

# The Sporting Page

## TIMBERMEN, STARS WIND UP SEASON IN TONIGHT'S CLASH

Preliminary Between Groceteria and Lewis Super at 8 P. M. — Dale and Steiner in Pitching Duel

**Games Tonight**  
Groceteria vs. Lewis Super, 8 p. m.  
Timber Products vs. All-Stars, 9 p. m.

Medford's brilliant and successful 1938 softball season comes to an end tonight at the stadium when Timber Products, champions for the past two years, displays the star-studded lineup it will use in the district tournament at Ashland next Thursday and Friday nights.

Facing the powerful Timbermen tonight in the season's finale will be an all-star club gathered together by R. L. Lewis, manager of this year's Catholic team. The game will start at 9 o'clock, following a preliminary between Groceteria and Lewis Super Service which begins at 8.

Earl Dale, who hurled Timber Products to the pennant, will be on the mound for that club this evening, while Morris Steiner of Wooden Boxmen will toil on the all-star rubber.

Timber Products has been strengthened by the addition of two players, and for the tournament will also have Steiner. Paul Hoffer of Wooden Box will play centerfield for the Timbermen and Bert Luman of Wooden Box will catch or hold down second base. If Luman plays second tonight, John Smith will do the receiving. Cliff McLean has been shifted to third base, Dick Lewis will remain at short, Bob Smith at first, and Billy Calvert and Floyd Baker in left and right fields, respectively.

The all-star team will line up with Herm Newland catching, Steiner pitching, Charlie Pritchett on first base, Wally Rickert on second, Simmons on short, Virgil Swanson on third and Hittle, Caples and Campbell in the outfield.

Last night's games saw Hoffer's team beat the Lewis nine, 5 to 4, behind 19-strikeout pitching of Steiner. The Lewis' were able to reach Steiner for only four hits, while Hoffer's team belted Dale for eight safeties. Zoric beat Elka, 8 to 7, despite a homer in the seventh inning by Bill Bowerman with two aboard which almost tied the score.

**Score:**  
R. H. E.  
Hoffer 5 8 3  
Lewis 4 4 9  
Steiner and Wilson; Dale and P. Sakralda.

## HOW THEY STAND

National League		
	W.	L.
Pittsburgh	62	36
New York	57	44
Chicago	56	45
Cincinnati	55	46
Brooklyn	47	52
Boston	46	51
St. Louis	45	52
Philadelphia	30	68

American League		
	W.	L.
New York	64	32
Cleveland	57	38
Boston	55	40
Washington	52	41
Detroit	49	43
Chicago	41	51
Philadelphia	38	57
St. Louis	34	65

Pacific Coast League		
	W.	L.
Los Angeles	79	36
Sacramento	77	38
San Diego	71	44
San Francisco	71	45
Seattle	70	45
Portland	63	52
Hollywood	61	54
Oakland	49	67

## LEGION JUNIORS START TOURNEYS

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Forty-six state champion teams in American Legion junior baseball, training school for big-league stars like Cleveland's Bob Feller and Washington's Buddy Lewis, will play throughout the United States today through Tuesday in 12 regional tournaments along the road to the 1938 "junior world series."

Three regional tourneys start today and the other nine tomorrow. The winners will go into three sectional meets next weekend leading up to the final series for the national championship.

The Legion's national headquarters here reported today more than half a million boys under 17 were playing junior baseball, intended to teach citizenship through sportsmanship, in 30,000 teams throughout the country.

## Square Off In Fun



It was just for fun when Lou Ambers (left), lightweight champion, and Henry Armstrong struck a sparring pose after they weighed in for their fight Wednesday. Ambers weighed 135 and Armstrong 133½. The fight was later postponed to next Wednesday, because of rain. —(A. P. Photos.)

## BOMBER WILL BATTLE FOUR TIMES IN 1939, STARTING IN JANUARY

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Joe Louis, the heavyweight champion, has just announced he will fight four times in 1939, and it would seem some four fellows are heading for a ring-full of trouble.

Louis will box next in Madison Square Garden in January, according to Mike Jacobs' plans. Max Baer—"the new Baer"—is expected to be the opposition on the Pacific coast in April, with June and September bouts outdoors in New York.

Mike Jacobs, who thinks slightly more of Joe than he does of his right eye, said yesterday the championship would not fight again this year. "Joe is willing but his managers ain't," commented Michael, "they're afraid the income tax men will take most of his dough."

Anyway, the shuffler will retire to his football games and horse shows until such time as the rest of the heavyweights have forgotten what happened in Yankee stadium the night of June 22.

In case you've forgotten, it happened to Max Schmeling in one round.

Jacobs has large plans for an elimination tournament which will include Tommy Farr, Tony Galento, Gunnar Barlund, the Finn, and anyone else with beef and temerity enough to face the champion.

Elsewhere on the fistie front the day was a busy one.

Lou Ambers and Henry Armstrong, stalemated by rain, returned to their respective camps at Summit and Pompton Lakes, N. J., to work a little more for next Wednesday night's bout in Madison Square Garden.

Miss Berg winged home far in front of her field yesterday, completing the four rounds in 308 strokes, a new tournament record. Her rounds were 73, 78, 75 and a final 82, the card of 78 being the best single round ever registered in the event.

Second place finisher was Marion Miley of Lexington, Ky., winner of the tourney for the last three summers and holder of the previous record of 309 shots, made in 1937. The Lexington girl, with a final round of 78, two under par, had an aggregate of 318 strokes. Mrs. Opal S. Hill of Kansas City, with a last round of 79, finished third at 321, a stroke better than Beatrice Barrett of Minneapolis, who had a final card of 83.

**Scores Yesterday**  
Coast  
Hollywood 6, Los Angeles 2  
San Francisco 4, Seattle 4  
San Diego 7, Oakland 3  
Portland 3, Sacramento 11  
National  
Chicago 7, Cincinnati 8 (14 innings)  
New York-Boston, rain.  
(Only games scheduled)  
American  
Washington 6, New York 9  
Boston 3, Philadelphia 3  
Detroit 1, Chicago 13  
St. Louis 8-8, Cleveland 7-2

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## CRATERS FACING TOUGH PROSPECT IN YREKA JAUNT

Locals Remember Surprise Defeat at Hands of Californians in First Half — Crescents to Play Ashland

Southern Oregon League			
	W.	L.	'OB
Medford	4	1	800
Grants Pass	4	1	800
Crescent City	4	1	800
Yreka	2	3	400
Glendale	1	4	200
Ashland	0	5	000

\*Games behind leader.  
Games Sunday  
Medford at Yreka.  
Crescent City at Ashland.  
Grants Pass at Glendale.

With only three more weeks of play remaining in the second-half Southern Oregon league pennant race, the trio of first-division clubs, all tied for the lead, move against teams mathematically eliminated from the struggle next Sunday. A defeat at this stage of the race will probably mean curtains for any of the pacemakers, and while the lower bracket clubs don't figure to cause a great amount of trouble, the league-leaders won't be taking their encounters lightly.

Medford seems to have the toughest assignment, traveling to Yreka for the first and only time this season. It was Yreka which knocked the Craters out of the first-half championship by pulling a surprise victory out of the bag, and Manager Wally Rickert's hard-hitting crew is moving into California territory such as an occurrence won't happen again.

Either Bill Ratke, righthander or Cliff "Chief" McLean will do the Crater pitching, while Wait Foster will work on the Yreka mound. McLean, regular catcher, may be given the starting hurling assignment. Manager Rickert said, because of his speed and sharp curve ball, in case he is, Billy Calvert will do the Medford catching.

At Ashland, the Lithians will be attempting to stop the mad rush of Crescent City to its second straight championship, and at the same time win their first second-half encounter. Grants Pass moves to Glendale to complete the day's program.

## LEGION JUNIORS MEET KLAMATH OUTFIT HERE SATURDAY IN WINDUP

Medford's American Legion junior baseball team rings down the curtain on its 1938 season Saturday afternoon at the high school park, by clinching with the strong Klamath Falls baseball school club at 2:30 sharp.

This will be the third and deciding encounter of the year between the two teams. Two weeks ago, the locals swamped the Klamathites in a game here, but lost at Klamath Falls last Saturday.

Coach George Harrington announced that Don Croucher, righthander, would open on the Medford mound, with George Gitzen at the plate. Remainers of the Medford lineup will see Larry Schade on first, Jimmy Lewis on second, Johnny Gitzen at short, Wayne Curry on third, Cato Wray in leftfield, Dale Howard in center and Mickey Miller in right.

**PORTLAND ARCHER WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Shooting a grand total of 3012, Pat Chambers of Portland, Ore., won the national archery association tournament held here yesterday.

Chambers coupled a double American round of 1388 with an earlier double York score of 1614. Larry Hughes of Burbank, Calif., was second with a grand total of 2839.

The partner is Pete Belcastro of Weed, Cal. And, the Mad Italian figures to be quite an improvement over Flash Kelly and Benny Wilson, two guys who have failed to lend Kenaston much help in a couple of team matches with Sockeye and Joe Smolinski.

Heretofore, the Gold Hill pride and joy has been forced to meet the two villains practically single-handed, and the results were not pleasant insofar as Kenaston's health was concerned. Sockeye and the Palooka handed him terrific beatings on both previous occasions. Now, however, with the vicious and crafty Belcastro standing shoulder to shoulder with him, Kenaston sincerely believes he has an excellent chance of turning the tables and whacking Sockeye and Joe good.

The teams will scrap for one hour, or until one tandem grabs four tumblers. It is the feature event on the program, which will be staged in the armory after three weeks at the open-air high school stadium.

**TOUGH WINTER AHEAD FOR MULE DEER HERDS**  
TULELAKE, Calif., Aug. 12.—(AP)—Mule deer herds in the southern Oregon-Northern California region may be heavy next winter because 13,000 acres of mahogany brush, juniper and grass were reduced to a wasteland of asbes.

The Lava Beds monument provided a browsing ground for the deer each winter.

## Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen says:

### "Dream" Team Is Picked From City Softballers

Strictly on our own, and in no way officially, we present herewith a mythical all-star softball team for the 1938 Medford season, and warn that the opinions herein expressed may not necessarily coincide with those of hundreds of fans and scores of players.

This is merely our own private "dream" team, concocted after serious deliberation with the writer and a hasty glance at the batting averages. It may not be the best performers in the circuit, it probably isn't, but it is our "there" for a gang of softballers upon whom we would stake our last copper against any like club in southern Oregon.

So, let's forget friendship for a minute, let the chips and possible bruised feelings fall where they may, and start shooting!

First, the pitching staff, and let's name one other member to keep Earl Dale and Morris Steiner company. Dale and Steiner, of course, qualify automatically. They both hurled sensational ball all season, and one can't be selected without the other. For that matter, there is little to choose between them. But back to the third pitcher. On all good mound stuffs there is always a south-paw chucker, so let's place Ray Singler, the portside of Jennings Tire company, as the mythical outfit.

He worked some fine games this year, and with a stronger hitting team behind him would undoubtedly have copped more victories.

There were four outstanding catchers in the circuit — John Smith of the Timber Products champs, Bob Wilson of Wooden Box, Don Stewart of Jennings Tire and Wayne Kubli of Piche. With that quartet of receivers staring us in the face, there is only one thing to do. And that's to flip a coin. We did, and the answer is John Smith, regardless of his wild-eyed base-running activity.

First base is almost as tough to fill, what with Bob Smith of Timber Products, Orval Hampel of Wooden Box, Bill Caples of Lamports and Del McKee of Piche, all playing great ball. Charlie Pritchett of Maid-Rite was also a sweet first-sacker and powerful slugger, but he did not play in all his team's games. Anyway, let's give the initial cushion call to Orval Hampel, a brilliant fielder and slashing hitter.

At second base, there is no argument. It isn't even close. Cliff "Chief" McLean of Timber Products, league-leading hitter with an average of .477 and a sensational defensive performer, wins the berth hands down.

It is fairly easy to select the outstanding shortstop, also. He is Dick Lewis of Timber Products, boasting a season's batting average of .393 and a pretty good defensive record. Malcolm Stine of Wooden Box, Ray Lewis of Catholic Men and Wayne Curry of Piche were other top short-patchers, but the Timber Products guy surpassed them all.

Now, the third base post is a delicate proposition. Lloyd Hammack of Timber Products and Hale Greenman of Wooden Box were good hot corner guardians, but neither, in our estimation, were as good as Bert Luman of Wooden Box, who didn't play third base much this year, but who should have. Luman spent most of his time in the outfield, or back of the plate, but as our mythical outfield and the catching post is all settled.

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## Scotch Grouse Slaughter Is Most Expensive Sport

PERTH, Scotland, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Over a thousand Scottish moors, overlaid with peat and often covered with heather, wealthy British and American sportsmen participated today in the most expensive sport in the world.

Down brought the opening of a grouse shooting season it was estimated would cost \$10,000,000. King George VI, presently at Balmoral Castle, Scotland, and Queen Elizabeth are expected to spend several days as guests of the American financier, J. P. Morgan, who is entertaining a big party in his Scottish home at Gannochy.

The monarch has rented two exclusive areas of waste ground for his own shooting, the Glencallater Gairnshiel and Mirra Moors. Morgan customarily has five weeks of grouse shooting a year.

Many hunting parties started before daylight so the plump, red-brown birds—related to the American partridge or prairie chicken—could be rushed to London by airplane and fast trains and be served at luncheon. Maybe next August, New Yorkers will be eating grouse 24 hours after they are bagged in Scotland. If regular trans-Atlantic air service is inaugurated by then.

The grouse will bring six or seven dollars each in London stores today and tomorrow, but next week the price will be about a dollar.

Grouse is an expensive luxury reserved for a comparative few. The rental of a moor alone costs anywhere from \$500 to \$35,000—usually nearer \$35,000—for the season which ends December 9.

Many owners of moors—large tracts usually more or less wet, with peat and often heather—get through from rentals paid by rich Americans to live on the year around.

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Luman has to be placed somewhere. He is a money player; he hit .304, and it would be plain absurd to leave him off the club. So, he gets the nod at third base, with our sympathies to Hammack and Greenman that such a situation cropped up.

With Paul "Hoosier" Hoffer of Wooden Box, Billy Calvert of Timber Products and Merritt Hittle of Jennings Tire, our mythical outfield would have speed to spare and power to waste. Hittle batted .410, Hoffer .372 and Calvert .369, and they can all get around better than average. Hittle, especially, could carry the ball for this writer any time he chose.

That's them, boys and girls, and where could you improve any? If you think you can, we will be in our office for interviews from 4:10 to 4:12 a. m. every third Tuesday. So, stay in line and don't shove, and we'll get this thing straightened out to everybody's satisfaction some day—maybe.

We have heard some talk around town that Pitcher Lowell Brown and Outfielder Tommy White of the Medford Craters are planning to issue a written challenge to us for a foot-race. It seems like the two boys were put out no end when we scribbled recently that they weren't exactly blessed with wings on their heels.

At this writing, we have not yet received the challenge, either verbally or in black and white. Perhaps the boys have given the matter more serious consideration and decided it might be wise not to display their footracing ability in public again. Anyway, their challenge would fall on deaf ears or blind eyes, as the case would be, because we have a horribly sore finger and couldn't possibly run them a race.

**Fights Last Night**  
By the Associated Press  
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Wesley Ramey, 194½, Grand Rapids, outpointed Eddie Brink, 140, Scranton, Pa., (10).

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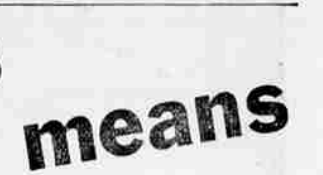
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