

League Leadership at Stake in Ashland-Medford Tilt 2:30 Today

HARDY TO OPPOSE PEPPER ON MOUND LITHIA FANS HOT

Jack Hughes in Relief Role—Craters at Top Power of Season.

It's Ashland versus Medford this afternoon at the high school field for the undisputed leadership of the Southern Oregon league. Opening pitch is slated for 2:30 sharp. Brilliant Bob Hardy, with five wins and one loss to his credit, will be on the mound for Ashland's blazing Lithias, while young Larry Pepper, who has copped four encounters and lost a pair, will be fogging his huge curve ball over the platter for Medford's Craters.

Manager Mike Balkovick of the locals definitely decided to start Pepper in the box following yesterday's hustling workout. Jack Hughes, who has come a long way since three years ago when he last performed, will be held in reserve. Possessor of a roaring high hard one, Hughes will see action only in a relief role. Balkovick stated, if Pepper gets in hot water, Hughes will take over.

It's the Southern Oregon league's first crucial game of the second-half pennant race. Both clubs are undefeated, and the winner today is figured to have the inside track toward the second-half bunting and crack at Crescent City for the championship. It is also the third and deciding battle between Jackson county's two bitter rivals. Each team has won one game from the other, and each is fired to a fighting frame of mind for the "big" game of the year; the game that may mean, in the long run, the league championship.

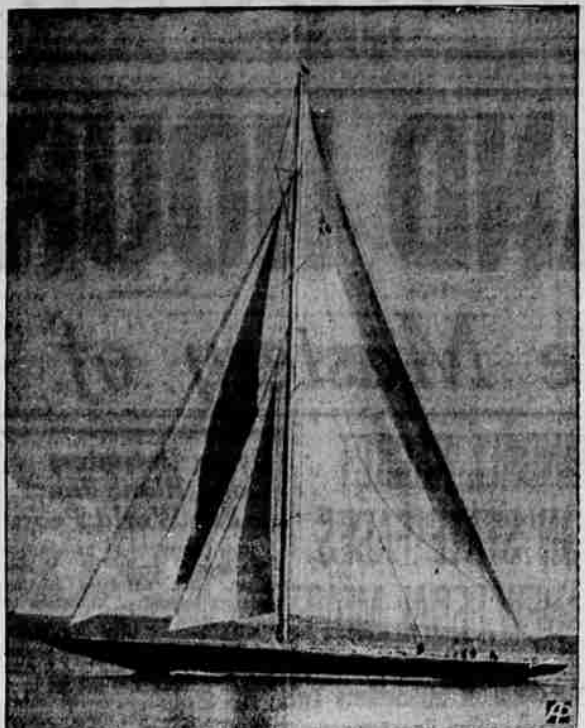
Although never defeated on its home turf, Medford will enter the game the underdog to an Ashland club that has been victorious in three straight second-half victories. Rather quiet the first half, Ashland big guns have roared continuously since the second-half started. Leonard Patterson, lanky first sacker, is battling 372 to head the Lithian "murderer's row." Ted Schopf, shortstop, has an average of .341, and Cliff (Chief) McLean, Indian catcher, is hammering the apple for a .333 average, instead of .300 as erroneously released in the league batting averages. Darrell Leavens, outfielder, completes the list of Lithian sluggers who are clouting in the charmed 300 circle. He is hitting .310.

For Medford's fighting Craters, Bob Smith is batting .391 from the south side of the plate to lead his teammates. Dick Lewis, shortstop, boasts a mark of .316, and that ends the list of Medfords over .300. However, Paul (Hooper) Hotford, top-ranking player of the Pacific Northwest association, and Martin Buxby of Miami, Fla. They conquered John McDermid of Chicago and Arthur Hendrix of Lakeland, Fla., 4-1, 10-8, 6-3.

Today will also wind up the sensational hurling feud of Hardy and Pepper. June 20, Medford's curve ball ace defeated the Ashland southpaw, 4-3, in one of the finest games ever seen locally. July 4, Hardy got sweet revenge with a 16-2 verdict in an exhibition game. Today, both pitchers, considered the most promising in the circuit, will shoot the works in this rubber battle.

Manager Mike Balkovick announced his batting order yesterday, and from beginning to end, it looks like the sweetest that has journeyed to the plate this year. Dick Lewis will lead off, Wally Rickett will hit second, Hooper Hoffard will be in his old third spot, and Duke Hanson will take care of the clean-up position. Donovan will hit in fifth place. Bob Smith will clout sixth, Dick Sakrala will be in seventh, and the battery will follow. Russ Acheson, he of the powerful throwing arm, will be behind the plate to receive Pepper's daisy-do delivery. In case Jack Hughes goes to the mound, Ivan Harrington, tiny pepper pot, will do the catching.

A capacity crowd is expected for the "leadership" battle. Hundreds of Ashland addicts are planning to attend. A loud-speaker system under the operation of Verne Shangle will keep fans informed as to the game's progress.



ENGLAND'S HOPE
The new Endeavour II is shown under sail off Newport, R. I. The craft was built to the full "J" class limit. It represents Britain's sixteenth challenge. Two years ago Endeavour I took two successive races, later to be vanquished by Harold Vanderbilt's Rainbow.

ALLISON'S HURTS KEEP HIM OUT OF SEABRIGHT PLAY

SEA BRIGHT, N. J., July 31.—(AP)—Walter Allison's injuries forced him to default today to youthful Bobby Ruggs of Los Angeles in the final round of singles play for the Sea Bright tennis bowl.

A torn ligament in Allison's back, suffered last Thursday, prevented the former national singles and doubles champion from completing a successful comeback campaign, which resulted in victories for the Austin, Tex., star at Spring Lake and Longwood.

Jedwida Jedrzejowska, the Polish champion who lost to Alice Marble of San Francisco in yesterday's dramatic women's singles final, paired with Mrs. Dorothy Andrus of Portland, Ore., top-ranking player of the Pacific Northwest association, and Martin Buxby of Miami, Fla. They conquered John McDermid of Chicago and Arthur Hendrix of Lakeland, Fla., 4-1, 10-8, 6-3.

Men's doubles honors were captured by Elwood Cooke of Portland, Ore., top-ranking player of the Pacific Northwest association, and Martin Buxby of Miami, Fla. They conquered John McDermid of Chicago and Arthur Hendrix of Lakeland, Fla., 4-1, 10-8, 6-3.

LITTLE TO FORE IN ST. PAUL OPEN, COOPER SECOND

ST. PAUL, July 31.—(AP)—Lawson Little, former amateur king from San Francisco, shot into the lead of St. Paul's \$5,000 open golf tournament today with a halfway mark total of 140 strokes—but once again it was "Lighthouse" Harry Cooper, Chicago, who furnished the drama.

Cooper came up with a screaming eagle on the 17th to tie for second place with 141. After a 68 yesterday, Cooper almost blew his chances by a bad 40 on the first nine today. He finished up with a 71 by burning the last nine in 33.

Little shot a thoroughly workmanlike round to finish with a great 35-34-69, three strokes better than par for the Kellor course.

Cooper's hair-raising finish dropped him into a deadweight with Sam Snead, white sulphur Springs, Va., whose second day score was 69, and Ed Brook, professional from Bartow, Fla., who checked in with a 72 today.

Ray Mangrum, Dayton, Ohio, turned in a 69 to tie with Pat Sawyer of Minneapolis, at 142. Sawyer, whose 69 crowded Cooper yesterday, cooled off to a 73.

Ralph Guidahl, national open champion, added a 72 to his 71 for 143, and will start even tomorrow with big Willie Goggin of San Bruno, Cal., whose 71 today gave him the same total.

BRITISH BOXING BOARD APPROVES FARR-LOUIS BOUT

LONDON, July 31.—(AP)—The British board of boxing control emerged from a lengthy conference today to announce that it had decided to recognize the Tommy Farr-Joe Louis bout "as the final elimination contest for the world heavyweight championship." The winner, the solemnly decided, would have to meet Max Schmeling for the crown.

Farr, the Welsh holder of the British empire title, meets Louis in New York August 25.

In the opinion of the British board, Jimmy Braddock forfeited his claim to the heavyweight championship by refusing to meet Schmeling and therefore wasn't the titleholder and therefore wasn't the titleholder when he was knocked out by Louis in Chicago. The board regards Louis as "American champion."

By this decision, the board has left Farr in a peculiar position should he succeed in whipping Louis in that case the Whiplashman would be recognized as world's champion in the United States but simply as American champion in Great Britain.

SWEENEY SURE OF JOB, PAY BOOSTS

PORTLAND, July 31.—(AP)—William Joseph Sweeney, fiery baseball leader who piloted Portland's ball team to a Coast league pennant in 1936 and under whose management the Beavers again are a threat, signed today the contract to manage the team in 1938.

Sweeney, who also plays first base with the team, will receive an increase in salary, President E. J. Scherf said.

The manager was surprised to be handed a contract so early.

BIORK SIGNS UP WITH GRID 'PROS'

CHICAGO, July 31.—(AP)—Two new lineemen, Delbert Bjork of the University of Oregon and Kay (Tiger) Bell of Washington State, were signed to contracts today by Coach George Hains of the Chicago Bears national professional football club.

Each is 22 years old, stands well over six feet tall and weighs about 220 pounds.

Truck Operators Ask Approval, WPA Rule
PORTLAND, July 31.—(AP)—A committee representing about 100 independent truck operators will ask Governor Martin Monday to approve a new WPA ruling placing trucking on WPA projects on a competitive basis. Koutie Lien, president of the Dump Truck association, announced. An organization of truck owners on relief previously protested the ruling, and said they had the support of the governor.

Committee members said the system would reduce costs 30 percent.

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VANDERBILT BOAT EASY VICTOR IN FIRST CUP RACE

American Entry 'Ranger' Leads All Way Over British 'Endeavor' in Sea Classic.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 31.—(AP)—It was Ranger by the proverbial mile today, and just about double that distance by the nautical measurement as the first race for the America's cup unexpectedly assumed all the proportions of a seagoing rout for Thomas O. M. Sopwith's Endeavor 2nd, sixteenth challenger for the classic emblem of international yachting supremacy.

The snub-nosed whitehulled American defender, Ranger, sailed with characteristic and consummate skill by Harold Stirling (Kike) Vanderbilt, led all the way in light streaky breeze over a 30-mile ocean course, fifteen miles to windward and return. She came home in solitary splendor, her huge spinnaker billowing against a faggy background and her British rival so far astern she was scarcely discernible in the rapidly settling mist of a dismal finish as the big yacht races have ever witnessed.

Victor by the overwhelming margin of 17 minutes, 5 seconds, Ranger and Vanderbilt established their combined supremacy, for the time being, by handing the challenger the worst shelling in the past half century of America's cup history.

Ranger negotiated the course in 4 hours, 41 minutes, 15 seconds. The Challenger, approximately two miles behind after a final and futile hunt for more wind, was timed in 5:58:30.

Back in 1920, Sir Thomas Lipton's Fourth Shamrock lost the fifth and final race to Resolute by a margin of 19 minutes, 45 seconds on corrected time, but the actual elapsed time between the boats at the finish was only a little over 13 minutes.

Not since the Defender, volunteer, whipped the Scottish challenger, Thistle, by 19 minutes, 23.75 seconds, in the first race of the 1887 series has any contender for the cup been so badly beaten as was Sopwith's sloop today, in a race where both boats crossed the finish line.

PICHE TEAM WINS IN UPSET 5 TO 2

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Los Angeles 5 3 0
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LaRocca and Raymond; Lamanski and Monro.

Vote School Tax
SALEM, Ore., July 31.—(AP)—Jefferson school district, at a special meeting yesterday, voted an additional tax of \$5400 to assist in the construction of a new \$48,000 school building.

RACING

CHICAGO, July 31.—(AP)—Tiger, entry of Mrs. Ethel V. Mars, Chicago, and Teddy's Comet, owned by Emerson Woodward, Houston, Texas, raced to a dead heat in the \$45,000 Arlington futurity today.

BOSTON, July 31.—(AP)—A. C. Compton's Citigendal won the \$5,000 aided independence handicap at Suffolk Downs today, turning the mile in 1:37.1 to equal the track record.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., July 31.—(AP)—Chaps, a 15-to-1 shot from Alvin Untermeyer's stable, defeated seven other high ranking two-year-olds, including C. V. Whitney's The Chief, in the 30th running of the \$7500 United States Hotel stakes today. Mrs. Ethel V. Mars' Mountain Ridge was a nose back for second money. Third place went to William Ziegler, Jr.'s Red Glare.

The number of cows two years old and over kept for milk in the United States declined in 1936.

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BROWN SLUGGERS OUTHIT YANKEES TO WIN IN TENTH

NEW YORK, July 31.—(AP)—

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The defeat, planned on the Yankee when West walloped a round-tripper in the tenth inning with two mates aboard to break a tie, cut the New Yorkers' American league lead to 5½ games over the second place White Sox.

DiMaggio pounded out his 29th and 30th homers, getting the former with the bases empty in the eighth, and the 30th with two aboard in the last of the ninth to throw the game into a tie.

Earlier, Bill Dickey had given the Yanks the only other runs with his 18th homer with one on base in the second.

Scores (10 innings): R. H. E.
St. Louis 9 12 0
New York 6 12 1
Knot, Hoggett and Heath; Malone Makowaky, Hadley and Dickey.

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Scores: R. H. E.
Cleveland 0 5 0
Washington 3 7 0
Hudlin and Pytlak; Appleton and Millies.

PHILADELPHIA, July 31.—(AP)—Monte Stratton, hurling a 7-hit game, pitched the Chicago White Sox to a 2-0 triumph in the opening clash of a three-game series today. The victory was the 14th of the year for the Sox rightshander.

Luke Sewell drove in both runs of the game with singles in the fourth and ninth innings.

Scores: R. H. E.
Chicago 2 15 0
Philadelphia 0 7 1
Stratton and Sewell; Kelley and Bruckr. Conroy.

BOSTON, July 31.—(AP)—Founding two Detroit pitchers for 18 hits, the Red Sox slugged out a 12 to 1 victory today to climb within one game of the third-place Tigers.

Scores: R. H. E.
Detroit 12 15 1
Boston 1 6 4
Wade, Gill and Tebbetta; Ostermueler and Desautels.

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GIANTS HELPLESS AS CUBS BOMBARD HUBBELL FREELY

Chicago Takes Five Game Lead—Grandpa Haines Wins For Cards.

CHICAGO, July 31.—(AP)—Tex Carleton baffled the Giants like a Howdial today with the three-hit pitching masterpiece that gave the Cubs a 7 to 1 victory over the New Yorkers and boosted their National league lead to five full games.

Hurling one of the best games of his career, Carleton pitched perfect ball from the end of the first to the start of the ninth inning. Not a man reached first base off him in that stretch and only two batters were able to get the ball out of the infield.

The Cubs landed on Carl Hubbell for a dozen hits, and after taking a 4-0 edge by the fifth inning, never left any doubt as to the outcome.

The victory was the second in a row for the Cubs in the current series.

Led by Gabby Hartnett, who hit a three-run double and a single and drove in four runs, the Cubs had a cinch against "King Carl."

Scores: R. H. E.
New York 1 3 1
Chicago 7 12 0
Hubbell and Danning; Carleton and Hartnett.

PITTSBURGH, July 31.—(AP)—Eddie Mayo's pinch single in the ninth with the bases loaded lent a story-book touch to a 9-7 triumph of the Boston Bees over Pittsburgh today.

Mayo came up with two out and slashed a single into center, scoring Gene Moore, who had doubled, and Elbie Fletcher, who had been purposefully passed.

Scores: R. H. E.
Boston 9 12 2
Pittsburgh 7 9 0
Pette, Lanning, Gabler, Hutchinson, Smith and Muller; Eowman, Weaver, Brown, Swift and Todd.

JEROME, DRIVER FOURSOME WINS

CINCINNATI, July 31.—(AP)—Scoring three runs on Lee Searsville's ninth-inning homer, a Cincinnati rally fell short today and the Reds lost a free-hitting contest to the Phils, 10 to 8.

The Quaker City cellar-dwellers garnered a total of 18 safeties off Red hurlers.

Scores: R. H. E.
Philadelphia 10 18 3
Cincinnati 8 14 3
Walters, Johnson, Mutschy and Adwood; Hallahan, Mooty, Schott and Lombardi.

ST. LOUIS, July 31.—(AP)—Grandpa Jesse Haines and his venerable knuckle-ball fooled the Dodgers in the pinches today and the Cardinals topped the Brooklyn, 4 to 3, in their current series opener.

Although he was tagged for a dozen hits, he pitched the Cards into a tie for third place in the National league.

Scores: R. H. E.
Brooklyn 3 12 1
St. Louis 4 8 0
Pitzsammuna, Henshaw and Phelps, Haines and Owen.

Travis Tops Gehrig In American League
NEW YORK, July 31.—(AP)—Batemen found a "batters' heaven" in the big league this week, with the top ten in each loop undergoing a major shakeup, headlined by Cecil Travis of the Senators.

Eight of the ten batters in each circuit hit for 400 or better during the seven-day period ended with yesterday's games. All 30 traveled at better than a .300 clip.

Travis, hitting .450 with 16 hits in 40 chances, boosted his mark 14 points to .376 for the season and climbed from a tie for second into the American league lead. At the same time, Gehrig also was clouting better, than 400 and wound up the week with a .373 season average for second place.

Ducky Medwick, still setting the pace for both loops with a .403 average, dropped seven points despite a .400-to-.340 mark for the week.

Many lightning strokes are multiple in character, discharges following in the paths of their predecessors in rapid succession.

OKLAHOMA AGE TO FACE DRAGON IN MAT CONTEST

Frankie Clemens, Oklahoma's Indian "wonder boy," will put his undefeated status to the acid test tomorrow night at the open-air high school arena when he faces the hated and horrible Black Dragon, no longer masked but more brutal than ever, if possible. The two will unlimber against each other in the main event of Promoter Mack Lillard's weekly grappling card under the stars.

Jack LaRue and Sammy Kohen, two good grapplers when they want to be but both desiring to indulge in mean tactics, will meet in the middle event, and Danny Savich returns to face Carlos Rodriguez, the "hot tangle" in the opener.

By virtue of his devastating Indian paralyzer, a maneuver that should be rated as wrestling's most potent knock-out drop, Clemens has knocked off three straight opponents since coming here three weeks ago and each of them, after one dose of the hold, has been utterly unable to continue. None, however, has been as tough as the Dragon will undoubtedly turn out to be. And, while Clemens is attempting to finish things with his pet hold, the Black One will be countering with his own favorite maneuver—the Boston crab. Effectiveness of the crab, as manipulated by the Dragon, is proved by the great record that gentleman has produced since the first of the year.

The middle event featuring Jack LaRue and Sammy Kohen should be nothing short of legalized mayhem. Both are masters of many legitimate holds which they use after battering their opponents into states of helplessness.

Danny Savich, ex-University of Utah football All-American, and Carlos Rodriguez, of Mexico City, will open the night's proceedings in a match that should be fast, clean and sensational.

Baer Sorry Figure, In Exhibition Bout

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—(AP)—As a ring fighter, Max Baer, was back in his old-time form today.

The former world's heavyweight champion cavorted four rounds with Al Royce of San Jose, Calif., in an exhibition here last night, to the mingled cheers, boos and extraneous noises of a crowd of 7000—and it was anything but fighting.

Baer feigned a knockout in the first round. In the second he stooped the bout while photographers caught him in cute poses, and in the third he carried on a "boozing" contest with Royce. Both fighters turned on the referee with their oversized gloves in the final frame.

No damage resulted to either and the ring veterans agreed the Livermore, Calif., butcher's son was hardly in shape to defend anything but his own home and firsides.

Trotters Have 'Flu'; Races Called Off
NEWARK, N. J., July 31.—(AP)—Because 20 of its horses were "down with the flu," Westmonte park's trotting races were called off today.

Paul Keim, acting secretary of the Road Horse Association of New Jersey, sponsor of the races, said it was the first time in 20 years that a matinee was called off for illness of horses.

New Salem Manager
SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—(AP)—Richard M. Neustadt, regional director of the social security board, announced the appointment of Ben O. Lipcomb as manager of the Salem office.

Snow In Rockies
COLORADO SPRINGS, July 30.—(AP)—A snowstorm swirled over the summit of Pikes peak tonight for the second time in a week while torrential rains deluged the foothills and adjacent plains area in and around Colorado Springs.

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