

Marines Win Shaughnessy Play-Off, Medford Third

The Klamath Falls Marines, behind the steady pitching of Herman Sutton, won the Southern Oregon league's Shaughnessy championship yesterday when they came from behind to beat the Klamath Falls Naval Air Station, 6 to 5, at Klamath Falls.

Medford took third place with a 14 to 7 victory gained over Central Point here. Dick Kidwell, who deserted the Craters to hurl for the Studs, was treated roughly by his former teammates who pounded him for 10 hits and knocked him from the box with one out in the fourth inning.

Medford, batting first, gained one run off two hits and two walks in the first inning but the Studs went out in front with two runs in their half of the first. Gainer off two hits and two errors. The Craters got to Kidwell for two hits and a walk, aided by an error, for three runs in the second and were never headed after that.

In the fourth frame Gitzzen singled, Hafford doubled, Kirchner singled and Fawcett bounced one over the center field fence. Sullivan singled and that was enough for Kidwell, who was removed for Worley, who finished the game, giving up nine blows.

Steve Crippen went the route for the Craters and, while touched for 10 safeties, was never in serious trouble.

Sutton paced the Marines at the plate, batting in three runs and collecting a triple and single. The navy, behind the chucking of Norm Worthley, led 4 to 0 at end of the third inning and held a 5-2 lead at end of the fifth. Four runs by the Marines in the seventh paved the way for the victory.

Scores:

Marines	6	9	4
Navy	5	10	2
Sutton and Pitts, Bogarski; Worthley and Reitenour.			
Medford	14	19	4
Central Point	7	10	6
Crippen and Gitzzen; Kidwell, Worley and Hill.			

NELSON CROWDED BY BEN HOGAN IN NASHVILLE OPEN

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Ben Hogan, working under increasing pressure, needed only to keep his lead for another 18 holes to win first money in the \$13,333 Nashville open golf tournament and his initial victory since leaving the army.

Hogan held a two stroke lead over Byron Nelson of Toledo, O., after three rounds of competition. He shot a three under par 68 but Nelson, putting on his usual climax, topped that with a 67.

That left Hogan with a 199 total and Nelson with 201 and both of them just a nod ahead of Sammy Snead of 202. Snead equaled Nelson's 67, taking advantage of his characteristically long wood shots to fashion the sub-par round. Most of his wood shots on the longer holes were close to the 300-yard mark.

Nelson, getting off to a fast start for the second day in a row, hitting an eagle three on the long number one hole, had a three under par 34 for the front nine. He had one bogey on the shorter backside.

Jimmy Hines of Chicago, who had a sharp 66 on his second round, stayed in the running with a 68 which gave him a 203, one stroke behind Snead.

Portland Swimmer Breaks Record in AAU Championships

San Francisco, Sept. 3—(U.P.)—The far western AAU Swimming Championships swing into their final phase today with Brenda Heiser, representing Portland's Multnomah Athletic Club, taking the play away from the hometown Ann Curtis.

Miss Heiser shattered a 13-year-old American record yesterday when she defeated Ann in the 100-meter freestyle event in 1:05.8. The previous record of 1:06.9 was set by Helen Madison, the Seattle star, in 1932.

A far western record was smashed in the women's 100-meter breaststroke when Pat Sinclair, 15-year-old New Yorker, went the distance in 1:26.2, to defeat the favored Nancy Merki of Portland and Lorraine Fisher of San Francisco.

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CONTENDERS EYE HECTIC WEEK FOR TOP PLACE CLUBS

New York, Sept. 3—(U.P.)—The most fateful week of the 1945 baseball season was underway today for five bonafide pennant contenders in the American league and two in the National.

Practically nothing was accomplished in yesterday's slate of games except for a slight gain on the league leading Detroit Tigers in the American by tie rest of the challengers, the Senators, the Browns, the Yankees and the Indians.

Indians Beat Leaders
The Tigers lost to their "finx" club, the Indians, 3 to 2 at Detroit, reducing their lead over the second place Senators to one game. The third place Browns are three and a half games behind the Yankees are four and a half games out of the lead and the Indians are five down.

In the National, the Cubs and Cards split at St. Louis, leaving Chicago nursing an insecure two-game margin.

Washington gained a half game by winning, 3 to 0 from the Yanks after New York took the opening game, 4 to 2 on Nick Etten's base-clearing triple in the sixth.

Sox, Browns Split
The White Sox retarded the Browns at Chicago with a Sunday split in which Ed Lopat pitched a 6 to 0 victory over a 3 to 2 victory by Jack Kramer in the second game. Luke Appling rejoined the Sox after 20 months in the army and made two hits in six tries.

The Athletics topped the Red Sox, 1 to 0 and 7 to 2 at Philadelphia. Bobo Newsum pitched his fourth shutout in winning the opener on five hits.

Charley (Red) Barrett, the big Cardinal bargain from Boston won the best pitched game of his career, a one-hit 4 to 0 shutout over the Cubs at St. Louis, to give the world champions an even break. Chicago won the opener for Hank Borowy with three runs in the 10th on Pinch Hitter Frank Secory's base-clearing double.

Dodgers Win Opener
The Giants and Dodgers split at New York, Brooklyn winning the first game 7 to 4 with a three run rally for relief Pitcher Curt Davis in the 11th after which Bill Voiselle won the six and a half inning second game, 6 to 2 for his 14th Giant victory.

Pittsburgh won two from the Reds at Cincinnati, 4 to 2 and 7 to 3. Walter (Boom) Boom Beck beating his ex-mates in the opener while Nick Strincevich won the second game.

The Braves and Phils split at Boston. Tommy Holmes hit a homer to celebrate "Holmes day" and help the Braves to a 6 to 3 first game victory but it was his only hit of the day. The Phils took the night-cap, 5 to 4.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8:30 a. m.—10:00 Late to Classify 12:15 p. m. Please remember

NATIONAL ASS'N GIVES APPROVAL TO RODEO HERE

Many Prizes Offered For Cowboy Dress Ball; Program for Two-Day Show

According to a telegram received late yesterday from the Rodeo Cowboys Association in Fort Worth, Texas, the big Victory Rodeo being staged here September 8 and 9, is the first Victory Rodeo in the entire United States.

Christensen Brothers, promoters of the show, advise from Eugene, where they are producing a three day rodeo for the Lane County Sheriff's Posse, that most of the contestants there plan on coming to Medford due to the size of the purses being offered in all events here.

At the big cowboy dress ball, to be held Friday night, September 7, at Dreamland dance hall, the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the dance for the Sheriff's Posse, have arranged a number of door prizes such as bridles bits saddle blankets and numerous items of western "gear" in addition to offering a grand prize for the best cowboy outfits and the best cowboy girl dress outfit.

Grounds Prepared
In the meantime, all posse members are working daily preparing the fences and chutes at the fairgrounds and reinforcing the holding pens as Christensen Brothers advise they have one or two wild Brahma bulls that can easily clear a ten foot fence.

The Medford Athletic Association promises a fine concession on the grounds where hamburgers, hot dogs and hot coffee will be available from Friday night on thru the remainder of the rodeo, according to Flash Fidler, general chairman of the show.

A general business meeting of the posse members has been called for Tuesday night at which rodeo officials will meet with the posse and representatives of Christensen Brothers at the Sheriff's Posse clubrooms at the fairgrounds, to iron out all final details.

Announcer Signed
Gene Payne, popular rodeo and radio announcer, has contracted to announce the show and is considered one of the top rodeo announcers on the coast.

Jerry Russell will clown the show as well as enter in the bareback bronc riding, Brahma bull riding and wild cow milking. Tom Woods, bull fighter, is also entered in the bareback bronc riding, Brahma bull riding, calf roping and wild cow milking. Among the famous bucking horses coming for the rodeo are Double Trouble, No Name, Headlight, Broken Box Number Two Whirl Away, Happy Landing, Pinto Pete and Bald Hornet as well as the great champion, The Northwesterner.

Program Outline
The Saturday night performance will start with a big downtown street parade at 7 o'clock. As soon as the parade arrives back at the fairgrounds, the grand entry will start into the arena. It will be led by the Jackson County Sheriff's Posse with pretty little Betty Willis, girl trick rider, as Grand Marshal, followed by the Ladies Mount-

Warriors to Play All-Stars Tonight

The Fort Lewis Warriors, currently the hottest baseball team on the Pacific coast, will face an all-star team of Southern Oregon players at the Fairgrounds tonight, beginning at 8:30. Several major league players, on leave of absence from their clubs while in the army, will make up the Warriors' roster. Jack Pitts, catcher for the Klamath Falls Marines, will handle the umpiring job behind the plate.

ed Troop and the Jackson County Sheriff's Posse Auxiliary organization. Next in line will be the visiting Douglas County Mounted Sheriff's Posse, a small delegation from the Lane County Mounted Sheriff's Posse, other riding clubs from southern Oregon, rodeo officials and contestants and all other mounted persons. It is expected over 550 horses will participate in the grand entry.

Introductions will then be made and promptly at 8:30 the first wild bareback bronco will come out of the chutes. Following the first section of bareback bronc riding will come the calf roping.

Mounted Drills Slated
Fourth event will be the second section of bareback bronc riding, followed by the beautiful precision mounted drills of the Douglas County Sheriff's Posse. Next will come the first section in saddle bronc riding, followed by steer wrestling and bulldogging, then the second section of saddle bronc riding. Next follows a trick riding exhibition by Betty Willis, formerly of the Gene Autrey Rodeos. Then the relay stake race between eight members of the Roseburg Posse and an eight man team from the Jackson County Sheriff's Posse. Next will be wild cow milking, then an added exhibition and finally the famous Brahma bull riding contest. A full three and one half hours of continuous entertainment is promised.

In an approved Rodeo Cowboys contest such as this show, all contestants finishing in top positions win "day money", then on the second or last days performance, compete as well for "final money," and for every dollar won receive one point with the association in the national standings for championships of 1945.

HONOR 'CHRONICLE' EDITOR
Guam, Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Cmdr. Paul C. Smith, USNR, on leave from his post as editor and general manager of the San Francisco Chronicle, has been awarded the bronze star by Adm. Richmond Kelly Turner for "meritorious service," the navy announced today.

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Paul Freer Leads Craters at Bat As Local Baseball Season Comes to End

The Medford Craters put their uniforms in moth balls yesterday to mark the end of another season of baseball. They won 11 games and lost seven, two to the Klamath Falls Marines and five to the Klamath Falls Navy. Under the guidance of Manager Paul Freer, who led the club at batting with .421, the team wound up third in the Southern Oregon league and took third in the Shaughnessy playoff.

While the quality of ball seen at most of the games was not the type to draw spectators away from other Sunday afternoon diversions and the grandstand was at no time overcrowded, the Medford Athletic Association, sponsors of the Craters, fared well at the box office and cleared enough money to pay off all debts incurred when they belonged to the state league. Only outstanding debts now are the bonds which are yet to be redeemed.

Following is the season batting averages of all players who were up nine or more times:

Player	AB	H	Avg.
Paul Freer	38	16	.421
Paul Hafford	33	13	.394
Steve Crippen	19	7	.368
George Gitzzen	65	23	.354
Floyd Lawson	20	7	.350
Dick Kidwell	24	8	.333
Al Kircher	59	19	.322
Herb Hornham	44	14	.318
George Barr	10	3	.300
Carl Reich	51	15	.294

Dick Fawcett	24	7	.292
Homer Sullivan	61	17	.279
Fred Stammen	59	14	.237
Harold Lange	37	8	.216
Don Waldron	31	6	.194
Team average	687	192	.283

Frankie Parker To Face Bill Talbert For Tennis Crown

Forest Hills, N. Y., Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Sgt. Frankie Parker, the golden boy from California, faces "Long Pants Billy" Talbert of Wilmington, Del., today for the men's singles crown in the National amateur tennis championships.

It's the same Talbert who Parker thwarted for 13 years, blasted in four sets in 1944 to win the crown for the first time. Talbert appeared to be stronger this year. He marched through his preliminary opponents with ease. He gave a final polish to his form by erasing Francisco (Pancho) Segura, the two-fisted Ecuadorian, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4, yesterday.

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DOROTHY GERMAIN WINS

Preakness, N. J., Sept. 3—(U.P.)—Dorothy Germain, Philadelphia's golfing star, took home top honors today from the North Jersey Country Club's Golden Anniversary Invitational Tournament in which she defeated Mrs. Alfred (Marge) Becker of

Patterson, N. J., 6 and 5 in the final. Miss Germain completed her round and set a new women's course record of 70, one under men's par.

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