Falcons Host Medford In Playoff Contest

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Tonight is the big night for the Klamath Falls Falcons. It's the night when all the stops are pulled with the hopes that they might gain the state American Legion playoffs.

The Falcons will host the Medford team in a one-game "sudden death" playoff at Gem Stadium tonight at 8 o'clock. The winner of this game will move into the state playoff first round against the coast winner, North Bend. That will be a best two-of-three go.

The two clubs finished in a tie for the title of the Southern Division Area 4 title Tuesday night when the Falcons fell before the four-hit hurling of Stu Young in Medford, 5-0. They therefore share the championship and this game tonight will have no bearing on the league title, but rather wholly is for deciding the state playoff team.

The Falcons figure to have the slight edge in this contest tonight because of the home field advantage and the fact that they shouldn't be facing the offerings of Young, one of state's best hurlers. He pitched the entire game Tuesday night and the Medford coach probably will go with big Bill Enyart, a fire-baller.

Coach John Paxton also used his top hurler in Rich Jackson at Medford and will put Gary Benson on the hill tonight. His last outing was a no-hit contest against Ashland Sunday, his second such performance against the Ashland congregation.

The Falcons will need to play one of their finer ball games in order to win this all-important game—and they have the equipment to do it. The Medford club is knee-deep in winning tradition and likes that winning outcome. That attitude will be a hard thing to beat.

Medford used some very timely and well-placed hitting Tuesday night for the win over the Falcons. They got only six hits off Jackson but four of them were doubles with runners on base and four of the six safeties came in the first two innings when they scored all five of their runs.

This will be the main problem of Coach Paxton tonight — to have the Falcons ready from the first inning and not the third when it is too late. They will have to play seven innings of good baseball.

But Medford, likewise, will have to be playing their best game in order to halt the Falcons. Medford won the first game of the set this summer, 4-2, with a two-run rally in the sixth off a pair of errors and a hit. Young also pitched that game and won on an eight-hitter. Benson hurled a five-hitter ang got beat.

Benson will have to do the same fine job tonight and get some better backing. The Falcons are an improved fielding club from that game but still have some mental lapses. They can't afford any tonight.

Coach Paxton probably will go with his usual lineup. He probably will open with his son Jay Paxton behind the plate, John Gray at first, Lanny Guyer at second, LeVoy Young at shortstop, John Parisotto at third, Larry Binney in left field, Mike Kitching in center and Dave Johnson in right. Benson will take the mound with Jackson in ready reserve along with Jim Jackson and Rich Grow. Marv Yunck could get into action at second base.

Medford will probably go with Don Anderson at first, Dan Miles at short, Jim Calhoun at second, Ron Edmonds at third, Mike Barnes in left field, Mike Neathamer in center, Tom Barker in right and Ken Phipps behind the plate. Young could start in the field somewhere because of his fine hitting.

FALCONS IN PLAYOFF TONIGHT — This group of Klamath Falcons will host the Medford American Legion nine tonight at Gem Stadium at 8 o'clock in a playoff game with the winner going into the state Legion playoffs. The winner will take on North Bend in the best two-of-three series at a site and date yet undetermined. The Falcons are, bottom row, from left to right, Denny Coleman, Lanny Guyer, Dave Johnson, Marv Yunck and Rich Grow. The middle row includes Larry Smith, Rich Jackson, John Parisotto, LeVoy Young and Larry Binney. The back row has Legion team leader Harold Howard, Jay Paxton, Gary Benson, Mike Kitching, Jim Jackson, John Grau and manager John Paxton.

PROBABLE LINEUPS
MEDFORD

Name	Pos.
Ken Phipps	C
Don Anderson	1B
Jim Calhoun	2B
Dan Miles	SS
Ron Edmonds	3B
Mike Barnes	LF
Mike Neathamer	CF
Tom Barker	RF

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Moore Throws Second No-Hit BR Game

Bob Moore, Crater Cats' strapping right-hander, hurled his second no-hit game of the season Wednesday night when he blanked the Tulelake team, 10-0, on no hits in a Klamath Basin Babe Ruth League makeup game.

He pitched another no-hitter earlier in the season in leading the Cats to the National League title of the Basin League. He didn't give up more than two hits in any game he pitched. He was scored upon in the last no-hitter he pitched.

Moore struck out nine and walked four in his stint. The Cats, meanwhile, were rapping Greg Cushman and reliever Dennis Todd for nine hits in chalking up the 10 big runs.

The Cats got two runs in the first when Rick Brosterhous led off by reaching first on an error. Bob Williams followed with a hit. Brosterhous scored on a passed ball which moved Williams to third. He tallied on an infield ground out by Ken Gray.

The league champions tallied three more times in the second frame. Mike Keck and Dick Wandershied both walked and advanced on a passed ball. Kent Howard struck out and Arnold Johnson ground out. But Rick Brosterhous singled to chase both Keck and Wandershied home. He then stole second and was in scoring position when Williams lashed his second straight hit.

The third inning also found the Cats chalking up three runs. Greg Brosterhous struck out and Keck drew his second walk. Wandershied hit a single and Howard followed with his first hit to chase Keck home. Johnson popped up but Rick Brosterhous walked to fill the sacks and Williams again singled to score two runs.

The final two tallies came in the fourth when Greg Brosterhous got first on an error, stole second and scored on Keck's double. Keck moved to third on Wandershied's ball which was muffed. He trotted home on Howard's second single.

Tulelake got a runner to second in the first inning and one to third in the second inning. Another runner never got past first after that as Moore mowed them down. Cushman gave up eight of the nine hits and walked five. Todd worked only one-third an inning.

Tulelake was the leader in the American League and this was the third loss of the season for them. They have one game yet to play with second place Merrill of the National League. Tulelake now stands at 7-3. The Cats finished with an 11-0 record.

Tulelake	000-0— 0-0-4
Crater Cats	233-2—10-9-2

Cushman, Todd (4) and Meyers; Moore and Williams.

Medo-Bels To Battle Mt. Shasta

The Klamath Falls Medo-Bels will take on the cellar-dwelling Mount Shasta nine in the Northern California League Saturday night at Gem Stadium as the second half of league play gets underway.

The Medo-Bels will be looking for their fourth victory of the year against two losses. Mount Shasta is winless in five outings. There was no action last week as the North and South All-Stars met in games Saturday and Sunday, splitting the two.

Hi Hatfield has been assigned the starting assignment on the mound for the Medo-Bels with Jim Keller in relief. Hatfield's starting may depend on the weather.

The Medo-Bels will have a new face in Tony Saleri who will be behind the plate. He is playing with Washington State. Dave Sigado will be at first, Blake Griggs or Ron Owings at second, Sherm Allen at shortstop, Don Dexter at third and the outfielders will be Ray Taylor, Don Gresdel and John Bianchi.

WITHDRAWS FROM MEET

LONDON (UPI) — Robbie Brightwell, the European 400 meter champion, has withdrawn from the U.S.-British track and field meet at White City Aug. 3-5 because of ligament trouble. Brightwell, a surprise selection, said he was not fully fit for the event.

Local Loan Falls To Liston Nine

Local Loan, the champion of the Western Division of the South Suburban Babe Ruth League, was upset Tuesday night in a makeup game with Liston Aircraft, 12-9. The Loaners already had the title sewed up, however.

It was an anti-climax for the Loaners but helped the East Division pull into a three-way tie between Liston, Town and Country

The game went nine innings before Liston finally won with a three-run rally. Bob James got the pitching win for the Aircraft team with his final two innings of relief work. He was the third pitcher. Ralph Jennings took the loss with one inning of relief work.

The winners collected 14 hits off Loaners' three pitchers. The Loan team garnered 12 off the losers. Liston scored its winning runs in the top of the ninth when Jennings walked Danny Lyons and gave a single to Ron Murphy. Both stole bases and Tom Hall walked to fill the bags. Jennings walked in what was the winning run when Joe McBride was passed. Eldon Cook then tried to sacrifice Murphy home but Murphy was out. Ron Rand tried the same trick but Hall was caught at the plate. Dave Switzler singled home the final two runs.

Hall led the winners at bat with three singles. Switzler and Lyons had two hits each. All the winners' hits were singles. John Ferrell led the losers with a triple and three singles. He was the only one with more than one hit. Dave Warren had a triple and Jennings a double.

Liston	013-120-113—12-14-2
Local Loan	044-000-010— 9-12-3

Gray, Hall (3), James (7) and E. Cook; Simonsen, Ferrell (7), Jennings (9) and Larman.

Crater Lake Dumps Kiwanis

The red-hot Crater Lake team of the Klamath Falls Minor League dumped league champion Kiwanis to its second defeat of the season Wednesday night in gaining their sixth straight win, 9-7.

It was Crater's sixth straight win with one more game on the slate. Kiwanis finished the season with an 8-2 record. The only two losses were to Crater Lake.

Washburn got the pitching win on a seven-hitter and Tillery was the loser on nine hits.

John Pennel Shows Way For Yanks

MOSCOW (UPI) — Pole vaulter John Pennel of Northeast Louisiana State, who has already established himself as one of the most sensational "substitutes" in track and field history, is not one to be satisfied with a world's record.

Pennel, a 5-foot 10-inch native of Coral Gables, Fla., shattered the world record with a vault of 16 feet, 8¾ inches just three days after being selected as a replacement for the injured Brian Sternberg on the American team that duels Russia this weekend.

But Pennel has given every indication that he will be out to break the 17-foot barrier in the upcoming meet. In Wednesday's workouts, Pennel was the feature attraction as he easily cleared 16 feet, 3 inches before an admiring group of both American and Russian athletes. He has already vaulted 16-11 in practice sessions elsewhere.

Giants Count On McElhenny

NEW YORK (UPI)—The New York football Giants, who regard old age as a virtue and experience as a professional necessity, are counting on a knee operation this past spring to restore the touch of greatness to aging halfback Hugh McElhenny.

McElhenny, 34, was acquired by the Giants from the Minnesota Vikings Wednesday in exchange for two future draft choices and a player to be determined prior to the start of the 1963 National Football League season.

McElhenny, who played his college ball at the University of Washington, served nine seasons with the San Francisco 49ers before joining the new Minnesota franchise in 1961. He is second only to Ollie Matson of the Rams in yards gained by rushing, pass-receiving and kick returns.

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