

SPORTS

CRATERS SEEKING PENNANT AGAINST SOLDIERS TONIGHT

Will Clinch Flag With Win Over WPRC — Game At Fairgrounds At 8:30.

The Medford Craters shoot for the Medford-Camp White Baseball league pennant against the Western Personnel Reassignment Center club at the fairgrounds park tonight in the first after-dark contest of the season. The clash starts at 8:30.

The locals, with one victory and no defeats in the round-robin playoff series for the championship, will clinch the flag by defeating the WPRC. But if the Craters lose these two teams and the Station Hospital will be in a triple deadlock for the hunting and further action will be necessary to decide the title.

Southpaw Ted Bergold, who tossed a one-hitter at the Station Hospital June 18, only to lose 2 to 0, as Charley Johnson pitched a no-hit no-run contest, will toe the slab for the WPRC. Bergold also turned in a fine relief job against the naval air station at Klamath Falls Sunday, yielding only three blows in the last seven innings.

On the mound for the Craters will be either Steve Crippen, Dick Kidwell or Don Safford. Crippen worked eight good innings Sunday when the locals trimmed the Station Hospital 6 to 5, while Kidwell, pitching the ninth frame, struck out the only three men he faced.

Reminder of the WPRC lineup is expected to be as follows: Hoag, catcher; Otte, first base; Irwin, second base; Sauvageau, third base; D'Ambrosia, shortstop; Berch, right field; Lucido, center field, and Moreno, left field.

The Craters will probably take the field with Weyeneth catching, Koblisch on first, Calac on second, Kielbow on short, Lange on third, Lawson in left, Swanson in center and Jones in right.

HOW THEY STAND

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FOUR TITLES AT STAKE IN VICTORY GOLF TOURNAMENT

160 Shotmakers Entered in Giant Meet Opening Today; Byrd Defends Toga.

Chicago, June 28.—(U.P.)—More than 100 of the nation's foremost golfers—professionals, amateurs, women and seniors—teed off today to decide four different titles in a kaleidoscope of golf—the Chicago Victory National championships.

Forty-one foursomes started the puzzling fireworks this morning over the Edgewater course—a flat expanse of comparative ease, which has inspired predictions that the field of top pros will "burn up the course."

Sammy Byrd, the former New York outfielder, opened defense of his pro title and Bob Cochran of St. Louis battled to keep his amateur crown in the victory, as each pro tees off in a four-some composed of one amateur, one woman and a senior (golfer over 50).

The aggregate scores compiled by the professional with each of his partners will determine the titles in the pro-amateur, pro-lady and pro-senior divisions. The open tourney begins Friday, with both pros and amateurs competing for Byrd's crown.

Byrd, Byron Nelson, Harold McSpaden and Craig Wood were rated as early favorites, with the usual threat expected to come from Lt. Ben Hogan of the army air forces, who has been out of big time competition for two years.

Among outstanding players entered in other divisions were Mrs. Babe Didrikson Zaharias, 1944 women's western open champion; Lt. Patty Berg, Catherine Fox, Dorothy Gorman and Georgia Tainter in the women's; Mike Stolarik, Dale Morey, George Dawson and Wilford Wehrle in the amateur; and Chick Evans, Capt. Robert Emmett, commandant of the United States naval training center at Great Lakes, and Fred Snite, Sr., in the senior competition.

BEAVERS WIN ON GULLIC'S BLOWS

By United Press
The San Diego Padres, pounding out 17 hits to take a 5-4 win over the first place San Francisco Seals, advanced to within 1 1/2 games of the Pacific Coast league lead today.

Portland and Hollywood took over third place jointly, 2 1/2 games off the pace, the Beavers defeating Oakland 4-3 and the Twinkles topping last-place Sacramento 7-5 in 14 innings. Los Angeles and Seattle, idle last night, joined Oakland in a three-way fifth place tie, 3 games behind the Seals.

Three consecutive doubles by Ted Gullic gave the Portland Beavers their 4-3 win over Oakland, ending a five game Acorn winning streak. The Oaks scored three runs in the early innings, but the Beavers got to Manual Salvo for the winning runs, sparked by Gullic's two-baggers. Marino Pieretti pitched six-hit ball for the winners.

Linescore:
Portland..... 4 10 0
Oakland..... 3 6 0
Pieretti and Adams, Campbell (7); Salvo, Kleins (9) and B. Raimondi.

PLAN CARILLON
Springfield, Ill.—(U.P.)—A memorial carillon, similar to the one built by Edward Bok in Florida, will be constructed here in memory of Thomas Rees, former publisher of the Illinois State Register, according to municipal postwar project plans, when materials are available. Rees, who died 11 years ago, left \$200,000 to build the carillon. The fund has grown with interest and may reach \$300,000 by the time trustees are ready to spend it, officials said. Plans for the memorial's site and erection must await peace, it was said.

Rampaging Cards May Cinch Flag At Earliest Date Yet

By Glen Perkins
United Press Staff Correspondent
New York, June 28.—(U.P.)—A check of National league standings and some slide rule mathematics today revealed that the St. Louis Cardinals possibly could clinch the pennant on Aug. 24—23 days earlier than the senior circuit pennant ever has been won in a regular 154-game schedule.

The basis for computation was formed on performances to date and on the slender assumption that the leading clubs will continue to play the same percentage of winning baseball that they have exhibited this far in the campaign. Nevertheless, it is an indication that the Cards will set a new record for early pennant winning this season.

The earliest date the National league has been positive of its world series representatives in other years was Sept. 18, that date being hit by two clubs as pennant clinching day. The 1919 Cincinnati Reds and the 1931 St. Louis Cardinals shared the record. The Chicago Cubs cinched the flag on Aug. 25, 1918, but that season closed on Labor day, and in 1902 the Pittsburgh Pirates won the flag on Sept. 1, but the season called for only 140 games at that time.

Currently the Cards are playing .719 ball with 41 games won and 16 lost. Nine and a half behind are the Pittsburgh Pirates in second place with 31 games won and 25 lost with a percentage of .554.

If the two league leaders continued to play that brand of ball, the pennant race would end Aug. 24, with their lines reading:

	W. L. Pct.
St. Louis	86 33 .723
Pittsburgh	66 53 .555

It is even feasible that the Cards could be assured of world series competition earlier than that. If Pittsburgh, New York and Brooklyn, the rest of the first division, start knocking each other off and the Cards continue to win, the clinching date might be several days earlier than the current pace predicts.

Before Cardinal rosters order series tickets, however, it should be pointed out that greater leads than theirs have been dissipated and greater deficiencies than those displayed by the last-place Chicago Cubs, have been overcome between mid-season and the end of the campaign.

The Dodgers of 1942 blew a mid-season lead of greater proportion than the Cardinals now boast and, on the other hand, the "miracle" Boston Braves of 1914, were in last place as late as July 19, and came on with a winning streak that won the pennant by 10 1/2 games and took the world series in four straight.

There was no major league activity yesterday, the western teams of the American league being en route east and the eastern half of the National league traveling west to begin the third phase of inter-sectional play.

SEGURA EASILY DEFEATS LEWIS

Evanston, Ill., June 28.—(U.P.)—Francisco (Pancho) Segura, University of Miami tennis star from South America, headed a list of eight survivors in the National Collegiate Tennis tournament today after defeating Dale Lewis, Utah State, 6-1, 6-0, yesterday. Segura won the match handily as his accurate placements chased the lanky Lewis all over the Northwestern courts. In the last game, Lewis had the national collegiate champion 40-love, but the irrepressible Ecuadorian bounced back to make it a love set.

LAWN-MOWING TIP
State College, Pa.—(U.P.)—Agronomists at the Pennsylvania State college advise mowing around your lawn—not back and forth—for improved growth and improved appearance.

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They'll watch Pete Belcastro, the Weed wildman, operate strictly according to Hoyle, stick to orthodox, legitimate mat work and forget all about the brutal stuff which has made him the most notorious "bad actor" in Pacific coast grapple circles.

At least, that's what Belcastro has promised Billy McEuin, his middle-event opponent on Promoter Mack Lillard's weekly program.

It all started in the dressing room after last week's card. Belcastro and McEuin became involved in a friendly argument, in which the latter opined he could whip Pete, despite a 20-pound weight disadvantage, if Pete would wrestle cleanly.

McEuin told Belcastro that his knowledge of leverage, holds and breaks was far more complete and that he would like a chance to prove it. Belcastro, at first, simply laughed at the smaller McEuin, but as the discussion progressed his professional pride began to ache and finally he agreed to take on McEuin—on McEuin's terms.

Those terms are that Belcastro must rely entirely on straight wrestling and must not throw a foul punch, gouge on eye or pull one hair of McEuin's head. To this, Pete gave his solemn promise and the strange match was arranged.

While the center attraction will give wrestling purists a chance to cheer for a change, the same can't be said for the main event, where "Gorgeous George" Wagner and Walter "Sneeze" Achlu are slated to hammer the brains out of each other in their honest-to-gosh "grudge" rematch.

Tony Morelli, making his first appearance here in several years, will face Harold "Buck" Davidson in the opening bout.

Daily Weather Report

Forecast:
Medford and vicinity: Fair, continued warmer tonight, Thursday partly cloudy with little change in temperature.

Local Data
Temperature a year ago today:
Highest, 92; lowest, 51.

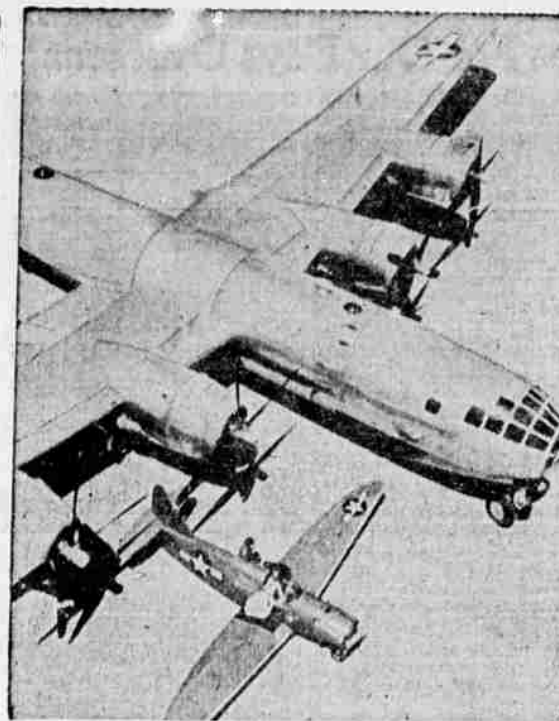
Total monthly precipitation, 1.51 inches. Excess for the month, .81 inch. Total precipitation since September 1, 1943, 15.78 inches. Deficiency for the season, .54 inch.

Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday, 18%; 4:30 a. m. today, 61%.

Tomorrow

Forecast	High	Low	Prec.
Medford	80	50	—
Boise	91	60	—
Boston	75	50	—
Chicago	86	59	—
Denver	86	59	—
Eureka	80	50	—
Hayward	68	48	—
Los Angeles	71	57	—
Medford	86	59	—
New York	87	63	—
Omaha	95	61	—
Phoenix	82	61	—
Portland	82	52	—
Reno	87	61	—
Roseburg	76	51	—
Salt Lake	73	56	—
San Francisco	82	52	—
Seattle	72	52	—
Spokane	70	48	—
Washington, D. C.	81	71	—
Yakima	83	51	—

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SUPER FORTS—Immensity of new American "Super-Fortress" B-29 bombers, the type that bombed Japan on June 15th, is graphically shown in this U. S. Army Air Force photo of tiny Quiver Bay target plane beside one of the air giants.

STICKERS AGAIN FOR OREGON CARS

Salem, Ore., June 28.—(U.P.)—Oregon's 1945 automobile licenses will be new stickers, similar to those in use this year, it was announced today by the state department.

The 1942 white on blue plates will continue in use, with the sticker to be used on the front windshield. Steel priorities and lack of manpower prevent the return to use of metal plates, the department said. The decision to use the stickers was made after investigation of various metal substitutes, including plastics.

Motorcycle licenses, however, will be of metal, as enough metal has been located to manufacture them.

Boy Scout News

A swimming party and weenie roast was enjoyed by Boy Scout Troop No. 7 on June 26 at Twin Plunges in Ashland. The Scouts were accompanied to Ashland by their scoutmaster, Mr. Bills, and returned to Medford later in the evening.

Troop No. 8, Boy Scouts, met at the parish hall for a regular meeting on June 27. The meeting was called to order by Harry Kendal, senior patrol leader. The assistant Scoutmaster, Vick, talked about the proposed swimming pool behind the Scout office on Main street.

D-DAY MIXUP

Alva, Okla.—(U.P.)—The invasion news came at a particularly bad time for Mrs. James Brakebill of Alva. Her house was on fire right at the moment, to be specific. And when she asked the telephone operator to ring the fire department—quick—the operator thought she was mere-

TEST GENERATOR AT SHASTA DAM

Redding, Cal., June 28.—(U.P.)—Bureau of Reclamation officials early today concluded a nine-hour test of No. 4 generator at Shasta Dam.

It was the first power to be transmitted from the huge dam's plant to the power lines of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

Output started at the rate of 25,000 kilowatts at 4 p. m. yesterday and hit 75,000 at 8 p. m., bureau officials said.

It is expected two generators will be in commercial operation next month.

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JIVES AND DRIVES

Lincoln, Ill.—(U.P.)—George Theatch, local night club dance band leader and coal truck driver, says he "jives by night and drives by day," thereby mixing pleasure with hard work. Theatch says he was confronted with the choice of jobs two years ago and, not knowing which to accept, "just took them both." He added that both employers are happy with the set-up.

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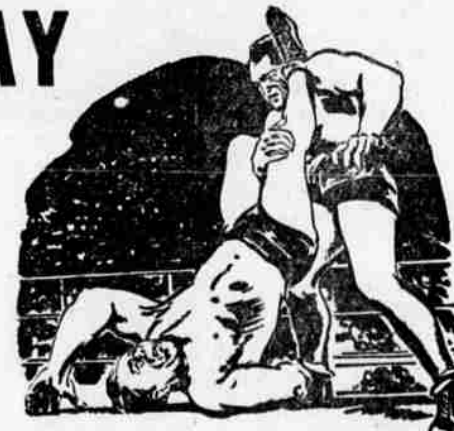
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