

Crescent Crew Coming Sunday for Crucial Battle With Craters

KOLL AND BROWN SLATED TO STAGE HOT MOUND DUEL

Medford Beset by Injuries—Game Will Be Factor in Deciding 3-Way Deadlock for League Lead

Southern Oregon League		
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Medford	5	2
Crescent City	5	2
Grants Pass	5	2
Yreka	3	4
Glendale	2	5
Ashland	1	6

Where They Play Sunday
Crescent City at Medford.
Grants Pass at Yreka.
Ashland at Glendale.

The lightest, toughest, most terrific Southern Oregon baseball league pennant race in 10 years ends its first-half schedule Sunday afternoon.

Roaring down the stretch have come three fighting ball clubs—Medford's crashing Craters, the Grants Pass Merchants and Crescent City.

They go to the post Sunday in a triple deadlock for first place, and after firing is completed along about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, there may be an undisputed first-half champion, and there may not.

Two Results Possible
This slam-bang, dog-eat-dog firing chase can wind up its first eight games in only two ways. If Grants Pass gets upset by a fast-coming Yreka club, the winner of the Medford-Crescent City game here will become first-half champion and earn the right to meet the second-half winner for the league award.

Weakened and put in poor condition by a disheartening series of injuries, the Craters move against Lefty Mike Koll and his Crescent City club at the high school park in the feature attraction of the circuit.

Opposing the brilliant Koll, hurler of a no-hit, no-run game this year, will be low Little Brown, Medford's undefeated southpaw. Brown will attempt to take away the fourth straight victory and repeat his two-hit performance of May 22, when he beat Koll and Crescent City, 4 to 0.

The Crescent City portlander will be gunning for his sixth pitching win in seven starts, and also to retain his league batting leadership.

Tommy White Out
Tommy White, the 470-hitting Medford outfielder, is still definitely on the shelf with a cracked wrist, and will see no action. Dick Lewis, shortstop, received a nasty spike wound at Grants Pass last Sunday and is still hobbling around.

Calvert, sensational outfielder, got splinters in his left hand early this week, and infection promptly developed. He will play, though. Dick Sakrada, leftfielder, is suffering from a sore arm, as is Ed Smith, first baseman.

About the only hot and hearty Craters left are Chief McLean, dynamic Indian catcher; Manager Wally Rickert, second baseman; Arba Ager, third baseman and Hoosier Hoffard, rightfielder. And, Boss Rickert is keeping his fingers crossed lest something dire befall those that are healthy.

The year's largest crowd is expected to pack the twin grandstands for the first appearance of Crescent City and Mike Koll in Medford this season. The coast club, which won both halves of the pennant race last year because of Koll's sensational pitching and hitting, will be bent on avenging its loss to Medford earlier in the campaign.

Special Events
As an added attraction to the ball game, expected to be the best of the year, a "track meet" will be held starting at 2 o'clock, with Calvert of Medford and Ed Matson, Crescent City second baseman, answering the question in a 30-yard dash as to who is the Southern Oregon league's fastest player. They will start in right field and break the tape somewhere near home plate.

In other loop games, Grants Pass will depend on its ace right-hander, Steve Crippen, to beat Yreka and give the Merchants a tie for the first-half pennant. Foster will pitch for Yreka.

At Glendale, Crinnok will do the Ashland hitting and Glenn Elliott will work for the Loggers. This game has no bearing on the race, as both teams are eliminated.

Will Wrestle Cowpoke



Terrible Ted Christy (above) takes a crack at Cowboy Dude Chick in the main wrestling bout at the Medford armory next Monday night, and local fans sincerely hope he gets all broken up by the champion.

CCC BOYS STAGE LIVELY BATTLES AT ELKS PICNIC

Before a crowd of several hundred cheering Elks, fighters from camps of the Medford CCC district last night staged the most spectacular boxing card in the history of the Elks-CCC series.

The bouts were a part of the Elks' picnic program at their grounds near Medford. Only two knockouts featured the card, the boys being almost perfectly matched and most of the bouts going the limit with the battles ending close together and trading punches.

The main event, between Jim Gonzales, 145, Sims, and Joe De Mar, 148, Seiad, was by no means the best bout on the card from the spectators' standpoint, both boys being easy, experienced fighters who kept themselves out of trouble and went to a draw.

Johnny Jura, 133, Sims, for two years runner-up for the California state A. A. U. championship, defeated Jim Wheeler, 135, Seiad, in one of the evening's best bouts.

The less-experienced Wheeler made up in gameness what he lacked in technique, and could well be brought back for a rematch with Jura.

Herg Gunt, 168, Winglass, knocked out Mason Lawrence, 168, Applegate, in the third round of their last bout, and Andy Ferency, 127, Lava Beds, defeated Albert Rodriguez, 129, Seiad, in another good bout.

Jo Jo Moore, 160, Wimer, found an opponent to his liking in Art Guant, 160, Lava Beds, and the boys fought a heated bout to a draw.

Al Robinson, 159, Winglass, and Howard Garrett, 158, Applegate, also drew.

Burt Wittenburg, 150, Diamond Lake, a lanky fighter, drew with Henry Dietz, 153, Lava Beds, in a good bout. John Crowdie, 144, South Fork, knocked out Archie Stinson, 144, Winglass, in the third round of their bout.

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G. PASS SOFTBALL TEAMS TO INVADE MEDFORD TONIGHT

Jennings Tire Outfit Selected to Uphold Local Honor—Girls Team Also Coming From Climate City

GAMES TONIGHT
Inter-City Games
Grants Pass vs. Jennings Tire, 9 p. m.
Grants Pass Girls vs. Medford Merchant Girls, 9 p. m.

Challenge Game
Gasco vs. Lamports, 8 p. m.
Division A Game
Catholic Men vs. Wooden Box, 8 p. m.

Medford softball fans will see their first inter-city games tonight at the stadium when Jennings Tire company, chosen by the field management to represent Medford, clashes with a strong club from Grants Pass, and the Medford Merchants' girls' team faces a feminine outfit from the Climate City. Both encounters start at 9 o'clock.

First challenge game of the season will also be staged this evening, with Gasco of Division B tangling with Lamports of Division A for the right to enter the latter division. Lamports, in the Division A collar, was challenged by the four top Division B clubs, with Gasco winning the right to play through a draw. In case Gasco wins from Lamports, the two teams will exchange their respective positions in the two divisions, with Gasco entering A loop and Lamports in the B.

This game starts at 8 p. m. Completing the program, Wooden Boxmen and Catholic Men will meet at 8 o'clock in a regularly scheduled Division A encounter. Timber Products, Division A leader, travels to Ashland tonight to face the undefeated Minter team in that city.

In Division A battles last night, Lamports hung up their first victory of the year by defeating their old rivals, Piche, 4 to 1, in a tight pitcher's duel. Wooden Boxmen staged a six-run uprising in the last inning to overcome a 3-to-1 disadvantage and beat Murray's Maid-Rite, 7 to 3.

Office Boys committed 13 errors and were held to a lone hit by Earl Dale, as Timber Products crashed out a 20-to-0 victory.

In the lone Division B game, Groceteria scored three runs in the last half of the seventh and final inning to nose out Western States groery, 8 to 7, and threw the division into a four-way deadlock for first place.

Division A scores:
Timber Products 20 8 1
Office Boys 0 1 13
Dale and J. Smith; Kunzman and Lennard.

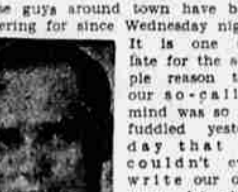
Division B scores:
Wooden Boxmen 7 8 2
Maid-Rite 3 4 2
Steiner and Wilson; Leavitt and G. Gitten.

Lamports 4 6 1
Piche 1 4 6
Walker and Monteth; Verlick and Botts.

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Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen says:
Max Not Alone In Befuddlement Following Fight



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Well, here is our fight obituary jouse guys around town have been hollering for since Wednesday night. It is one day late for the simple reason that our so-called mind was so befuddled yesterday that we couldn't even write our own name, let alone put enough words together to manufacture one paragraph that would make sense.

Schmeling wasn't the only gent paralyzed by Joe Louis rights and lefts. We have only one allibi to offer, and we believe Schmeling should squawk to the New York state boxing commission. Louis was allowed to enter the ring with a double handful of hand-grenades, while poor Max had only a feather duster in each paw.

That Schmeling failed even to tickle the champ's whiskers doesn't change matters any. It was a distinct disadvantage and handicap that the German was laboring under, because a feather duster will always come out second best to a hand-grenade. It's the principal of the thing.

When those hand-grenades started exploding on Max's chin, the challenger had no opportunity to bring his feather dusters into action. That is the story of the fight, as we see it. Had Schmeling been able to tickle the Brown Bomber's whiskers right off the bat, it might have been different. Louis might have stopped to laugh and Max might have pulled up a ring post and slugged his opponent on the head.

But that didn't happen so Max and me will have to stay in and take our bitter medicine.

We have one consolation, though, even if Schmeling stands proudly at the top of the heap with that very vast army of sports writers whose prognostications of prize fights are seldom correct. In fact, we have never picked one fight; our amazing record of misses is still intact, so we modestly nominate ourselves, even over Henry McLemore, as the "chumpie" fight predictor of the country. Any second to the nomination?

Tommy White is the best looking young baseball prospect to perform in southern Oregon in the past 25 years, in the opinion of no less an authority on the national pastime than Court Hall, who was managing clubs here in Medford long before Tommy gripped and swung his first rattle from the left side of his crib.

"He takes my eye," Court enthused over the 21-year-old ex-Junior American Legion player and

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