# The Sporting Page

## BALKOVICK EYES HUGHES, PEPPER FOR MOUND CALL

### Speed Artist or Curve Specialist Due for Start in Sunday's Clash With Ashland League Leaders

"Jack Hughes or Larry Pepper."

That, Medford baseball fan, is Manager Mike Balkovick's lengthy answer as to which of four Crater hurlers will be out there on the pitching rubber Sunday afternoon at the turf high school field when Ashland's rampaging Lithians move into town for the battle that means the undisputed Southern Oregon league top spot and the inside track toward the second-half pennant and right to meet Crescent City for the championship.

"Ivan Harrington, who should know, says that Hughes has as much stuff on that ball as ever," Balkovick stated. "Pepper has a sore hand, his fielding hand, and I may start Hugres. Anyway, it will be one or the other."

And so, it will be either Jack Hughes, big and strong and with a tremendous amount of speed, or Larry Pepper, he of the magnificent curve, who will be on the Medford hurling rubber Sunday as Southpaw Bob Hardy of the Ashlands attempts to avenge that 3-4 defeat handed him by the Craters June 20, the only loss he has suffered all year.

**Hughes Has Stuff**

Hughes, who several years ago was slated to make quite a mark in baseball, has been working out daily with his old catcher, Ivan Harrington, and, according to the latter, has lost none of his stuff. He still has that blazing speed, Harrington says. However, local baseball philbers are betting that it will be Pepper who will be in there when the firing starts, mainly because he has won all four of Medford's league games so far, and because Hughes, idle for two years, is still an unknown quantity so far as actual competition goes this season.

Tied for the league lead, Medford and Ashland will unlimber all their guns Sunday in an attempt to climb into the second-half driver's seat. It will be the third and deciding encounter in the three-game league series between the two clubs and will settle, once and for ah, which is the better ball team.

**Hardy for Ashland**

Bob Hardy, who has won five and lost one game, is a cinch starter for the Lithians. The brilliant southpaw has pitched his team to three straight second-hall victories and is figured as the best hurler in the league by far. Medford whipped him once, however, and the locals believe it can be done again.

From past performances, the Craters are strictly a home-field ball club. In fact, they have yet to lose a game on the green turf of the high school field; all four league victories that have been marked in the scorebook were garnered at the local park. That jinx on the visiting team, while rather intangible, is nevertheless causing plenty of confidence among fans and players alike, who realize that on paper Ashland should be rated a healthy favorite to defeat the Craters. Consensus is that if Medford performs Sunday like it has in the past, the leaguelead will swing undisputedly to this city.

**Craters in Top Form**

Rousing workouts have been the Craters' lot every afternoon this week, and Manager Balkovick claims the club is in almost perfect condition for its "big" game of the year. Russ Acheson, rifle-armed catcher, will probably do the receiving, although Barrington may start back of the plate if Hughes opens on the mound. Balkovick's injured leg will not stand the action. Remainder of the team will be the same as usual, with Bob Smith on first, Wally Rickert on second, Dick Lewis on short, and Duke Hankinson at the hot corner. In the outfield, Dick Sakraida in center will be flanked by Paul ("Hoosier") Hoffard in right and Donny Donovan in left.

The year's largest crowd is expected for the game. A loud speaker system will be operated by Verne Shangle, keeping fans informed of all action on the field. Opening pitch is slated for 2:30 sharp.

### *Last Yankee Out Of Canadian Play*

OTTAWA, July 30.—(AP)—Freddie Haas, Jr., New Orleans, defending champion and last American survivor, was eliminated in the quarter-final round of the Canadian amateur golf championship yesterday by Gordon Taylor of Montreal, 3 and 2.

C. Ross (Sandy) Somerville, former Canadian and United States champion, gained a final bracket with a 3 and 1 victory over Denis Morse, while Jimmy Toll, Victoria, B. C., also gained the penultimate by disposing of Pete Kelly, Detroit, 3 and 2.

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## Bobby Jones to Preside At Golf Club Ceremony

Bobby Jones
The Greatest Golfer of Them All.

Headed by the greatest golfer of them all, Robert T. "Bobby" Jones, Jr., five of the game's leading figures will be here August 22 to aid in the dedication of a memorial to H. Chandler Egan, nationally famous player and golf architect.

With Jones will be Lawson Little, Horton Smith, Jimmy Thompson and Johnny Dawson, coming here to be present at the ceremonies, which will give expression to the esteem and affection accorded Egan by the world of golf during his three decades of national renown. Bobby Jones will be the principal figure in the dedication rites, eulogizing Egan, whose career had been closely and brilliantly associated with golf since the game's introduction in this country. The memorial, a fountain designed by Whitehouse and Church, architects for the new Oregon state capitol, is to be placed on the grounds of the local club house.

Added to the impressive dedication rites will be the exhibition matches by the visiting champions, conducted as a benefit for southern Oregon and northern California golfers. The event is expected to attract large crowds of out-of-town sportsmen and southern Oregon residents.

Acceptance of the invitation to be present in Medford at the dedication, August 22, by five of the greatest golfers of the country is an indication of the high place attained by the Medford man in golfdom's history.

## HOW THEY STAND

(By the Associated Press)

Coast

| | W. | L. | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|
| San Diego | 73 | 49 | .598 |
| Sacramento | 69 | 51 | .575 |
| San Francisco | 67 | 54 | .554 |
| Portland | 65 | 54 | .546 |
| Los Angeles | 61 | 59 | .508 |
| Oakland | 54 | 68 | .443 |
| Seattle | 49 | 71 | .408 |
| Missions | 46 | 77 | .369 |
| **National** | | | |
| Chicago | 56 | 32 | .636 |
| New York | 54 | 36 | .600 |
| Pittsburg | 47 | 40 | .540 |
| St. Louis | 46 | 42 | .523 |
| Boston | 44 | 46 | .489 |
| Brooklyn | 36 | 50 | .419 |
| Cincinnati | 36 | 50 | .419 |
| Philadelphia | 34 | 58 | .370 |
| **American** | | | |
| New York | 58 | 28 | .674 |
| Chicago | 54 | 36 | .600 |
| Detroit | 51 | 35 | .593 |
| Boston | 47 | 37 | .560 |
| Cleveland | 42 | 42 | .500 |
| Washington | 37 | 47 | .440 |
| St. Louis | 28 | 59 | .322 |
| Philadelphia | 26 | 59 | .306 |

## PADRES LENGTHEN LOOP LEADERSHIP

By the Associated Press.

San Diego held a full three-game lead in the Pacific Coast baseball league today after handing the Seattle Indians their third setback in as many days as second place Sacramento lost its fourth straight to Los Angeles.

The Padres capitalized on a brace of Seattle errors to win, 4 to 1.

Homers by Bob Hargrave and Marvin Gudat and two baggers by Hargrave and Steve Mesner featured the Angels 7 to 2 victory over the solons. Third place San Francisco Seals with the aid of a pair of homers overcome a five-run Oakland lead to win, 7 to 5.

Portland easily won, 7 to 3, from the San Francisco Missions and then dropped a heart-breaking seven-inning affair, 3 to 0, when the Missions scored three runs in the second inning without making a hit. A batter hit by a pitched ball, a sacrifice, a fly and errors by Short stop Dudley Lee and Pitcher Bill Posedel accounted for the runs. Posedel allowed only two hits and Johnny Babich of the Missions permitted the Beavers three.

## Scores Yesterday

(By the Associated Press)

Coast

PORTLAND, Ore., July 30.—(AP)—

| First game: | R. | H. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Missions | 3 | 9 | 0 |
| Portland | 7 | 18 | 0 |

Herman, Osborne and Outen; Liska and Tresh.

Second game (7 innings:)

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|---|---|---|---|
| Missions | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Portland | 0 | 3 | 3 |

Babich and Sprinz; Posedel, Shealy and Tresh.

| | R. | H. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|
| San Diego | 4 | 8 | 0 |
| Seattle | 1 | 3 | 2 |

Ward and Detore; Osborne and Fernandes.

| | R. | H. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oakland | 4 | 12 | 0 |
| San Francisco | 7 | 9 | 1 |

Douglas and Baker; Stutz, Dito (5), Cole (6) and Monzo.

| | R. | H. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sacramento | 2 | 9 | 1 |
| Los Angeles | 7 | 15 | 1 |

Freitas and Cooper; Prim and Collins.

**National**

Brooklyn, 10; Chicago, 2.
St. Louis, 5; New York, 2.
Philadelphia, 11; Pittsburgh, 7.
Boston, 2; Cincinnati, 1.

**American**

New York, 7; Detroit, 6.
Chicago, 2; Washington, 0.
Cleveland, 5; Philadelphia, 4.
Boston, 5; St. Louis, 3.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

## MASTERS IN PAIN TO MATCH HOLDS ON MONDAY CARD

It will be two of wrestling's most painful and effective maneuvers on display next Mondoy night when Frankie Clemens, the Oklahoma Indian with the sensational paralyzer, meets the Black Dragon, master of the Boston crab. The match is billed for the top main event of Promoter Mack Lillard's weekly grapple show at the open-air high school stadium.

It seems like the Black Dragon is always getting involved in revenge squabbles, and Monday night will be no exception. Last Tuesday evening Klamath Falls Clemens and the Black One staged a madhouse brawl that ended when the colorful red man clamped on his famous neck-number. A matter of $100 mas up on the match, with the loser to contribute that amount to charity. The Dragon lost and payed off, but needless to say, it didn't produce a kind feeling in the meanie's heart for Mr. Clemens. All his efforts Monday night, Mr. Dragon says, will be bent toward eliminating Clemens from the local grappling picture.

The Sammy Kohen-Jack LaRue middle tangle will see two of the best wrestlers, also the dirtiest, meet in what is expected to be another one of those things. Neither has any regard for the so-called rules of the game and neither can understand how the other has a chance to cop the nod.

Danny Savich, the sonnenberging, dropkicking former University of Utah football star, returns after an extended campaign in other pastures to meet Carlos Rodriguez, the Mexican "hot tamale," in the opening event. Savich is one of the most popular workers to ever appear here, and will undoubtedly receive a hearty welcome as he steps in the arena to face the clean-wrestling Rodriguez.

## OFFICE BOYS BOW TO SANDWICHERS

Games Tonight.

Commercial league:
Fluhrer's vs. Fabers.
Piche vs. Jennings Tire.
Service league:
Groceteria vs. Postoffice.
Elks vs. Copco.

Commercial league softball encounters last night saw the HUMRS defeat Office Boys, 9-3, and Lamporta take a narrow 3-2 win from the 20-30 club.

In Service league games, Copco downed the Postoffice, 4-3, and the Elks whipped the Telephone company, 20-3.

Russ Acheson, Medford Softball association manager, yesterday wired Dwight Adams, secretary of the Oregon Softball association, regarding a tournament in southern Oregon to select a representative to attend the state tournament in Salem the latter part of August.

Strawberries must be planted on fertile soil if they are to produce sufficient runner plants.

## Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

### Old-Timers Team Wanted for Clash With Crater Nine

Members of the St. Louis Browns of 1922, the year that usually downtrodden club lost the American league pennant by just one game to the Yankees, gathered in the Mound City early this month in one of those gala reunions that furnish just about the only tangible return to the game most old-timers ever experience. Ken Williams, at present a policeman in Grants Pass, traveled over 2000 miles to attend the party, and from all over the nation came gallant old players to once more pick up a war club and toke their cuts.

Feature of the get-together was a three-inning game with the present edition of the Browns, staged before a regular American league battle. Of course the current Browns won, even though they pulled their punches, walked off with the verdict. But that didn't matter. The oldsters had eheir fun by merely trodding Sportsman park's greensward again, and the largest crowd of the year shouted itself hoarse as the heroes of yesterday cavorted around like a bunch of rookies.

**It's a great angle, giving those old-timers their innings again. We note from many publications that in all parts of the country similar games are being arranged; bringing together once more the stars of the past, getting them out under the hot sun and cheering them as they try to make monkey shines out of the present day crop of national pastimers.**

So, why not jump in line, Medford. Why not ring the bell for those admired players of the past, who once scampered over southern Oregon diamonds? Why not line up a team of those former greats who still insist baseball as played 20 and more years ago was baseball as it should be played. Match them in an exhibition game of three innings, say, with Mike Balkovick's Medford Craters. Play the game preceding a Southern Oregon league encounter—and try to keep the crowd away.

We are not very well acquainted with stars of the past in Medford, but we'll wager that a pretty neat ball club could be produced, one that would make up in color and the recall of fond memory far more than it lacked in ability after all these years. Perhaps, even, it wouldn't be shy on that latter point.

With the help of Scoop Puhl, himself a former southpaw pitcher of no mean ability and who first broached the idea of the game, we present a list of ex-luminaries who should be able to offer this present Crater club all it asks for. First, for manager, we would name two—Kort Hall and Owney Patton. With those two old-timers master minding out there, Manager Balkovick of the Craters would be up against a plenty tough proposition if it came to a battle of wits.

Bill McIntyre or Pat Foley would do as pitchers; both could take a whirl at curving them past Crater hitters, each working about one and a half innings. Bill Force, who used to belt them far and wide for the BOAS, would look great behind the bat. Bill can still throw, but he has trouble lifting them up and laying them down with any great amount of dispatch. Anyway, when Bill got on first base, they could put in a runner for him if he would let them.

At the vitally important shortstop post, Managers Hall and Patton could use Shorty Miles. Tom Roseberry, Scoop tells us, was once one of the best infielders who ever started a double play hereabouts. That about ends the placing of these "ghost" players; we'll turn the remainder of the job over to Hall and Patton.

However, here are some other old kids who have probably been champing at the bit for many years, and who would look right well in the "team of the past"—Walt Antle, John Wilkinson, famous as a tremendous slugger of the Babe Ruth type; Ted Hill, Gordon Stout, Pug Isaacs, and Mark Patton, son of Owney and a husky fellow, indeed.

The above named national pastimers, with the exception of Bill Force and Pat Foley, who are more recent performers, burned up the local league some 20 years ago. It would be a great sight to watch them in action again, and there might be a few surprises in store; some of the so-called old-timers might not be so ancient and decrepit as imagined.

Bud Conlin just dropped in and suggested a couple of more "boys" who would probably be right in there in all their glory. They are Ward Spatz, who used to gleam on the diamond of Nebraska, and Dick Smith, an ex-local player. Conlin also pointed out that it would be quite an affair if the local old-timers could do battle with a like outfit from Grants Pass, headed by Jud Petnoll or Kenny Williams. Right, Bud.

Anyway, how about Kort Hall and Owhey Patton getting together and lining out their ball club. There would undoubtedly be little trouble in scheduling a game with the Craters, as the latter team would honestly like to receive a lesson in the old school brand of baseball, dead now for many years.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

## NEW SAILS TRIED ON CUP DEFENDER

NEWPORT, R. I., July 30.—(AP)—Shortly before starting time Harold S. Vanderbilt decided not to enter Ranger, the sloop he will take against T. O. M. Sopwith's second British challenger, Endeavor, II, tomorrow, in today's concluding race of the Eastern Yacht club cruise.

Vanderbilt's change in plans, however, did not mean shore leave or rest for his racing crew, for instead he put Ranger under canvas to try out some new sails.

Sopwith also went out in Endeavor II to drill his crew against tomorrow's opening race of the four out of seven international match.

Three previously unsuccessful contenders for the famous trophy were left in the final contest scheduled by the Eastern.

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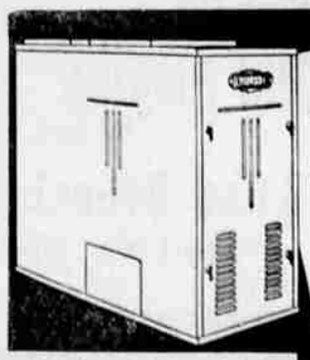

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