

Softball Season Opens Tonight With Colorful Pageant, Ceremony

TEAMS TO DRAW FOR OPPONENTS IN FIRST GAMES

High School Drum Corps Will Head Parade Players At 7:30—Four Games To Be Played Tonight.

Color! Drama! Pageantry! Fourteen brilliantly-uniformed teams parading onto the green turf of the high school stadium, under the bright arc lights and beneath the stars.

One hundred and sixty-eight of the city's finest softball players marching to the beat of Medford high school's glittering girls' drum corps. An expected crowd of 1500 sitting tense as Association Chairman Sam Jennings and Ed Kirtley, assistant field manager, draw from a hat the members of the lucky teams who will swing into action this first night. Then, play ball! Two games being staged at the same time, one on the north diamond and one on the south. And after those encounters are completed, four more highly-trained and red-hot clubs taking the field for two more spectacular clashes.

It's the grand, gala and stupendous inaugural of Medford's summer softball campaign tonight. It starts at 7:30 with the fair high school band rolling their drums and leading the gaudily-dressed ball players out from the south stadium entrance, onto the red-cinder running track and down past the huge covered grandstand, then out on the velvety turf and through planned maneuvers. The ball games begin at 8 o'clock sharp, after the drawing to determine which of the 14 teams are to perform for the first time. The season schedule for the eight A division and six B division teams has been drawn up by Fred Lennard, using numbers for the clubs. The drawing will identify those numbers with teams, and the numbered slips will then be filled in with the names of teams, and released later this week.

There will be two A division games tonight, and a pair of B division encounters. A games will take place on the north diamond and B battles on the south. The eight division A clubs are the absolute cream of Medford's softball squads, while the set-offs of division B outfits are not far behind.

Following are the teams which will appear on the field, ready to open fire if Lady Luck is kind:
Division A. Division B.
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WORRYING WAGNER. Bonus by name, blames down-at-the-mouth look on Pittsburgh Pirates' losing streak. An old-time baseball star himself, he's the Pirates' coach.

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FLUHRER IN COIN AT K. F. REGATTA

KLAMATH FALLS, June 7.—(AP)—Ward Angilly of Marysville, Cal., 1936 national outdoor champion, won first money in the annual Upper Klamath Lake regatta Sunday, noting out Howard Ashley, a fellow townsman, in the final event. Ashley had led the pack during earlier races but fell to second when motor trouble forced him to drop out of the free-for-all finish.

Heine Fluhrer of Medford finished third in the second heat of the C hydroplane event and second in the free-for-all.

In a log-bucking contest held in conjunction with the boat races Martin Hagdale of Big Lakes Box company won the official championship of the Oregon pine district by sawing through a 36-inch log in 2:43.6.

Rainier Paper Sold
RAINIER, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—The Rainier Review, a weekly, published the last three years by Maurice Nelson, was sold to Albert R. McCall, Pendleton, Ore., who took possession today. Mr. McCall had a job printing plant at Pendleton and previously had published the Recorder at Elgin, Ore.

THREE OUTFITS FIGHT FOR LEAD IN HOME STRETCH

Southern Oregon League

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Medford	4	1	.800	—
Grants Pass	4	1	.800	—
Crescent City	3	2	.600	1
Glendale	2	3	.400	2
Ashland	1	4	.200	3
Yreka	1	4	.200	3

* Games behind leaders.

Southern Oregon league's first-half pennant battle, entering the home stretch, has evolved into a three-way scrap between Medford's Craters and the Grants Pass Merchants, tied for the lead, and Crescent City, undisputed holder of second place and within easy shooting distance of the pace-setters. Last year's champions are only one game out of first place.

Games Sunday saw Ashland and Yreka sink deeper into the coal-hole to eliminate any mathematical chance they might have at the first-half race. Yreka was knocked over by Crescent City, 12 to 2, and Grants Pass beat Ashland, 12 to 7, to stay even with the Medfords, who belted Glendale, 9 to 1.

With only three encounters remaining in the first-half race, which ends June 26, the trio of first division clubs hold distinct advantages over Glendale, in fourth position two games behind the leaders, and one back of Crescent City. The Loggers are still in the battle, but they must win all three games to gain a tie for the title. Ashland and Yreka can't possibly win, as they are three full battles behind Medford and Grants Pass and those two latter teams meet a week from next Sunday.

Next Sunday will see Ashland at Medford, Grants Pass at Crescent City and Glendale at Yreka.

HOW THEY STAND

National

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	28	16	.636
New York	26	15	.634
Boston	21	17	.553
Cincinnati	22	21	.512
Pittsburgh	20	20	.500
St. Louis	19	22	.463
Brooklyn	18	27	.400
Philadelphia	11	27	.289

American

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	28	14	.667
New York	24	16	.600
Washington	26	20	.565
Boston	23	18	.561
Detroit	20	23	.465
Philadelphia	17	23	.425
Chicago	13	23	.361
St. Louis	12	26	.316

Coast unchanged, teams traveling.

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen says:

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That "trial" league, which ran for almost a month, was really one of the most original and finest ideas we have ever heard of for the purpose of preparing any sort of teams for a league schedule. In addition to whipping the players into excellent condition, it served as a testing ground for all 14 clubs and assured them of being placed in their proper division for the pennant races. The top eight teams in the twilight circuit earned berths in division A, and the lower six outfits were placed in division B. Because of that, fans this season will witness games between clubs as evenly matched as it is possible to arrange.

Another new angle this year, and one which should produce intense enthusiasm, is the definite plan to stage inter-city games on Friday nights, with Medford teams meeting those from Ashland, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and northern California cities. Still another innovation is the arrangement for a "challenge night," at which time the top team in division

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CHICK, M'DONALD GRAPPLE DRAW IN WILD ENCOUNTER

Memories of all the great wrestling matches of the past were forgotten last night as Cowboy Dude Chick and Sockeye Jack McDonald wrote into the book the story of their second savage meeting, staged before an hysterical mob of 1300 spectators who were barely able to drag their limp bodies homeward following 60 minutes of action such as will probably never be seen in the armory again.

Back in January, those same two grapplers battled to a no-fall draw in what was considered, until then, the most sensational bout ever produced in Medford. Last night, they again struggled the full time limit to finish all even, but in this gigantic masterpiece, which eclipsed their previous crash, they each managed to belt out one tumble.

Chick, world's junior heavyweight champion, gained the first fall in 28 minutes with a reverse body slam and press. McDonald used his favorite Boston crab hold to deadlock the count at the 53-minute mark. Promoter Mack Lillard said today that he was attempting to bring the pair together next Monday night in a finish match, with no time limit, and that preliminary overtures made to them last night after the bout indicated there was a good possibility of the battle being staged. Definite announcement would be made tomorrow or Thursday, the promoter stated.

Chick's fall came after he punished Sockeye unmercifully with a terrific short-arm scissors and flying knees that catapulted the ex-lagger high in the air and landed him on the canvas with resounding thumps. It was Chick who first turned dirty, pulling McDonald's hair to aid him in obtaining the arm scissors hold. Referee Earl Yoakley several times broke the champion off McDonald, as acts that rolled Dude so much he pushed the referee all over the ring and finally heaved him outside. The fall came when McDonald was apparently half outside the ropes.

Coming back for the second tumble the unburstable Sockeye, who had remained fairly clean during the initial session, opened up with a savage and brutal body attack. He punched Chick from pillar to post and when the champion decided to slug it out, McDonald poured it on all the harder. Three times Chick went to his knees from clouts to the chin, and twice Sockeye, himself, was staggered by Dude's tremendous swings.

In a wild melee in a corner, Chick hammered both McDonald and Ref Yoakley to the carpet, then stomped on them. He reached down and again tossed the umps over the ropes, but Sockeye wobbled to his feet and attacked from all fronts. He pounded Chick with everything but the ticket office and finally flopped him over and applied the Boston crab. In the meantime, Yoakley had become tangled up in the ropes and was unable to tear himself loose. So, while the mob went off their heads, McDonald heaved and pulled and gave it to the champ for fully a minute before Yoakley finally extricated himself to pat Sockeye on the back.

With only seven minutes of the match remaining, both shot the works in an attempt to break the deadlock, but it was no soap. McDonald punished Chick's aching back

SPORT GRAPHS

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SCORES YESTERDAY

National
New York 11, Cincinnati 2
Brooklyn 9, Pittsburgh 4
Chicago 10, Philadelphia 8
St. Louis 11, Boston 2
American
Washington 5, Cleveland 4 (11 innings)
Boston 8, Detroit 7
New York 6, St. Louis 5
(Only games scheduled).
Coast
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"SUMMER IS ICUMEN IN"

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Take foods as a single item. On the household pages of this newspaper you will find advertisements of mouth-watering summer delicacies by the score. Fresh fruits and berries as they appear in the markets. Succulent new vegetables. Crisp ready-to-eat cereals. Cool, dainty, hot-weather salads. Delicious ice-box desserts. Bubbly drinks to fill tinkling, moisture-beaded glasses.

Yes, Summer is a delightful time of year if you appreciate the good things that come with warm weather. And if you read the advertisements day by day they'll bring you news of all that's new and desirable in the fine art of Summer living.

TUNNEY COACHES JOE ON DEFENSE

DETROIT, June 7.—(AP)—John Roxborough, co-manager of heavy-weight champion Joe Louis, said here last night that former champion Gene Tunney had recently worked out with Louis and that another workout was planned.

Roxborough, here on business, said that "Tunney spent a few hours with Joe up at Lafayetteville, N. Y., last week, and they got along well."

"He was showing Joe how to avoid being hit with a right hand," Roxborough said.

Asked if Tunney would do any more work with Louis during the champion's training for his return bout with Max Schmeling, Roxborough said:

"Maybe late this week or early next week if it can be arranged for some time early in the morning. The last time Tunney was teaching Joe it was supposed to be a secret. But the news leaked out."

TRAP GUNNERS ASSURED PLENTY ROOMS IN BEND

BEND, June 7.—(AP)—Dr. W. G. Manning of the Bend trap club assured scores of trapshooters today there would be ample accommodations for the state tournament opening here Thursday.

Sixteen gunners arrived from Seattle yesterday to fish the Deschutes river before entering the preliminary events. The annual meet will attract leading marksmen from Oregon and the adjacent states.

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