five games and lost one for second place. Larry Pepper of Medford has copied four victories and dropped a pair.

Batting averages for players seeing action in three or more games follow:

Player	AB	R	H	AV
Framsted, Crescent City	33	12	515	
Baker, Crescent City	34	8	412	
Koll, Crescent City	20	6	400	
Drolette, Grants Pass	10	1	400	
Beers, Grants Pass	8	0	400	
B. Smith, Medford	23	9	391	
Peterson, Ashland	43	5	372	
Spann, Crescent City	27	6	370	
McCarthy, Grants Pass	38	11	368	
Silva, Crescent City	31	6	355	
Ostrum, Grants Pass	37	10	351	
Machado, Grants Pass	43	8	340	
Schopf, Ashland	44	9	341	
L. Pete, Glendale	41	6	341	
Miller, Crescent City	39	4	333	
Hartman, Grants Pass	40	7	325	
Rhodes, Glendale	38	5	318	
Lewis, Medford	38	6	316	
Leavens, Ashland	38	5	316	
Thompson, Glendale	16	4	313	
Blacksmith, G. Pass	42	8	310	
Ray, Grants Pass	36	8	306	
McLean, Ashland	30	6	300	
Pitman, Grants Pass	37	7	297	
Rickett, Medford	39	8	293	
Robertson, Roseburg	36	5	278	
Brown, Ashland	18	3	278	
Stewart, Glendale	18	3	278	
Ager, Ashland	40	7	275	
Hardy, Ashland	22	3	273	
Willis, Glendale	11	1	273	
Goff, Roseburg	37	7	270	
Shinn, Roseburg	30	8	267	
Reynolds, Crescent City	24	3	250	
Yackafooth, C. City	12	1	230	

Sport Graphs

Billy Eulen Says:
Softball Hurlers Given Advantage By Shorter Throw

There will be no more of those heavy-slugging, wild-eyed clouting affairs in Medford's commercial softball league, which opened its second half schedule last night. Team managers assured themselves of that by unanimously voting to decrease the distance from which the hurlers fire their underhanded deliveries by two and a half feet. From now on, pitchers will work from 37 1/2 feet out instead of 40 feet.

When local enthusiasts got together this spring to launch the present highly successful softball season, it was decided to pattern the game according to the rules of the National Softball association, which call for 40-foot pitching distance, 10 men to a team, and restricts base-runners from leading off their base. On the face of things, those rules appeared as good as any.

However, the first half, which end-

ed last Thursday evening revealed a dearth of pitchers capable enough to prevent the distant fence from taking an awful beating and scorekeepers from getting writer's cramp from marking up basehits and tallies. With the exception of very few batters, it was a matter of standing up there at the plate and belting the apple to distant territory, the result of which were encounters that more resembled track meets than ball games.

Casting about for a remedy for the lop-sided battles, some of the boys got to studying the rules of the Oregon State Softball association, and they had the answer. That organization rules that pitchers shall leave from 37 1/2 feet (37 feet 8 1/2 inches to be exact), which swings the balance of power to the pitcher instead of the hitter, and eliminates the free-hitting affairs.

However, the Oregon State Softball group also allows base-runners to lead off the bags, and uses nine men instead of ten. In fact, the rules are modeled as near as possible to those of baseball. This department wonders whether, now that the locals have made the big move in shortening the pitching distance, they had better shoot the works and enact at the state rules.

The way it looks to us, decreasing the pitching distance will not only give the pitcher the upper hand, but practically put the offense in a straight-jacket. Although the majority of fans like tighter and lower-score games than they have been seeing the first half, they undoubtedly won't like encounters in which

the batters are mowed down by strikeouts and too many fielders with monotonous regularity. With that roving shortstop out there behind the infield, in addition to the shortened pitching distance, it looks like the defense will have too great an advantage. In other words, the local softballers seem to be going from one extreme to the other. To date, the balance of power has lain entirely too heavily with the offense, and from now on it will rest just as extremely with the defense.

To reach a happy medium, why not eliminate the roving shortstop and allow base-runners to take their lead. According to the state rules, the runner can't steal bases except on a wild pitch or passed ball, but by being allowed to lead off, the offense is benefited by the fact that base-runners are able to advance further on base-hits. For instance, with a runner leading off first base, a long single will at times enable him to score. When he is chained to the bag, his maximum advance is limited to third base on a single.

BRIGHT MOON BLAMED FOR POOR FISHING IN LOWER RIVER REACHES

Because of bright moonlight the past week during which fish travel and feed at night, lying dormant dur-

ing the day, angling conditions in the Rogue river have not been of the best, reports Joe Wharton of the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce. Bottom food—soft crawfish, gravel bugs and all kinds of larvae of water insects—is still plentiful and the fish do not respond readily to artificial lure.

A few steelhead have been caught in the river below Grants Pass, but in the fishing has been reported in the Gold Hill section, and above. Especially from Gold Hill on up to the head of the Rogue have reports

been turned in of limit catches. Small trout are still plentiful in all sections and good catches are being made on fly, spinner and bait. Whar-ton reports. These so-called trout are really young salmon and trout steelhead, at least 85 percent of them and are from 5 to 10 inches long. Like all young creatures, they are voracious feeders and will take almost any kind of fly, spinner or bait. They are now on their way down the river to the sea, and those that survive will return in four or five years to complete the life cycle.

JACK HUGHES READY FOR MOUND DUTY IN TILT WITH LITHIANS

Jack Hughes, one of the finest pitchers ever developed in Medford, is ready for action, when, and if needed.

Manager Mike Balkovick, whose Medford Grays meet the Ashland Lithians here next Sunday in the most crucial game of the second-half Southern Oregon league pennant race, stated that fact yesterday after one of the toughest batting and fielding workouts of the year.

Possessor of a blazing fast ball and good control, Hughes may see three innings or more action against the undefeated Lithians, the Grays manager said. Although he is planning on starting young Larry Pepper on the hill against Ashland's brilliant Bob Hardy, Balkovick stated that Hughes, who has been getting his right flipper in shape for the past several weeks, would be used for relief duty if needed.

The game next Sunday will be for the undisputed league lead, and will be a continuation of the bitter Medford-Ashland and Hardy-Pepper feud. To date, each club has won one league game from the other. Ashland, with three wins and no losses, and Medford, with one victory and no defeats, are tied at the top of the heap. The battle should go a long way toward naming the second-half pennant winner and right to play Crescent City for the league championship.

TIMBERMEN TAKE HUMRS, 4 TO 3, IN OPENING CONTEST

Games Tonight:
Commercial league:
Fuhrer's vs. 29-30.
Piche vs. Office Boys.
Fabers vs. Jennings Tire.
Timber Products vs. Catholic Men.
Timber Products, first-half champions, opened the second-half Commercial league softball schedule last night by defeating HUMRS, 4-3, in a pitcher's battle between Red School of the timbermen and Ken Leavitt, HUMRS' fastballer. Both hurlers received rather spotty support.

Basehits were about evenly divided, with the winners collecting theirs at more opportune moments. HUMRS had the tying run on second base in the sixth inning and the tying and winning tallies on the decks in the seventh, but lacked the punch in the pinch.

Patner Meyer pitched and batted his Catholic Men to a 3-2 Commercial league victory over the Lamport club, scoring the winning run in the last of the sixth inning when he singled and made the circuit on three errors.

In the most sensational game of the evening, the Lions defeated the Elks, 4-3, in two extra innings. A home run blast to center field in the ninth inning by Wally Rickett broke up a neat pitchers' battle between Ebel of the Elks and Hayes of the Lions. It was a Service league encounter.

In the other Service league game, Copco defeated the Grocceteria, 8-1, behind the three-hit pitching of Ray Singer.

Four Commercial league tangles are on the slate for tonight, at Long Branch and Pompton Lakes, N. J., today ready to get down to serious training for their heavyweight title bout in the Yankee stadium, August 26.

Louis and Farr formally signed for the bout in the offices of the New York state athletic commission yesterday. Also, both agreed along with the 20th Century Sporting club, to post appearance checks of \$5,000 each.

The new champion will take things easy until Saturday when his first boxing session is scheduled. Farr, however, intends taking on a few sparmates tomorrow. Physicians have said his sun burn will have healed sufficiently to permit him boxing tomorrow.

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Scores Yesterday

By the Associated Press.

R	H	E	
Mission	2	8	0
Portland	3	10	1

Tost and Sprink; Hare and Tresh.

R	H	E	
San Diego	6	12	0
Seattle	5	9	2

Salvo, Craghead and Detore; Barrett, Smith, Pickrel, Horne, Osborn and Spindel, Fernandes.

R	H	E	
Sacramento	2	8	0
Los Angeles	4	9	0

Kilger and Cooper; Evans and Collins.

R	H	E	
Oakland	1	5	1
San Francisco	8	12	1

Miller, Hald and Raimondi; Lamanski and Monzo.

National.

R	H	E
Cincinnati 3, Boston 2.		
Chicago 8, Brooklyn 2.		
St. Louis 9, New York 8.		
Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 1.		

American.

R	H	E
Washington 6, Chicago 5.		
St. Louis 8, Boston 5.		
New York 6, Detroit 5.		
Philadelphia 4, Cleveland 3.		

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San Diego	71	49	592
Sacramento	69	48	590
San Francisco	66	53	555
Portland	64	52	552
Los Angeles	58	59	498
Oakland	53	67	442
Seattle	49	69	415
Mission	43	76	381

National.

Team	W	L	PC
Chicago	55	31	540
New York	53	35	502
Pittsburgh	46	39	541
St. Louis	45	41	523
Boston	43	45	489
Brooklyn	35	49	417
Cincinnati	35	49	417
Philadelphia	33	37	367

American.

Team	W	L	PC
New York	57	27	679
Chicago	53	35	602
Detroit	50	34	595
Boston	45	37	549
Cleveland	41	41	500
Washington	36	40	459
St. Louis	28	37	329
Philadelphia	25	58	301

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