

# Sockeye Will Choose Belcastro Tonight for Battle With Gloves

## FORMER LOGGER WOULD SLUG IT OUT WITH PETE

### Will Demand Fight After Wrestling Strelch In Middle Event—Pete To Face Kenaston If Able.

Although Pete Belcastro, Weed's Mad Italian, could not be reached for a statement today regarding the determination of Sockeye Jack McDonald to make him put on the boxing gloves in the Medford armory tonight and fight it out, everything is in readiness for a 10-round brawl between the two ex-pugilists should Belcastro accept the challenge.

Promoter Mack Lillard contacted members of the Medford boxing commission and stated that it was OK with them if Pete and Sockeye decided to settle their differences with eight-ounce gloves. An attempt was made to get in touch with Belcastro at Weed, Cal., at his home, but the villainous grappler could not be found. Lillard said Pete was probably out in the woods checking over his hunting grounds for this fall.

According to rules

Although the boxing commission gave its consent to the battle, it stressed the fact that it must be conducted strictly according to official Marquis of Queensbury rules. Therefore, it was decided that the fight would be scheduled for 10 rounds, with regulation weight gloves, a referee and probably three judges. Promoter Lillard was today lining up the officials, and it was believed possible that Fred Erickson, member of the commission and an experienced referee, would be third man in the ring.

McDonald, blazing with anger over two wrestling defeats at the hands of Belcastro, made known his intention Saturday of forcing Belcastro into a fist fight. He purchased a set of boxing gloves and stated he would take them to the armory with him tonight and demand that Belcastro fight it out adding that if Belcastro refused he believed fans here would boo the Italian out of town.

Mat Card To Go On

Promoter Lillard said there would be no cancellation of the originally scheduled wrestling card, which placed Belcastro and Sgt. Bob Kenaston in the one-hour main event, McDonald and Steve Strelch in the middle event and Bobby Chick and Juan Sebastian in the opener.

McDonald's plan is to finish his own match with Strelch, then wait in the ring for the appearance of Belcastro and Kenaston for their main event. When Belcastro climbs through the ropes, Sockeye will approach him and demand that he put on the gloves and slug it out. Impresario Lillard explained that the main event between Kenaston and Belcastro would positively be staged if Belcastro was still in good condition following his fight with McDonald, if he fights. However, it is doubted by many fans whether Belcastro will be able to stand up after he fights McDonald let alone take on Kenaston in a one-hour wrestling match.

Both McDonald and Belcastro have had more than a little boxing experience. For several years McDonald earned his bread and butter with the gloves in and around Seattle, meeting such men as Rosenbloom, Young Firpo, Fred Lehart and Leo Lonski. Belcastro, a second-rate pugilist before he turned to the mat game, has had two boxing battles with other wrestlers here in Medford. He knocked out Gene Moore in two rounds several years ago and belted Lee Wolfe into stumblerland in three heats a short time later.

Although McDonald will be forced to engage in a tough wrestling match before he can accept Belcastro, he is supremely confident he can wallop the daylight out of the vicious and villainous Italian. "He can't hurt me," Sockeye almost shouted Saturday, "and I know I can hurt him plenty. Pete has been popping off about how tough he is, and I plan to offer him the chance to prove it. If he refuses, he will show his true color and I expect the fans to boo him out of town."

McDonald hates Belcastro because he believes Pete fouled him unmercifully in the two grappling matches he lost to the Californian. "I have been to the doctor twice since the last match," McDonald explained, "the result of being kicked in the groin just before Belcastro pinned me with that surboard. I have stood for his repeated foulings and bragging just long enough. Now I am going to settle things with him or once and all. I'm going to knock him kicking, if he isn't afraid to fight."

## Fight or Flee



Sockeye Jack McDonald (top) will challenge Pete Belcastro (below) to a prizefight in the Medford armory tonight, immediately following the middle wrestling event between McDonald and Steve Strelch. McDonald has purchased eight-ounce boxing gloves and vows to "make Pete fight or get out of town."

## HOW THEY STAND

American League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	53	37	.592
Boston	48	48	.500
Cleveland	46	52	.469
Detroit	40	59	.404
Washington	40	60	.400
Chicago	40	67	.373
St. Louis	43	74	.365
Philadelphia	44	78	.367

  

National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburgh	70	47	.598
New York	66	52	.559
Chicago	67	54	.554
Cincinnati	54	58	.483
Boston	50	59	.456
Brooklyn	55	63	.465
St. Louis	55	64	.462
Philadelphia	37	78	.322

  

Pacific Coast League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	90	54	.625
Sacramento	86	60	.588
Seattle	83	70	.548
San Diego	79	74	.516
San Francisco	70	75	.483
Portland	72	84	.468
Hollywood	71	83	.461
Oakland	55	99	.357

## SHARP SHOOTERS TRY NEW TARGETS

Scores at the smallbore rifle range tumbled from 20 to 30 points below normal yesterday when the new type Expert targets were introduced for the first time. Perfect scores on these targets would require placing 20 consecutive shots in an inch circle at 100 yards and the same number into a three-eighths inch circle at 50 yards, or considerably better than arms and ammunition companies can guarantee their products. Only perfect nerves and coordination coming from long training will result in high scores, as every rifleman knows.

Smallbore practice will be held as usual next Sunday morning on the Medford Rifle club's range at Upper Table Rock.

Scores yesterday were:

	50 yds.	100 yds.	Total
Mrs. Ivan Waddell	184	192	376
Ivan Waddell	189	184	373
Otto Howard	191	174	365
C. R. Richmond	189	175	364
R. L. Edwards	183	177	360
Mrs. E. M. Tuttle	178	181	359
C. C. Hall	174	176	350
Hilbert Young	176	174	350

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## Scores Yesterday

Coast	
Seattle 12	San Francisco 1.
Portland 1-1	San Diego 4-8.
Oakland 7-9	Sacramento 2-10.
Los Angeles 13-6	Hollywood 2-3.

  

National	
New York 7	Cincinnati 3.
Brooklyn 8	Pittsburgh 5.
Philadelphia 5-1	Chicago 4-3.
Boston 1-5	St. Louis 2-0.

  

American	
St. Louis 2	New York 4.
Detroit 4	Boston 3.
Chicago 4-2	Philadelphia 5-7.
Cleveland 6	Washington 8.

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## CRATERS TROUNCE CRESCENT TO TIE G. PASS FOR TITLE

### Locals Launch 14-Hit Attack In Crucial Windup—Hampel Hammers Pair Of Homers For 12-7 Win.

**Southern Oregon League (Final second-half)**

	W.	L.	Pct.
Medford	7	1	.875
Grants Pass	7	1	.875
Crescent City	6	2	.750
Yreka	5	3	.625
Glendale	1	7	.125
Ashland	0	8	.000

**Yesterday's Results**  
At Medford 12, Crescent City 7.  
At Glendale 2, Grants Pass 11.

Medford's crashing Craters catapulted themselves into a tie with Grants Pass for the second-half Southern Oregon league championship yesterday as Orval Hampel hammered out a brace of home runs and Billy Calvert and Riney Cook each slugged round-trippers to pace the savage 14-hit attack which routed Crescent City's Koll-less Merchants, 12 to 7.

Austin Frazier, president of the Medford Athletic association, said today that Fred Roper, business manager of the Grants Pass Merchants, would come to Medford today to meet with local officials regarding the playoff game between the Craters and Merchants for the second-half championship. The game will be played next Sunday, either here or in Grants Pass. The winner will play Crescent City, first-half champions, for the circuit pennant.

A record-breaking crowd, jamming both grandstands and hastily erected temporary bleachers, saw the men of Paul "Hooper" Hoffard clinch the contest with two five-run outbursts in the second and third innings, then add a pair more for good measure in the seventh. With Lefty Mike Koll, Merchants' star hurler, registered at the University of California and unable to play semi-pro ball after school starts in accordance with Pacific coast conference rules, the Craters climbed aboard Warren Howe, young high school right-hander, for seven runs and nine hits in the first two innings and finished off on his successor, Righthander Ralph Deo, with five tallies on five hits in five innings.

Lyle Turpin, youthful right-hander from Klamath Falls working his first game for Medford, went the whole route. He was touched for 14 hits, but after a shaky start settled down and hurled great ball for the last five frames. Crescent City got six runs in the first four heats, but from then on was almost entirely at Turpin's mercy. The nephew of Seattle's Hal Turpin showed a blazing fast ball and a beautiful knuckler.

Hampel Sparks Hitter

Hampel, the slender, left-handed hitting first baseman and league-leading batter, powered the Medford clubbing attack. His two home runs and a single in three trips to the plate drove in five tallies, and he scored three himself. His first circuit wallop came in the second inning with Lewis on base, he singled sharply to center in the third inning scoring two runners and his second homer came in the seventh with the bases empty. Cook's four-base drive followed Hampel's in the seventh, and was socked to the same field, right-center. Calvert poled his number four in the third with Sakraida on.

The Merchants tallied once in the first inning when Matson walked, went to second on a wild pitch, took third when Cook threw wide to first after fielding Spann's grounder, and scored when Hampel bobbled Johnston's easy roller down the first base

line. Singles by Howe, Miller and Matson in the second made it 2 to 0 for Crescent City, and it looked like Medford's jinx of never having won from the Merchants on the local field might be still working.

Get Going In Second

But, it wasn't. The Craters found the range on Howe in the second, and when it was all over five runs were in and the game was stowed away. After White went out, Lewis singled to left and Hampel hit his first homer, a screeching drive to left-center. Cook walked, Turpin singled to right and Sakraida singled to center scoring Cook. Calvert singled to left and Turpin dented the plate. Hoffard forced Sakraida at the plate, then Hoffard and Calvert pulled a double steal, with Calvert scoring and the manager going to second.

Bob Johnston, Crescent City catcher, drove a home run to right-center to open the third, cutting Medford's lead to 5 to 3, but the Craters came right back in their half to send Howe to the showers and take a long lead. White walked to start it and Lewis beat out a hit to the pitcher. They both advanced a base on a passed ball, and Hampel again came through in the clutch with a rousing one-base blow to center scoring them both. Hampel went to second on the throw-in, and after taking third on a short single to right by Cook, first man to face Deo, scored as Turpin hit into a double play. Sakraida got hit by a pitch and Calvert leaped his homer to right-center. That made it 10 to 3.

Crescent City came back in the fourth with a three-run flurry to again draw fairly close, but that was their final serious bid for victory. Singles by Miller and Matson, Spann's double down the leftfield foul line, and Johnston's single did the business. The Merchants' only run after the fourth frame came in the sixth, when Johnston singled, took second on a passed ball and rang the bell on Deo's one-baser to right.

Until Hampel and Cook slammed their consecutive home runs in the seventh, Medford went hitless following their big third inning. Lefty Miller, Crescent City first baseman, hurled the final inning for the victors and retired the Craters on four pitched balls.

Craters Give Support

The Craters gave Turpin brilliant support in the field. Billy Calvert handling 12 chances at second base without a mishap and Dick Lewis took nine strikeouts at shortstop perfectly. In the first inning, Framsted tripped to left-center but was out at the plate trying to stretch it. Hoffard to Cook to McLean. In the ninth inning, Medford ended the game with a snappy double play, Lewis to Calvert to Hampel.

Medford's victory gave them an even break in the four games played with Crescent City this season, and climaxed a determined drive to the second-half championship, during which Glendale was beaten twice, Yreka twice, and Ashland and Grants Pass once. Lone game lost by the Craters during the second-half was to Crescent City at Crescent City, 2 to 15.

Box score:

Crescent City (7)					
	AB	R	H	PO	A
Miller 1b-p	5	1	2	10	1
Matson 2b	4	2	2	1	6
Spann lf	5	1	1	1	0
Johnston c	5	2	3	5	1
Deo 3b-p	5	0	3	0	1
Reynolds rf	5	0	1	0	0
Framsted cf	4	0	1	0	0
Loffer ss	4	0	0	3	2
Howe p	1	1	1	0	0
R. Johnston					
3b-lb	3	0	0	4	4
Totals	41	7	14	24	15

**Medford (12)**

	AB	R	H	PO	A
Sakraida cf	4	1	2	0	0
Calvert 2b	5	2	3	6	0
Hoffard lf	4	0	1	0	1
McLean c	4	0	1	6	0
Lewis ss	4	1	0	1	0
White rf	4	1	0	1	0
Turpin 1b	4	2	4	6	0
Hampel 3b	3	3	10	2	2
Cook 2b	3	2	1	5	1
Turpin p	4	1	1	0	1
Totals	36	12	14	27	17

**Runs by innings:**  
Crescent City.....111 301 000-7  
Medford.....055 000 20x-12

**Summary: Runs batted-in:** Hampel 5, Calvert 3, Sakraida, Turpin, Cook, Johnston 2, Spann 2, Matson, Deo. Two-base hits: Spann. Three-base hit: Framsted. Home runs: Hampel 2, Calvert, Cook, Johnston. Doubles bases: Hoffard 2, Calvert. Stolen bases: Loffer to Matson to Miller; Matson to Loffer to Miller; Lewis to Calvert to Hampel. Passed balls: Johnston, McLean 2. Hit by pitcher: Sakraida by Deo. Struck out: by Turpin 2, Deo 4. Bases on balls: off Howe 2, Deo 4, Turpin 1. Seven runs, 9 hits off Deo in 5 innings; no runs, no hit off Miller in 1 inning. Wild pitches: Turpin 3, Deo 1. Losing pitcher: Howe. Umpires: Miles and Ross. Time of game: 2 hours 28 minutes.

**GEORGIANS CAPTURE SEMI-PRO LAURELS**

WICHITA, Kas., Aug. 29.—(AP)—A jubilant band of ballplayers from Burford, Ga., headed homeward today with \$5,000 cash, the national semi-pro championship and about all the other honors offered in the annual tournament here.

Burford squeezed out the championship last night with a 5-4 victory over the 1937 champion Enid, Okla., nine. Enid stopped Burford, 7-4, in the championship game last year. Enid collected \$2,000 for second place.

**31st Fatality**

Portland, Aug. 29.—(AP)—An automobile crashed into the concrete railing of the Lovejoy ramp intersection on the Broadway bridge early today and killed Frank O. Gaezt, 21. The death was the 31st traffic fatality here this year.

**CALIFORNIA KICKERS TAKE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HARRISON REGATTA**

HARRISON HOT SPRINGS, B. C., Aug. 29.—(UP)—Racing for national titles for the first time outside the United States, two California kickers pilots late Sunday won the U. S. class C racing outboard motor run-about championships on Lake Harrison.

Ward Angley of Marysville won the amateur crown and Charles Tabucci of San Francisco annexed the professional title events, clinching the greatest outboard racing regatta ever held at this scenic vacation spot.

Mansuering his "Grand Slam" across the finish line seconds ahead of Heinie Fluhrer of Medford, Ore., Dale Prasse of Fresno, Cal., retained his U. S. national class F amateur championship in the racing runabout division.

John Kovacevitch, Arvin, Cal., and Fluhrer each won a heat in the amateur class for F hydro, but Fluhrer's wave-hopper developed motor trouble in the first heat and consequently was not officially clocked.

Fluhrer's time of 47.84 miles an hour in the second heat was the fastest of the day in the amateur class.

**ROSEBURG JUNIORS WIN FOURTH FROM EUGENE**

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 29.—(AP)—The Roseburg Legion Juniors Sunday defeated the Eugene Legion Juniors 9 to 7 in a baseball game here making the fourth straight win by Roseburg over the Eugene squad.

Score: R. H. E.  
Eugene.....7 6 3  
Roseburg.....0 11 3  
Smith, Mortensen and Gatlin; McDougal, Byrd, Puckett and Norton.

**KELLY RETAINS CALIF. AMATEUR GOLF TITLE**

DEL MONTE, Cal., Aug. 29.—(AP)—Roger Kelly of Los Angeles held another year's lease on the Califor-

**LAMPORT HIGH IN SCATTER-GUNNING**

Trap and skeet practice shoot at the Medford Gun club registered a big attendance yesterday morning, a light wind making the targets just tricky enough for sporty shooting.

High in the best 50 at 16 yards was Lamport with a 50 straight and 73 out of his total 75 shot at Mendenhall, Jantzer and Daniels each had 49 out of 50, the latter with 7375. Lamery was high in the handicap with 47 out of 50 while Jantzer had a 25 straight at 23 yards.

At the skeet traps Brown had 74 out of 75 shot at, a remarkable score; DeVore had a 25 straight while Reese and Jantzer each had 24 out of 25 shot at.

A number of visitors participated in the shoot and there were many onlookers. Next shoot will be Sunday, September 11.

**Wheat Plan Liked**

COORVALLIS, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Oregon wheat growers are applying for crop insurance in numbers indicating popularity for the plan. Clyde Kiddie, state supervisor of insurance for farm crops, said today. Some 300 applications had been received at mid-August.

**To Eye Utility Values**

SALEM, Aug. 29.—(AP)—The state tax commission will hold hearings here September 19-24 to determine property valuations for all electric utilities operating in Oregon. The valuations will be used as a base for determining 1939 taxes.

**CITIES WILL SEEK SHARE OF GAS TAX**

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Oregon cities will ask the 1939 legislature to give them approximately 7 percent of the state gasoline tax receipts for their streets. Mayor Chas. H. Huggins of Marshfield, president of the League of Oregon Cities, said such action had been decided on at a joint meeting of the league's executive and gasoline tax committees Sunday.

The amount requested for distribution to cities would be \$1.50 per capita.

The league argued that "traffic on city streets amounts to 33 percent of the travel on highways . . . and street users contribute one-third of the highway revenues received from the gasoline tax. The cities request amounts to about seven percent of the tax revenues."

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