

Craters Capture Southern Oregon Flag; Coast Team Loses 8 to 2

TURPIN'S HURLING, HITS IN PINCHES, BRING VICTORY

First Pennant for City in Ten Years — Sakraida's Fielding Feature — Protest Loses.

Medford's 10-year wait for a baseball pennant is ended at last. Before an overflow crowd at the high school park yesterday afternoon, the Craters of Manager Paul "Hoss" Haffard clinched the 1938 Southern Oregon league championship by beating the Crescent City Merchants, 8 to 2. In the second encounter of the scheduled three-game playoff series for the title, the Craters won the first at Crescent City last Sunday, 7 to 5.

The magnificent "clutch" pitching of young Lyle Turpin, the erratic and spectacular defensive support of Sakraida, and the ability of the Craters to sock in the pinches all combined to bring Medford its first loop bunting in a decade.

Crescent City outbit Medford, 14 to 11, but failed to score until the ninth inning as Turpin kept hitting the corners with a sharp curve and pouring on the heat when the going got tough. In only one inning, the fourth, did the Merchants fail to connect safely, but when they got runners on the base Turpin out looped with unhittable stuff and left 11 stranded. It was one of the finest exhibitions of nery hurling with men on base ever seen in Medford.

The Craters made the best possible use of their 11 safeties, garnered off Lyle Miller and Chub Howe. Tommy White belted a homer in the seventh with one aboard, Cliff McLean drove in three tallies with a pair of triples and a single, and Haffard cracked out three singles. Medford had three two-run innings, the third, fifth and seventh, and scored once in the second and eighth frames.

Dick Sakraida, center fielder, came up with three circus catches to aid Turpin in holding the Merchants scoreless for eight innings. One of them, a running, one-handed stab to the Texas leaguer, in the fifth was sensational, and White, on first base, contributed a great catch of a foul fly to the Craters' flawless defensive performance. A Medford double play, Lewis to Calvert to White, also halted the Crescent City threat in the ninth inning after two runs were in.

Turpin missed a shutout by easing up in the final frame. Laffer singled and scored on Fern's triple down the right field foul line. Miller then singled to left scoring Fern.

Medford tallied its first run in the second, when White walked, went to second on Rickett's infield scratcher, and came home on Cook's single through the box.

In the third Sakraida got hit by a pitch, went to second on a wild pitch, and scored on Haffard's single to center. McLean drove a line triple to right and Haffard tallied.

McLean's second triple scoring Calvert in the fifth inning sent Miller, Crescent City's first baseman-pitcher, to the showers. Howe, the young high school right-hander, took over. The Merchants mounted work at this point, and McLean spiked the plate when Matsou boot White's grounder.

Howe got through the sixth inning in good style, but the Craters jumped on him in the seventh for two more runs. McLean reached first on Laffer's error, and scored ahead of White as the latter batted a long homer into right-center. The Craters finished their run-making for the day in the eighth, with Calvert drawing a base on balls, Haffard singling, and McLean singling Calvert across.

Billy Calvert scored two runs for Medford without being charged with a legal time at bat. In five trips to the plate, he sacrificed twice and walked three times.

The game was halted for a five-minute stretch in the seventh inning because of a sudden down-pour of rain, following a slight drizzle through most of the early innings.

Crescent City's protest of last Sunday's game, based on the alleged illegibility of Wally Rickett, was overruled by League President Ben Provoost in a short meeting held before the encounter yesterday. Provoost ruled that Rickett had never been officially released by Medford, and was therefore still on the roster.

Medford's victory clinaxed a sensational drive that began after Crescent City won the first-half championship. The Craters won seven out of eight games in the second half, best Grants Pass in the second half playoff game, then grabbed the two straight from Crescent City, a record of 10 wins in 14 starts. Turpin hurled the last four victories.

New Golf King Crowned



B. Patrick Abbott (left) looks on as A. M. Reid, president of the U.S.O.A., presents a cup to Willie Turnesa, winner of the 1938 national amateur golf title. Willie Abbott in the oakmont, Pa., tourney.

Turpin, p 4 0 0 1 3 0
Totals 33 8 11 27 14 0
Runs by innings: 000 000 002-2
Crescent City 000 000 002-2
Medford 012 020 21X-8
Summary: Two base hit, Lewis. Three-base hit, McLean. 2. Fern. Home run, White. Sacrifice hits, Calvert. 2. Haffard, Fransted, Matsou. Stolen base, Rickett. Struck out, Turpin 8, Howe 1. Bases on balls, off Miller 2, Howe 4. Wild pitches, Miller 2, Howe 1, Turpin 1. Six hits, 4 runs off Miller in 4 1-3 innings. 6 hits, 4 runs off Howe in 3 2-3 innings. Losing pitcher, Miller. Hit by pitcher, Sakraida by Miller. Double plays, Pennal to Laffer, Laffer to Matsou to Pennal, Matsou to Laffer to Miller, Lewis to Calvert to White. Umpires, Phillips and Irwin. Time of game, 1 hour, 45 minutes.

Box Office Marks Smashed by Crowds At Craterian Show

Record-breaking attendance yesterday shattered all past boxoffice records at the Craterian theatre, with the opening of the sensational musical hit, "Alexander's Ragtime Band."

Only one picture has ever had anything like the crowds that packed into the Central street showhouse to witness one of the greatest entertainments the screen has ever known. That picture was "Snow White"—and it has, until now, been a mark for all the others to shoot at. Now, there's a new mark, an all-time high, that will undoubtedly stand for a long time.

This record-smashing performance of "Alexander's Ragtime Band" was entirely unexpected. As a matter of fact, with reports coming in from all over the country of the success which has been greeting it everywhere, the management of the theatre decided to get ready for the crowds. Four days is the usual run for the bigger shows. But, with holdovers everywhere "Alexander" plays, it was decided to take no chances and the picture was booked for a full week's run—the only time any picture has ever been booked for a week in advance for a local showing.

"Snow White" ran a week, but was originally set for four days only. And judging from the crowds that virtually stampeded the Craterian yesterday, a full week will be none too long as it is.

The beauty of it all is that with such great advance notices, such "rave" reviews, and word-of-mouth advertising that has been whetting the appetites of everyone, "Alexander's Ragtime Band" actually is everything that has been said about it—and more! With all the publicity and exploitation that has attended the picture, it brought theatre-goers expecting great things, and sent them away astonished to have witnessed greater ones.

Trying to tell about the picture is like trying to tell about the success that has been Irving Berlin's for so many years. It simply can't be done—and done properly. You know it's there; you feel it with a fullness of heart; you strive for adjectives sufficiently strong to express your thoughts—and you're stuck! That's "Alexander's Ragtime Band"—so far ahead of any musical show that's ever been done before that there's simply no comparison.

Every time one of Berlin's famous melodies—and there are around 30 of them in this picture—is delivered from the screen, it makes one feel like getting up in one's seat and shouting with sheer joy. And if the rendition of the theme number—"Alexander's Ragtime Band"—doesn't make the shivers of delight run up and down your spine, then you must be one of those present who have experienced all the thrills you'll ever get in this life.

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WILD BULGARIAN AND BRITT CLASH ARMORY TONIGHT

Three New Faces to Appear — Carr to Grapple Murdock — Black Secret Back

It's Alvin Britt, the husky arm-breaker specialist and former junior heavyweight champion of the world, versus Tiger Tsakoff, the brutal, brutal Bulgarian, in the main event of Promoter Mark Lillard's weekly wrestling presentation in the Medford armory tonight, the boys locking grips over the one-hour route or until two tumbles are obtained by either of the principals.

Two clean and scientific workmen, Paul Murdock and Charley Carr, clash in the six-round opener. Hugh Adams, former House of Davidsite, and Nick Bozina, former masked Black Secret and master of the Boston crab hold, meet in the six-round opener.

The program starts at the usual time, 8:30. Advanced reserved seat sales indicate a nice turnout. Tsakoff and Britt figure to stage a rock 'em and sock 'em mat brawl, inasmuch as the Tiger fellow relies almost entirely upon illegitimate tactics such as punches to the head and body, eye-gouging, hair-pulling and the like, and Britt is prone to temper his maneuvers along the line taken by his opponent. Although inherently a clean performer, Britt can pour on the heat with the best of them, and he will probably have to do so tonight against the villainous Bulgarian.

The Murdock-Carr match has the earmarks of developing into a spectacular exhibition of wrestling as wrestling should be done. Carr, a short, stocky boy from the southland, is making his first appearance here in many months, and is a big favorite with local fans. Murdock employs one of the most devastating slobberknobs in the game.

San Francisco and third place Sacramento took turns whitewashing each other yesterday. The Seals took the opener, 7 to 0, but dropped the nightcap, 1 to 0.

San Diego, winner of last season's playoff, missed getting in this season by two percentage points and a split doubleheader with second place Seattle. Seattle with Dick Gyselman punching out out of the ball park in the last of the 11th, took the opener, 9 to 8, but dropped the seven-inning nightcap, 5 to 0.

The Los Angeles Angels, who won first place and \$2,500 as prize money for the regulation schedule, gave the browbeaten last place Oakland Aeborns a treat. They let the Oaks win a pair, 9 to 7 and 6 to 0.

Sixth place Portland split a twin-bill with seventh place Hollywood. The Beavers took the opener, 3 to 0, but Hollywood won the second, cut to five innings by rain, 17 to 9.

Sacramento opens at Los Angeles and San Francisco at Seattle in the opening games of the Shughnessy playoffs Tuesday. Winner of the playoff will get \$5,000 and second place team, \$2,500.

Boise Wins
BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Boise defeated Ontario, Ore., 12 to 4 yesterday to win the Idaho-Oregon semi-pro baseball league championship. The Oregon team held a 3 to 1 lead going into the seventh inning.

HOW THEY STAND

National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburgh	81	57	.587
Chicago	76	61	.561
Cincinnati	76	62	.551
New York	75	64	.540
Boston	69	69	.500
St. Louis	67	72	.482
Brooklyn	53	75	.457
Philadelphia	44	93	.321

American League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	94	45	.671
Boston	79	59	.572
Cleveland	70	65	.520
Detroit	74	65	.529
Washington	60	81	.428
Chicago	58	75	.436
St. Louis	49	86	.363
Philadelphia	51	90	.362

Coast			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	105	73	.590
Seattle	100	75	.571
Sacramento	95	82	.537
San Francisco	93	85	.522
San Diego	92	85	.520
Portland	79	96	.452
Hollywood	79	99	.444
Oakland	65	113	.365

HEADLINE GAMES SATURDAY START GRIDIRON TILTS

(By Hugh S. Fullerton, Jr.)
NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Big time football, which once was satisfied to claim the spotlight after the world series had been finished, steps right up this week to demand its full share of attention.

Big schools have found "pushover" warmup games unprofitable and the little ones have found them uncomfortable. The result is a set of headline games that will be outstanding even in mid season.

How's this for one week's collection of major contests?
Alabama vs. Southern California at Los Angeles Saturday and Iowa vs. U.C.L.A. Friday night (the American Legion convention at Los Angeles this week probably accounts for holding those two so early); Washington vs. Minnesota at Minneapolis, Kansas vs. Texas at Lawrence, Pittsburgh vs. West Virginia at Pittsburgh, St. Mary's vs. California at Berkeley, Purdue vs. Detroit at Lafayette, Texas Christian vs. Centenary at Port Worth and Louisiana State vs. Mississippi at Baton Rouge.

Only the most courageous "expert" would try to pick the winners of that bunch at this time of the year, for each team is figured to be at or near the top in its section when the season ends. Only the last is a conference tilt and that one may test L.S.U.'s title aspirations in the southeastern loop.

Closing time for 100 Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

HIGH GRID TEAMS OF STATE LAUNCH DRIVE FOR TITLE

(By the Associated Press)
Prep schools large and small placed confident entries this week in the annual football derby for Oregon's mythical championship.

One or two strong teams took weekend kickings but the biggest schools for the most part, ran up some husky scores against practice opponents. Many eleven, however, will not engage in their first contests until Friday and Saturday.

Three teams—Oregon City, Salem and Independence—claimed the right to defend the 1937 title. Many Oregon City opponents recalled how the pioneers knocked over the previously undefeated Bend Lava Bears, 13 to 12, in a state game advertised as a late championship contest.

Salem put down all its Oregon rivals but lost an interstate battle with Camas, Wash. Independence completed the year undefeated, untied and unscathed upon its schedule, however, was against small schools.

Washington state teams had good luck against Oregon foes Saturday. Chehalis downed Lincoln of Portland, 3 to 0, and Kelso defeated Benson of Portland, 12 to 6. Washington, coached by Gene Shields, former line mentor, nosed out Camas, 14 to 13. La Grande virtually eliminated itself from the race, losing to Roosevelt of Portland, 18 to 0.

Friday's contests lined up some promising contenders. Klamath Falls appeared mighty in a 4 to 0 victory over Hill Military Academy of Portland. Astoria easily disposed of The Dalles, 26 to 0, and Jefferson of Portland blanked Vancouver, Wash., 14 to 0. Grant of Portland punched over a 14 to 7 victory against Longview.

Other teams emerging with victories included Hillsboro, Hood River, Milwaukie, Baker, Milton-Freewater, Beaverton, Union and Bend.

(By Associated Press)
And in the confusion, the Yankees found themselves in the world series. The crack belonged to Dazzy Vance originally. But you can borrow it for the occasion. For the Yankees clinched their third straight American league pennant yesterday by los-

HOSTAK FIT FOR BATTLE TONIGHT

SEATTLE, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Eddie Marino, manager of middleweight champion Al Hostak, said today Hostak is in excellent shape and will be ready to talk about a championship fight after his non-title battle here tonight with Hayden (Young) Strinsky of Chicago.

However, Marino emphasized first conversations will be with Nate Druxman, Seattle promoter, who gave Hostak a chance to lift the crown from Freddie Steele's head several weeks ago.

Hostak will not consider numerous other offers, Marino said, until Druxman has had the opportunity to line up a bout.

The new champion, making his first ring appearance since he won the crown, will be striving for his seventeenth straight knockout this evening.

CHALLENGERS LOSE CHALLENGE MATCH

Eddie Simmons shot a birdie 3 on the second extra hole Sunday morning at the Rogue Valley Golf course to give him and his partner, George Harrington, a 1 up victory over Bob Hammond and Leiland Clark in their 18-hole best-of-all challenge match. The affair ended on the 20th green.

Simmons turned in a medal score of 71, lowest of the quartet and one over par. A fairly large gallery followed the match.

Gets Coach Post
PORTLAND, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Hill Military Academy named Hal Chapman, former member of the Pacific college coaching staff, director of physical education. Chapman, a Salem man, has coached teams at Independence Junior high school, Wapinitia and Mosier.

ROSS HENRIE, NEW KING OF COWBOYS, GETS CASH TROPHY

PENDLETON, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Young Ross Henrie, the new king of cowboys, hummed a happy range tune today as he headed home to Wyoming with a \$5000 trophy, \$1500 in hard cash and a \$400 silver-mounted saddle, all emblematic of top honors at Pendleton's famed roundup.

The 26-year-old youth, a slender, lanky ranch hand from Dubois, gained a year's possession of the Sam Jackson trophy and the title "all-around cowboy." The saddle was the prize for first place in the steer roping contest. He brought his snorting bull to the dust in the finals in 31.4 seconds.

Wayne Davis, 26, of Enterprise, clinaxed six years of roundup competition by riding frenzied Johnny J. a surging bunch of wild ancestry, into autoambition before 20,000 spectators Saturday. George Nelson of Walmie, Ore., was second and Henrie, third.

Earl Marsh of Chugwater, Wyo., was second in the steer roping and Norman Cowan, Medford, third. A spine jolting ride on 20 Below brought a first to Irwin Workman, Bozeman, Mont., in the amateur bucking finals. Cody Dodson, Enterprise, rode second and Hal Evans, Jordan Valley, Ore., third.

Cliff Gardner of Reno set up a two-day average of 22 seconds and won the bulldogging title. He was followed by Frank Smith, Portland, Jim Massey, Encino, Calif.

An average of 18 seconds for two days gave John Thomas, Honda, N. B., the calf roping championship with Buster Prather, Alamogordo, N. M., second, and Ray Prather, Alamogordo, third.

Pretty Lillian Jones of the Umatilla tribe was chosen the all-American Indian beauty contest winner. Lydia French, Tappanish was second and Mary Elw. Cayuse, third.

Scores Yesterday
(By the Associated Press)
Coast
Oakland 9-5, Los Angeles 7-0.
Sacramento 0-1, San Francisco 7-0.
Hollywood 0-17, Portland 9-0.
Seattle 9-0, San Diego 8-5.

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