

# Medford, Grants Pass File Official Protests on Sunday Defeats

## LEAGUE MEETING SET FOR JULY 6 TO IRON PLAINTS

### Merchants Claim Play at Plate Interfered With by Yreka Batter—Umpire's Action Seen Inconsistent

Following directly on the heels of Medford's protest of the Crescent City game here Sunday, Southern Oregon Baseball League, Secretary Austin Frazier received notice this morning from Business Manager Fred Roper of the Grants Pass Merchants that Grants Pass had protested Yreka's 9 to 7 victory over the Merchants last Sunday—the game which knocked Grants Pass out of a tie for the first-half pennant.

Dom Provost of Ashland, league president, announced he had called a league meeting for July 6 at Grants Pass, at which time the two protests would be ironed out—may be. Managers of all six clubs will attend.

Roper alleges that, in the seventh inning of the game at Yreka, Yreka's Pete Brazil stopped across the plate in an attempt to bunt a pitched ball, with a runner coming in from third base, and so interfered with the Grants Pass catcher that he was unable to handle the ball, allowing the Yreka runner to score. He further alleges that the umpire in chief behind the plate claimed he didn't see the batter step across the plate, and that he asked the base umpire for a decision on the play. The base umpire called the batter (Brazil) out for stepping across the plate, in accordance with the rules, after which the umpire in chief refused to uphold the decision he had asked for and allowed the runner to score and Brazil to remain at the plate. Roper stated in his letter of protest.

Previous to the two games Sunday, Medford, Grants Pass and Crescent City were all tied for the league leadership.

The bitter baseball war between Crescent City and Medford moved off the playing field and into the Southern Oregon league's presidential office yesterday, when officials of the Medford Athletic association, sponsor of the Craters, announced they had entered an official protest of last Sunday's sensational 18-inning encounter, with Dom Provost of Ashland, circuit presy.

The game won by Crescent City, 7 to 6, to give them the first-half championship, was played under protest from the eighth inning on, when Crescent City scored three runs to deadlock the count at 4 to 4. Immediately following the game, Medford Athletic association officials tentatively decided to withdraw the protest. However, after a meeting of officials here yesterday, it was decided to definitely enter the protest, and letters explaining the situation were dispatched to President Provost and to Manager Roy Deo of Crescent City.

Medford's protest is based on the allegation that a Crescent City baserunner attempting to score from third base in the eighth inning, intentionally interfered with a thrown ball, allowing him to reach the plate, and that another baserunner also scored while the Crescent City players were illegally gathered around home plate and on the playing field.

Peeling among Medford players and fans was red-hot when the protested play occurred, and many spectators have expressed the opinion the Craters were "robbed" of the game. In case of replay of the encounter is ordered, or from that inning on, Crescent City and Medford will be tied for the leadership, with the winner retaining the first-half pennant.

Following is the complete letter of protest mailed to President Provost and Manager Deo, and signed by V. E. Falwell, association secretary:

"At an informal meeting of the directors of the Medford Athletic association, sponsors of the Medford Craters baseball team, I was instructed to convey to you our protest on the baseball game played June 26, between the Medford Craters and the Crescent City Merchants.

"It is claimed by the management of the Medford Craters that the Crescent City umpire was incorrect in his interpretation of baseball rules when he allowed Reynold of Crescent City to score from second base when he should have called Reynold out for running when Crescent City players were congregated around home plate obscuring the play from Medford players. It is contended that as soon as Roy Deo, Crescent City manager, left his position as third base coach and entered the playing field the umpire should have called 'time' and falling to do this, Reynold could not legally advance from second base, but was automatically out under section 20 of rule 49.

"It is alleged that the following facts are true: Reynold was stealing base on a pitch. Fern was on third base. McLean, Crater catcher, faked a throw to second base which was cut off by Brown who relayed to Ager. Crater third baseman trapping Fern approximately 10 feet off third base. Fern ran for home plate and Ager threw the ball to McLean who was about six feet out from home plate toward third base. Fern, while running for home, raised both his arms in an extended position above his head in what appeared a deliberate attempt to confuse McLean from catching Ager's throw.

"It is alleged, and was admitted after the game by Crescent City players, that the ball thrown by Ager struck Fern on the hand and was deflected away from McLean, under section 8 of rule 49. It is contended that Fern should have been

## Net Star III



Suzanne Lenglen

PARIS, June 29.—(AP)—Suzanne Lenglen, once the world's foremost woman tennis player, today underwent a blood transfusion in an effort to arrest pernicious anemia which her physician said had left her in "a serious condition."

Her doctor expressed belief, however, that the former champion eventually would be cured. He reported no change after the transfusion.

Miss Lenglen has been ill for ten days.

Holder of the Wimbledon women's title from 1919 to 1923 and again in 1925, she later turned professional. She has been operating a Paris tennis school the last five years.

called out for interfering with a thrown ball. The umpire ruled that the ball hit Fern on the head or shoulder and allowed his score. McLean, as soon as the ball was deflected by Fern, claimed an out for interference. At this point several Crescent City players including Roy Deo, Crescent City manager who left his post as third base coach, entered the playing field and congregated in the immediate vicinity of home plate to argue the point. Under rule 22 all these Crescent City players with the exception of Fern were illegally on the field when Reynold was allowed to score.

"On protest by Crater players, the umpire sent Reynold back to third base. On Deo's further protest, the umpire allowed Reynold to walk to home plate and score the tying run. At the end of this inning this decision was protested by Rickert, Crater manager. It is contended by the management of the Craters that the umpire was correct in his duty under the rules when he allowed Crescent City players to enter the playing field illegally. It is further contended that Reynold could not legally advance past second base while home plate was obscured by Crescent City players. It is further charged that this Crescent City umpire is incompetent and partial and should be barred from officiating in this league.

Yours truly,  
V. E. FALWELL,  
Secretary Medford Athletic Ass'n."

## BOBBY RIGGS SEEKING TENNIS HALL OF FAME

CHICAGO, June 29.—(AP)—A national clay court tennis feat achieved only by William Tilden and Bryan (Biggy) Grant beckoned Bobby Riggs today as he sought his third singles crown.

The No. 2 nationally ranked Chicagoan, who first won the title in 1936 and repeated last year, faced Gordon Mulloy of Miami, Fla., seeded 12th and pegged 20th in the United States ratings.

Mulloy reached the finals yesterday by ousting Joe Hunt of Los Angeles, the 1937 runner-up, 1-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4. Riggs advanced when his doubles teammate from Atlanta, Bitzy Grant, defaulted in the second set with the score tied 6-all because of a blistered hand. Riggs had won the first set, 6-3.

## BABE SAFE AT HOME AFTER AUTO SMASHUP

RIDGEWOOD N. J., June 29.—(AP)—Babe Ruth the home run hitter who returned to baseball recently as a coach for the Brooklyn Dodgers, was safe at home today—but it was a wonder.

He was driving by himself back to New York from a visit with friends near here last night when his car tangled left front wheels with another automobile, swerved 30 feet across the West Saddle river road, struck a low stone wall and fell on its side.

Ruth climbed from his badly damaged car unhurt. Miss Rose Beck of Upper Saddle River, driver of the other car, stayed on the road and also was uninjured.

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

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## DIVISION 'A' ENDS SOFTBALL SKED IN CLASHES TONIGHT

Games Tonight  
Division A  
Maid-Rite vs. Timber Products, 8 p. m.  
Lamporia vs. Jennings Tire, 9 p. m.  
Division B  
Lewis Super vs. Domestic Laundry, 8 p. m.  
Croeteria vs. Gasco, 9 p. m.

Division A softball schedule winds up its first half tonight at the stadium, with Murray's Maid-Rite and Timber Products meeting in the first game and Jennings Tire and Lamporia clashing in the second. Timber Products, with six straight wins, has clinched the first-half pennant.

Last night before a large crowd, Piche sprang an upset to eliminate Wooden Boxmen from the race by beating Manager Hofard's outfit, 6 to 2, behind the one-hit hurling of Hawk. It was the fifth straight game Hawk has worked without allowing a base on balls. Stine robbed him of a no-hit game by getting a scratch single in the final frame.

In the other Division A encounter, Office Boy beat Catholic Men, 7 to 3, when the losers committed nine errors behind Pitcher Meyer.

Division B battles saw Elka belt out a 16 to 8 win over Croeteria and Western States rep Gasco, 13 to 5.

Division A scores:

Piche	R. H. F.	6 7 5
Wooden Boxmen	2 1 5	
Hawk and Kubli; Steiner and Willson.		
Office Boys	R. H. E.	7 4 3
Catholic Men	3 4 9	
Kunzman and Luman; Meyer and P. Sakradia.		

## Postpone Naming Of Court Bailiff

There will be no immediate appointment of a circuit court bailiff to fill the vacancy caused by the passing of Owney J. Patton, it was indicated today.

There will be a lull in court business during the next three months and during the period H. M. Turnbull, courthouse janitor, will act as bailiff. It was said a regular bailiff will be named in the fall if court business justifies.

## 'Wonder' Horse Is Sold for \$300,000

LONDON, June 29.—(AP)—Nearco, the Italian "wonder horse" that won the Paris grand prix last Sunday and is unbeaten in 14 starts, was purchased today by Martin Benson, London bookmaker, for a reported price of 60,000 pounds—approximately \$300,000.

The reported price would be one of the largest ever paid for a race horse.

## CHUCK CROWELL STOPS EDDIE HOGAN IN THIRD

LOS ANGELES, June 29.—(AP)—It took Chuck Crowell, towering young Los Angeles heavyweight, three rounds to stop Eddie Hogan of New York in their scheduled 10-round bout here last night at the Olympic auditorium.

Crowell weighed 218, Crowell 219.

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## Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen says:  
California Claims Gold Hill's Pride As a Native Son

Somebody should do something about those Californians. They are getting positively out of hand again. If they are left to their own devices much longer, they will be claiming heritage to every single outstanding athlete in the business, along with nature's beauty spots.

It was not long ago that a our neighboring state to the south attempted to move Crater Lake to its domain. Rogue River has been mentioned several times as flowing through sunny California. Now, the citizens of the poppy state are extending their nefarious credit-swinging activities into the realm of sports.

We have on our desk a press bulletin from Los Angeles in which it is stated that Bob Kenaston, "A LONG BEACH, CAL., MARINE," used some freak holds to beat Speedy Larence in the main wrestling bout at Gilmore stadium Monday eve. Now, the last time we heard of Sgt. Bob Kenaston, his place of residence was none other than Gold Hill, Ore. In fact, Bob has always been rather proud of the fact that he came from a little town like Gold Hill, and made good in the big city.

It may be that our Bob has gone high-bat on all his old friends back here in the sticks, and would rather be mentioned as hailing from a larger town, such as Long Beach. It may be that he told the guy who wrote the story that he was from Long Beach, ashamed to reveal having been raised in a tiny town. This may be the true lowdown, but we doubt it. Knowing Californians as we do, it is our sincere opinion that California is attempting to pull another fast one, that Bob, loyal to Gold Hill and Oregon to the bitter end, knows nothing of California's claim Bob as their own.

Up in arms, Gold Hillers! Your leading citizen is being stolen from under your noses. Are you going to sit back and take it, or are you going to fight for what is rightfully yours? We fervently hope that you will battle to the last man to prevent California from stealing your Bob Kenaston. After all, he is your Bobby, and if anybody merits those Californians on the field of honor, you should be elected.

And speaking of that wrestling card in Los Angeles, quite a few of the boys participating are well known here. Paul Murdoch drew with Ken Hollis, Abe Goldberg tossed young Los Angeles heavyweight, three rounds to stop Eddie Hogan of New York in their scheduled 10-round bout here last night at the Olympic auditorium.

Germany will not show the Louis-Schmeling fight pictures, we understand, but Medford will. That was definitely stated today by Elmo

Hemmlia. For a time, it was planned not to bill the film, because of the expense in obtaining it and the belief that because of the extremely short duration of the brawl, it wouldn't draw enough extra customers to pay out. However, a last-minute decision was made by local movie moguls to run the film, so Medfordites will see for themselves what happened, and how.

The pictures will be at the New Craterian, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Although the fight lasted only two minutes and four seconds, the pictures run for 16 minutes, the film being 1700 feet long. Elmo told us. The fight is shown both in natural speed and in slow motion, and from what we have read about the pictures, they are really something. Louis' terrific blow to Schmeling's back is clearly shown. It is reported, and all other action is crystal clear. Referee Arthur Donovan also gives his version of the fight, to Max's back. Guess we'll take in the pictures but we'll pick Louis this time.

## Scores Yesterday

Cost League

San Diego	10; Portland 11.
Hollywood 1; Seattle 4.	
Sacramento 2; Los Angeles 3.	
Oakland 2; San Francisco 1.	

American League

Detroit 4; Cleveland 5.	
Chicago 10; St. Louis 9.	
Philadelphia-New York, Washingt-Boston, postponed, rain.	

National League

Cincinnati 5; Pittsburgh 2.	
St. Louis 9; Chicago 3.	
Boston-Brooklyn, New York-Philadelphia, postponed, rain.	

## MANY CATCHING LIMIT IN DIAMOND LAKE NOW

Fishing at Diamond lake is especially good, with many limit catches reported, according to information furnished by state police today. Fishers and worms are providing the best lure, and many good catches are being made after sundown with bucktail royal coachman flies.

Rogue river and tributaries are reported good. Several fine catches have been made in the Prospect vicinity, and a few salmon have been taken from the river near McLeod above Trail.

## Junior Baseballers To Clash Thursday

Jackson county's Junior American Legion ball team and Medford's Junior Craters clash in a practice game at the high school park Thursday afternoon at 4:30. In a previous encounter between the two clubs, the Legion team won, 1 to 0.

The gall game is free, and all fans are invited to attend.

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

## All-Star Selections Burn Cleveland, Brooklyn Fans

NEW YORK, June 29.—(AP)—The loudest laments in the wake of the naming of the squads for the all-star game at Cincinnati July 6 come from Cleveland and, of all places, Brooklyn.

Cleveland fans are beefing because their sterling first baseman, Hal Trosky, was left off the American league roster, and the Brooklyn addicts are boiling because fast Freddie Fitzsimmons, the veteran knuckleballer was given the go-by when the National League chose its best.

Trosky, while no bargain as a fielder, has been leveling the fences all season, and at the moment is second only to his teammate Earl Averill, among American league sluggers. He is banging the ball far ahead of the first three first-basemen who were picked by the American leaguers—Jimmy Foss, Hank Greenberg and Lou Gehrig.

Burligh Grimes, Brooklyn manager, is as sore at the Flatbush fans about the "slighting" of Fitzsimmons by his former bossom pal, Bill Terry who made the final selection of the National league team he will handle in the big one-day engagement.

"Everybody knows that Fitz would knock those American leaguers silly for three innings," Grimes fumed. "I don't understand how he was passed up. Why, he's allowed only three earned runs in his last 45 innings, practically shut-out ball."

Burligh takes particular exception to the fact that Mace Brown, Pittsburgh's sensational relief pitcher, got the call over Fitz.

"I always thought you had to qualify for the all-stars as a starting pitcher, not a finisher," he said. "The way Fitz is going now he would have those Americans eating out of his hand."

Cleveland would appear to have even a more meritorious protest on the exclusion of Trosky. Taking the batting figures at their face value, there would be no way of leaving him off.

## WARRENTON TO BECOME COAST PILCHARD HUB

ASTORIA, June 29.—(AP)—Three pilchard reduction plant operators prepared today to transform Warrenton, small Columbia river mouth town, into the pilchard center of the north Pacific coast.

The three, the Pacific Marine Products corporation, the Redondo Fish Products company and the Santa Cruz Oil company, were granted licenses to operate reduction plants. Only the Pacific Marine company operated last year.

## She Stood Alone

BERKELEY, Cal.—(AP)—Gertrude Faulkner Kauffman was certainly in the spotlight as the Pacific Unitarian school for the Ministry held its annual graduation exercises. She was the only graduate.

## COWBOY AND CHRISTY IN MAIN GRAPPLE ON ASHLAND JULY 4 CARD

Cowboy Dude Chick and Terrible Ted Christy will meet in the main event of Ashland's gala July 4 wrestling card in the open-air chautauqua next Monday night, starting at 8:00 o'clock. Promoter Mack Lillard announced today. The brawl, a rematch from the sensational shindig the two staged here Monday, when Christy handed Chick his third defeat in three years, will be staged under Texas rules, with nothing barred. It will be winner take all with the loser receiving only bare traveling expenses.

In the middle event, Miss Clara Mortenson and Senorita Maria Martinez will clash in a 40-minute, two-out-of-three-fall bout. This will be the two girls' third meeting in three weeks.

Bulldog Jackson, one of the dirtiest grapplers in the game and a main-eventer in Portland and other coast cities for several years, will face Bobby Chick in the 30-minute, one-fall opener.

The huge chautauqua in Ashland will seat 3000 persons, and Maestro Lillard expects a capacity crowd for his yearly program in the Luthia city. The matches will start at 8 p. m. sharp, and every seat in the amphitheatre is a reserved seat to the fireworks display, which will begin immediately following the final bout.

"And Sudden Death"—Dell W. Rhodes, Marshfield, died instantly last night when his automobile swerved from the road and hit a tree three miles south of here. Neil Matson, Eureka, Cal., transient riding with Rhodes, was bruised.

Sentenced by the Mills—MISSOULA, Mont.—(UP)—Joe Matlich of Lapwai, Idaho, was sentenced to federal penitentiary at the rate of a month a mile, to repay his theft of 15 miles of copper wire from an emergency relief camp on the Clearwater forest reserve.

Entrepreneur to India—The hazards of founding an American ice cream factory in India are preferable to a career in law school, said John H. Harding, Harvard '36, as he packed up to leave for Bombay. He became acquainted with India on a tour after his graduation.

## HOW THEY STAND

Cost League

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Sacramento	55	34	.618
Los Angeles	49	40	.551
San Francisco	48	41	.539
Portland	44	44	.500
San Diego	44	45	.494
Seattle	44	45	.494
Hollywood	41	48	.461
Oakland	31	59	.344

National

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	37	24	.607
Cincinnati	35	25	.583
Chicago	36	28	.566
Pittsburgh	31	25	.554
Boston	27	27	.500
St. Louis	27	31	.466
Brooklyn	25	35	.417
Philadelphia	16	38	.296

American

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	39	21	.650
New York	35	25	.576
Boston	33	27	.550
Washington	34	31	.523
Detroit	32	32	.500
Philadelphia	26	30	.464
Chicago	22	23	.400
St. Louis	14	40	.259

## RALPH COWGILL'S POOCH IS DECORATED AT CAMP

ASTORIA, June 29.—(AP)—Buster, a fox terrier owned by Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Cowgill, was decorated yesterday with the coveted 10-year service medal for continuous attendance at Oregon national guard encampments.

## Uncle Sam Pays

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(AP)—A bill to pay Mrs. Muriel C. Young, Marshfield, Ore., \$2,250 for injuries suffered September 6, 1936, when she was struck by a national park service truck near Salem, Ore., was signed yesterday by President Roosevelt.

## Fisherman's Luck

BEND, June 29.—(AP)—Millard T. Triplett, Deschutes county commissioner, felt pretty good when he reeled in his line while fishing at Eed lake and found a fisherman's pole, complete with reel and line. He felt even better when he reeled in the second line and found a large trout on the hook.

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