

Craters and Grants Pass to Clash Here Sunday in Crucial Contest

UNDISPUTED LEAD OF SO. ORE. LOOP GOES TO WINNER

Brown Will Get Call in Effort to Repulse Visitors—Huge Crowd Expected for Important Battle

Games Sunday
Grants Pass at Medford.
Ashland at Yreka.
Glendale at Crescent City.

Tied for first place, each with three victories and no setbacks, Medford's crashing Craters and the Grants Pass Merchants battle it out in Medford Sunday in the feature attraction of the Southern Oregon baseball league's fourth week of second half activity. The game starts at 2:30 sharp.

For this crucial encounter, the winner of which takes over the undisputed league lead, Manager Wally Ricketts of the Craters will start Southpaw Lowell Brown, the circuit's top hurler, on the pitching mound. Manager Jud Pernoll of the high-flying Merchants plans to send either Steve Crippen or Orvall Hoffman, both right-handers, to the box against Medford.

This ball game, one of the most important to be staged in Medford this season, may determine the ultimate second-half pennant winner and right to face Crescent City, first-half winners, for the league championship. With only four more games to play following this week's encounters, the winner here Sunday will have a one-game lead over the second place club—a margin not to be sneezed at as the six teams roar into the stretch drive.

Medford, best drawing town in the loop by far, expects to see attendance records shattered when the Craters and Merchants take the field. The game is a "natural" in every respect. Last time the two clubs clashed the Merchants captured a coast of 4 to 0, whitewash to the locals, evening the count for the season. Medford defeated Grants Pass early in the year.

Brown, the big left-hander, who has been beaten only once in six starts, claims his educated flipper is in the best condition it ever has been. He is confident he can set down the Merchants, backed by a terrific slugging bunch of teammates whose club batting average is .326, tops in the circuit.

G. V. Hays, Crater Club, Grants Pass, while not such a bawdy-crash outfit, is a brisk, snappy, smart and hustling club. Ken Williams, ex-major leaguer signed at the start of the second-half as a coach, has fired the team to heights it hasn't reached for three years. Since Williams has been in the third-base coaching box, the Merchants haven't lost a game, and right now are probably the fightingest gang of pastimers in the circuit. It is a well-balanced team which has been receiving fine pitching from Crippen, the red-headed ex-Cincinnati Red hurler, and Hoffman, a youngster. Hugh Hartman, a dangerous hitter, is back with the team after a year's absence.

Crippen, in his last go against the Craters, blanked them with four safeties, and if he can repeat the performance, or even come close, the locals will have to play their heads off to beat him. Whether he can again silence Medford's six smashing left-handed hitters is a moot question which only the game itself can answer.

Crescent City, in second place, enters Glendale and Ashland moves over the Siskiyou mountains to Yreka, in other league games. Glen Elliott, brilliant Myrtle Creek high school southpaw is back with Glendale again, and may cause Crescent City no little trouble.

HOW THEY STAND

| Pacific Coast | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|
| Team | W. | L. | Pct. |
| Los Angeles | 71 | 50 | .587 |
| Sacramento | 68 | 53 | .562 |
| Seattle | 64 | 56 | .533 |
| San Diego | 64 | 57 | .529 |
| San Francisco | 63 | 59 | .516 |
| Portland | 56 | 64 | .467 |
| Hollywood | 55 | 66 | .455 |
| Oakland | 43 | 79 | .352 |

| National | | | |
|--------------|----|----|------|
| Team | W. | L. | Pct. |
| Pittsburgh | 55 | 31 | .640 |
| New York | 52 | 38 | .578 |
| Chicago | 50 | 38 | .568 |
| Cincinnati | 49 | 40 | .551 |
| Brooklyn | 41 | 47 | .466 |
| Boston | 38 | 46 | .452 |
| St. Louis | 37 | 49 | .431 |
| Philadelphia | 26 | 59 | .308 |

| American | | | |
|--------------|----|----|------|
| Team | W. | L. | Pct. |
| New York | 53 | 30 | .639 |
| Cleveland | 51 | 30 | .630 |
| Boston | 50 | 33 | .602 |
| Washington | 46 | 45 | .505 |
| Detroit | 43 | 48 | .483 |
| Chicago | 35 | 41 | .461 |
| Philadelphia | 31 | 48 | .392 |
| St. Louis | 26 | 58 | .310 |

Butchers Gyp Selves
FUGA, Okla. (AP)—The last thing that J. W. Hollinsworth, Tulsa's new inspector of weights and measures, expected to find was a butcher who gave his customers too much weight. But, setting out on his new job, he discovered that about half of the scales that didn't weigh accurately gave the customer too much weight; the other half short weighted the buyer.

Heads Grappling Team



Sgt. Bob Kenaston of Gold Hill (above), gets another shot at the wrestling team of Jack McDonald and Joe Smolinski in the open-air program at the high school stadium next Monday evening. He will team with Benny Wilson of Texas, and attempt to even the score with the two husky meemies.

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen says:

McGraw's Theory Proved Sound by S. O. Pennant Race

It was always the theory of the late John J. McGraw, baseball's "Little Napoleon," that pennants are not won by beating first-division teams, but by taking every advantage of the weaker second-division clubs and piling up a large margin of game-victories in the season's series with lower outfits.

His idea, and it has proved correct many times, was that pennant contenders would just about split even with each other during the season, and that the champion team would be the one which accumulated the greatest number of victories over clubs out of the race and inferior to the top fighters.

McGraw followed that theory all through his great career as manager of the New York Giants, and proof of its soundness is attested by the fact that John won 10 pennants.

That theory was never so graphically illustrated as right here in the Southern Oregon league during the first-half flag chase. Medford and Grants Pass, first division clubs, broke even in their two-game series with each other, and with Crescent City the other first-division team. But, Crescent City won the pennant because it didn't lose a game to Yreka, Glendale or Ashland, the trio of second-division teams, while both Medford and Grants Pass were felled once by Yreka, Medford, Grants Pass and Crescent City, the three pennant contenders, all were unable to get more than an even break in battles with each other, and the championship followed McGraw's theory to the letter and knocked off every second-division outfit it faced, while Medford and Grants Pass didn't.

Taking that theory as a possible indicator regarding the second-half race, Grants Pass has all the advantage over Medford and Crescent City, which teams are again making a three-way race of it. Following the game here Sunday, Grants Pass will be playing only second-division clubs until the end of the season. But Medford and Crescent City must contend with each other twice more before the windup.

If Grants Pass beats Medford Sunday, then follows McGraw's theory by pouring it on the second-division teams, the Merchants will breeze through to the second-half title. After Medford comes only Yreka, Ashland and Glendale twice, all lower-bracket teams. So, if Grants Pass wallops the Craters and plays to form against the remainder of their opponents, it will be too bad for Medford and Crescent City.

Steele to Quit Fighting Career

TACOMA, Wash., July 29.—(UP)—Two nights after he lost the world's middleweight boxing championship Freddie Steele, 26, retired from the ring last night.

Eddie Miller, the ex-champion's manager, made the announcement. Steele was knocked out in a little more than a minute and a half of the first round of a scheduled 15-round fight by 22-year-old Al Hostak of Seattle Tuesday night.

Miller signed a five-year managerial contract with Steele—the first signed agreement the two have ever had—to keep anyone from getting Steele into a ring again. Steele, who started fighting when he was only 15, had 140 fights in 11 years in the fight game.

"I wanted this contract so I would have supervision over Fred for five years so nobody could come in and persuade him to get back through the ropes," Miller said. "He wants to rest for awhile and then he will look around and get into some sort of business."

Steele is estimated to be worth between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Steele and his wife moved this week from Tacoma to Seattle to await the birth of their first child early next month.

Wilson to Team with Big Marine

Promoter Mack Lillard's pair of two-man wrestling teams play an encore next Monday night at an open-air high school stadium, the cast being the same, with one exception, as that which sent a thousand local fans into spasms of excitement last Monday in the first team grapple ever staged in southern Oregon.

Following the match, considered the most thrilling ever seen here, customers demanded a return go between the two tandems, and Promoter Lillard obliged.

Lone change in personnel of the teams will see Benny Wilson of Texas, replacing Flash Kelly as Sgt. Bob Kenaston's team-mate. The mighty duo of Sockeye McDonald and Polish Palooka Joe Smolinski will remain intact, and confident of repeating its four-fall victory of last Monday.

Opening the program, expected to pull the largest gate of the season will be All Pasha, the villainous Hindu and Flash Kelly of San Francisco, clean and scientific but tough when needs be. They will brawl over the Australian route consisting of six 10-minute rounds or the best two out of three falls.

That's what makes the game here Sunday so vitally important, to both Medford and Crescent City, in addition to Grants Pass. By winning, the Merchants can see a clear path ahead to the flag, with Medford and Crescent City unable to do anything about it because neither faces the Merchants again. But, if Medford wins, then Grants Pass will have one defeat and Crescent City will have a chance to level off Medford to their size because they must face each other twice more before the season is over.

BOXERS TRIM TIMBERMEN 4 TO 1 TO TAKE SECOND HALF TITLE

THREE-PLY SERIES TO OPEN TUESDAY FOR YEAR'S TITLE

Steiner Holds Timbermen to Three Hits While Malcolm Stine Pounds Out Two of Boxers' Wallops

Games Tonight
Grants Pass vs. Catholic Men (inter-city), 8 p.m.
Gold Hill vs. Medford Merchants (girls), 8 p.m.
Ashland vs. Jennings Tire (inter-city), 9 p.m.

Behind the three-hit hurling of Morris Steiner and the "clutch" hitting of Shortstop Malcolm Stine, Wooden Boxmen defeated Timber Products last night at the stadium before 2000 spectators to win soft-ball's Division A second half championship. The score was 4 to 1.

By their victory in the second-half playoff battle, the colorful men of Manager Paul "Hoosier" Hoffard earned the right to meet Timber Products, first-half champions, in a three-game series for the season's pennant. First game of the championship series will be played Tuesday night, with the second encounter, and a third if necessary, to follow probably on Wednesday and Thursday. It was announced last night that the first playoff game would take place tonight, but it was moved back to next Tuesday upon agreement of players of both teams.

Steiner Too Good
Steiner was simply too good last night, and Stine was simply too tough at the plate with runners on base. The Boxmen hurler gave up only three safeties, two of them coming in the last inning, and fanned six with his twisting, fireball delivery. Stine, in getting two of the five Boxmen hits off Earl Dale, Timberman pitcher, batted in three tallies.

Timber Products scored their lone run in the first frame, when Billy Calvert walked, went to second and third on two passed balls, and scored on Bob Smith's single.

The Boxmen tied the count in their half of the first inning on Bert Luman's triple to right center and Stine's fly to Calvert in center field. Luman scoring after the catch.

The winners led the battle in the second by scoring three times. Hampel crossing the plate on Bob Wilson's drive and Greeman and Williams scoring when Stine blasted a single through short, which Dick Lewis partially knocked down, but could not recover in time to prevent both runners reaching the plate.

From then on, both hurlers blanked the opposition. In the last inning, Dale and Hammack hit singles for Timber Products, but Hammack was thrown out at third attempting to steal to end the game.

Jennings Win
In a regular Division A game, Jennings Tire beat Lampport's 6 to 1. Carson beat Groceries, 15 to 9, in a Division B game, and Grants Pass girls defeated Fluhrer's girls, 13 to 11. Zoric of Division B traveled to Ashland last night and walloped the Elks, 24 to 8.

Tonight will see two inter-city games played, Ashland meeting Jennings Tire at 9 o'clock and Grants Pass vs. Catholic Men an hour earlier. A Gold Hill girls' team will face the Medford Merchants girls at 8 o'clock.

Scores:
Wooden Boxmen R. H. E. 4 3 0
Timber Products 1 3 1
Steiner and Wilson: Dale and J. Smith.

R. H. E.
Jennings Tire 4 4 4
Lampport's 1 4 4
R. Singler and Stewart; Walker and Gillespie.

NEGRO YOUTH PLOWS UP \$2,000 IN GOLD

BATH, N. C. (AP)—The plow of Edward Connie, a negro youth turned up several bars of gold in a field near the mouth of the Pamlico river. They are believed to have been hidden by the Pirate Bluebeard more than 200 years ago.

Connie's uncle, Dallas Jordan took the gold to the mint in Washington and received \$2,000 for it.

GERMAN BUILDS GARAGE DOORWAY BIT TOO LOW
AUGSEBURG, Germany, July 29.—(UP)—Oscar Schultz, annoyed by delays because of the German labor shortage, decided to build his own garage. After weeks of work he discovered that he had built the doorway several inches too low. So, every night Schultz lets the air out of the tires of his car and patiently pushes it in.

Yamhill Taxes Slow
MCMINNVILLE, July 29.—(AP)—Yamhill county tax collections are so low the county will have to cut relief expenditures 25 per cent. Judge William O. Powell notified the state relief committee yesterday. He said only \$332,359 had been paid on rolls of \$670,017.



DODGERS' DAY in baseball world came when club hit winning streak, with Cookie Lavagetto doing bit for cause.

Silverton Captures Semi-Pro Laurels

SILVERTON, Ore., July 29.—(AP)—Silverton won the Pacific northwest semi-pro baseball championship and the right to represent this region in the national tournament, last night by defeating Eastern State Hospital of Medical Lake, Wash., 9 to 5. It was the third straight victory for the Oregon team.

The Oregonians drew from behind in the eighth inning with a six-run barrage to win the final contest.

CORVALLIS, July 29.—(AP)—Dr. John Fulton, head of the Oregon State college chemistry department, announced the award of a \$750 research scholarship in chemistry to Albert Hughes of Salem.

PENDLETON, July 29.—(AP)—Following conferences with four architectural firms, A. E. Doyle and associates, Portland, were today employed by the Umatilla county court to draw up plans for the county's proposed new \$300,000 courthouse here.

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PAIRINGS LISTED FOR FINAL ROUND IN EGAN TOURNEY

Pairings for the final 18-hole rounds in the H. Chandler Egan Memorial 72-hole handicap tournament, to be played at the Rogue Valley Golf club Sunday, were announced today by Don Clark, tourney director.

Starting at 8:30 a. m., players will tee off in threesomes at five minute intervals for the windup of the medical affair.

Orin Schenck and Eddie Simmons, pacing the field with 197 and 201, respectively, at the end of the first 54 holes, and Ted Porter, with a 218, will start their final round at 2 p. m. All others will begin firing in the morning.

Contestants who will complete their third rounds today and tomorrow will be paired by Don Clark Friday evening. Following are the pairings for golfers ready for the final 18, with their starting times:

8:30—B. Catey, Doc Boomer, G. Harrington.
8:35—L. Neas, L. Clark, S. Houston.
8:40—I. Harrington, L. Watson, H. Price.

8:45—H. Ravizza, W. Kincaid, Bill McAllister.
8:50—S. Appolo, V. J. Robinson, S. Clement.
8:55—B. Williams, C. Adair, D. Milestone.
9:00—H. Hathaway, G. Patterson, A. Laing.
9:05—S. Riegel, G. Robinson, M. Peirce.
9:10—G. Coddling, H. Royer, A. Hearn.
9:15—B. Bauer, Willie Pruitt, V. Rolfe.
9:20—B. Watson, Al Walker, J. H. Beall.

2 p. m.—O. Schenck, Eddie Simmons, Ted Porter.

FREMONT, O.—(UP)—Paul Gray went fishing in the Sandusky river and "caught" a bicycle. It was in good condition except for a missing sprocket.

TRANSIENT HANDS SEEK NEW FIELDS

PENDLETON, July 29.—(AP)—More than a thousand transient harvest workers who swelled Umatilla county's population during late spring and early summer, have banded families and belongings into battered cars and moved to other areas in search of work.

Ending of the 1938 pea and cherry harvest in Umatilla county caused abandonment of temporary homes—tents, cabins, auto trailers—at Athena, Adams, Weston, Thornbollow and Milton-Freewater. Alex Manning, district manager, Oregon state employment service, said today.

"They'll be back later," Manning said, "for the prune and apple harvest in the Milton-Freewater country."

Manning said that the transient worker follows a definite circuit in Oregon and Washington. Coming from the middle west and southwest, he first heads for eastern Oregon and Washington for the cherry and pea harvest. Next he leaves for the hop and fruit picking around Yakima. Then to Ontario for the beet harvest. One of the final large crops is the southern Oregon potato yield.

Summer Knight Passes
LUBBOCK, Tex., July 29.—(AP)—Summer Knight, brother of Winter Knight, died here today. Summer Knight, 33, died of pneumonia.

MEDFORD JUNIORS TO PLAY KLAMATH SCHOOL NINE HERE TOMORROW

Medford's American Legion Junior baseball team, their state Legion schedule completed for the year, clashes with the Klamath Falls baseball set 301 team Saturday afternoon at the local high school park in an exhibition encounter. The battle starts at 2:30 sharp.

Although Klamath Falls didn't produce a Legion junior club this season, their baseball school team is composed of youngsters of Legion age, and has been playing other outfits in the same age category.

Bob Newland will pitch for the locals tomorrow, with Herb Botta doing the catching, Coach George Harrington announced. Larry Schade will play first, Jimmy Lewis, second; Bill Reed, short; Eugene Miller, third; Cato Wray, left field; Dale Howard, center field; and Al Wimer, right field.

CCC FIRE FIGHTERS HALT IMBLER BLAZE

LA GRANDE, July 29.—(AP)—Sixty-six CCC youths checked a brush and forest fire today after it covered 400 acres near Imbler. The fire, the largest of the year in the Umatilla-Wallowa state warden's territory, destroyed about 100 acres of woods.

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