

The Sporting Page

SECOND YEAR JINX GIVEN GOING-OVER BY CLIFF MELTON

Giants' Cool Sophomore Is Standing National League Batsmen On Ears—Needlers Unable to Rile Him

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Meet the icicle, folks. He not only has the temperament, he even looks like one, this Cliff Melton, the Giants' sophomore southpaw who's standing National League batsmen on their ears and giving old man second-year jinx one of the classiest going-over that gentleman ever has suffered.

He's built on the general proportions of a beanpole, is Melton, stretching about six-feet-six straight up from his size 12's and his most distinguishable feature is a pair of out-stared ears. But, man, can he pitch!

Nothing riles him. Not even as ruffy a needler as Bolling Bolly Grimes, one of the better post-getters, disturbs Melton. In fact, it's doubtful if Cliff—the boys have tagged him Mickey Mouse and Mountain Music and Stringbean—even realizes they're trying to rile him. He has less imagination than a pancake (well-done) and he pays less attention, if that's possible, than his cool, calm and collected southpaw mate, King Carl Hubbell.

As a result, Cliff today is big league baseball's No. 1 elbow of the year in the matter of games won and lost, with an unbeaten run of six straight showing that a second year man doesn't necessarily have to go to the dogs, as is the general belief. He's one of the chief reasons Bill Terry's terrific terriers are making somewhat of an early season runaway of the National League race, what with the Chicago Cubs showing signs of coming apart at the seams.

On Way to Pennant

And, with the Yankees in first place in the American league pennant parade as the result of their 4-1 win over Cleveland's collapsible Indians yesterday, the whole situation looks like things are on the way toward the third straight championship monopoly for little old New York, despite the fact that the calendar shows only May 12.

It took a lot of pitching to whip the St. Louis Cardinals yesterday, but Melton had it and the Giants won out, 5-3, for their fifth in a row. Cliff was given a hot fight by Lefty Bob Weiland, but he kept breezing 'em in without lifting an eyebrow, and finally his mates showed two runs across in the ninth to put the game on ice and drop the gas-house gang into seventh place.

Airmail Stamp Sale Barred At Sunday's Catfish Derby

Although Postmaster Frank DeSouza doesn't know it yet, there'll be no airmail stamps on sale or National Airmail Week ballyhoo in evidence at the second annual national catfish derby at Emigrant lake near Ashland Sunday.

This edict was promulgated today by Kenneth N. Anthony, secretary-treasurer of the National Catfish Derby association.

"As everyone should know by now, National Airmail Week begins on Sunday, but it has absolutely nothing to do with the national catfish derby which also will be held on Sunday," Mr. Anthony pointed out.

"For months Mr. DeSouza has been promoting National Airmail Week. That is all right but it so happens that Mr. DeSouza is also an executive committeeman and master of ceremonies of the National Catfish Derby association.

"For weeks National Airmail Week has been revolving around Mr. DeSouza and vice versa, until now he is badly confused. He's going around talking about National Catfish Week and the national airmail derby. He's liable to put catfish in the mails and throw airmail stamps into Emigrant lake.

"That part is all right with me, but we're not going to let him use the

catfish derby to ballyhoo airmail week. Nor are we going to let him set up a sub-station to sell airmail stamps. There'll be nothing on sale at the derby except refreshments and no one need spend any money unless he wants to get something to eat or drink. The whole derby is free and that includes an afternoon of entertainment features while the actual fishing is going on."

The day's festivities will start at 1:45 p. m. with the crowning of the queen of the derby by Mayor T. B. Wiley of Ashland. The angling contest will start at 2 and end at 4. During the contest entertainment will be provided for the spectators.

The queen's crown, made by Mr. Anthony, famed craftsman, was planned on display today in a show window at Mann's department store. It is considered Mr. Anthony's masterpiece.

Candidates for public office were said today to be working on their catfish derby speeches. All have been invited to address the derby crowd, but campaign speeches have been ruled out. Instead, each candidate must tell a fish yarn. A fee of 25 cents will be charged for a three-minute talk, 50 cents for a five-minute foray. The winning story, judged by popular applause, will be assessed an additional 50 cents.

Something's Always Happening Is Two-Ton Tony's Complaint

By GALE TALBOT

NEW YORK, May 12.—(AP)—It looks like poor Tony Galento, who asks only that he have his beer and be permitted to bite in the clinches, was born to trouble. Nothing seems to go right for Tony except his left hand, with which he expects to knock out Natie Mann tomorrow night.

He only just managed to get himself reinstated by the local boxing commission so that he could start in making an honest living for his first-born, and now he finds himself the unwitting cause of a war between his manager, Joe Jacobs, and the promoter, Mike Jacobs.

"Something's always happenin' to me," the Newark round man mourned after Joe and Mike had their verbal clash yesterday down at the boxing commission. "I got kicked out of school because I hit the principal with a house-brick, and it seems like I been hittin' somebody with a house-brick ever since."

"Oh, Joe's sore at me now because I signed a contract for this fight. They shouldn'ta told me they was goin' to reinstate Joe as a manager if they wasn't gonna do it. Joe says I made a 'scratch man' outta him, whatever that means."

Tony really looked pained right down to where his neck would start, if he had a neck. He couldn't work up any enthusiasm about making his first appearance as a main-eventer at the garden.

Tony considers himself in mighty fine trim for his tussle with Mann. He's down to around 240 pounds, the

result, he says, of having limited his beer drinking to when he was thirsty and having refused several second helpings of spaghetti. Also, he has skipped considerable rope and bopped a lot of sparring partners, whom he employs on a wholesale scale at \$2 the session.

LYONS AND CHICK IN RETURN MATCH

Red Lyons and Bobby Chick will headline next Monday night's wrestling card at the Medford armory, clashing in a no-time-limit, finish match. It was announced today by Promoter Mack Lillard. It will be a return to the spectacular draw affair the boys staged in the middle engagement last Monday.

The Black Secret, upsetter of Bob Kenaston, will face Tony Garibaldi in the middle attraction, and two newcomers will round out the program, meeting in the opener. They are Floyd Britt of Luray, Kan., brother of Alvin Britt and Lefty Pacer of Indiana, a clean and scientific performer.

Promoter Lillard said that Kenaston, peevish over what he termed a "raw deal" in last Monday's main event, had pulled freight out of southern Oregon and headed southward.

HOT COMPETITION DUE SATURDAY IN SO. OREGON MEET

Several sensational battles are expected to occur Saturday afternoon when 18 high school track and field teams clash in the annual Southern Oregon district meet at the Medford stadium.

Competition will be especially keen in the 100-yard dash, with Ashland's brilliant sprinter, Don Caton; Medford's Ray Crooby, and Lakeview's Curry ranking as favorites. Caton has traveled the distance in 10.1. Crooby ran it in 10.3 last week at Grants Pass, and Curry is reported to have clocked it off in 10.1 this year.

In the 800 and mile, Medford's two distance runners, Chris Barker and Russ Werner, are expected to wage a spectacular battle. Langlois is also reported to have several strong runners in those events.

Because of its undefeated status this year, which also includes the championship of the Bill Hayward relays, Medford's powerful squad is the favorite to repeat its triumph of last season, when it scored 48 points. Coach Bill Bowerman conservatively figures his team will garner 40 tallies Saturday, with stiffest competition provided from Myrtle Point, champions of Coos county; Klamath Falls and Grants Pass.

Nearly 200 athletes will compete in the huge track carnival, the first time it has ever been staged here. Winners and second-place finishers will qualify for the state track and field meet at Corvallis next weekend.

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen says:
Ashland Lights May Allow Night Baseball Games

Football players of Ashland aren't the only athletes singing the praise of that fine, newly lighted gridiron, which received its baptism Tuesday night when the seniors beat the high school varsity, 6 to 0.

Directly following the pigskin encounter, Manager Jack Building of the Ashland Lithians got some of his baseball boys out under the glimmers for a laboratory test to determine whether the arcs shined enough artificial daylight for the national pastime. The result, to all concerned, indicated that Ashland, right now, is ready for night baseball.

The ball players didn't look at any pitching, but they did snag fly balls and grounders. And, to a man, they reported the horsehide could be clearly followed from the time it left the bat until it plopped in their gloves. Darby O'Toole, who can whack out fungoes with the best of them, whaled away and sent the apple miles high, and it never did pass from the range of the lights. Outfielders had no trouble in following the flight of the ball, and drives on the ground were apparently just as visible as in broad daylight.

The only question remaining is whether the lamps will furnish enough illumination for a batter facing a fast-ball chucker. Manager Building believes they will, but a more thorough test will be made soon to definitely settle the question. So far as the fielding is concerned, the lights are undoubtedly bright enough. If, after a batter versus pitcher test, the lamps are proved sufficient, southern Oregon fans can expect some night baseball in jig time.

For that matter, in case the lighting system isn't quite brilliant enough for hitters swinging at a speedball, not much remains to be done to make it so. Home plate on the field is located at the extreme north corner, and there are no light poles at the northeast end of the park. At the most, it would take only one more pole with its cluster of five globes to do the trick, the pole being placed at the northeast end of the field and near the plate. Maybe that wouldn't even be necessary, an extra lamp or so on the poles nearest the plate might do the trick.

Anyway, it looks like Ashland has stolen a big march on every other town in southern Oregon and northern California, whether intentional or not. Lights for night baseball have been a dream with ball players and fans for years, and it has been sincerely hoped the dream would come true, maybe next season. For Ashland, it apparently has come true, so it's up to Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Bend, Medford and the northern California villages to fall in line. When four, six or eight cities in this territory install lights for after-dark baseball, nothing much more will remain before a class B or class D circuit can be organized.

Actually, the Ashland field lights haven't as much power as those lighting the Medford turf gridiron. Ashland has eight poles with 1500-watt globes in clusters of five, while Medford has the same number of poles, but with six 1500-watt globes on each pole. However, the Ashland lamps are 70 feet above the ground while Medford's are 93, which undoubtedly

accounts for the excellent baseball visibility on the Lithian field. Another thing that makes the Ashland field seem better illuminated is the absence of turf, according to City School Superintendent E. H. Hedrick of Medford. Grass, he explained, is the poorest reflector of light, while a dirt field such as Ashland's is one of the best. Although the combined total power of Medford's arcs is greater than Ashland's, the Ashland field is actually better lighted because of superior field reflection, he said.

Manager Jud Fennell's Grants Pass Merchants, surprise team of the Southern Oregon league, comes to Medford Sunday to battle our Craters in the local inaugural, and great festivities are being planned. Already a long list of prizes for Crater "firsts" have been donated by Medford citizens, and elaborate opening day ceremonies are being arranged.

Grants Pass, with a bunch of youngsters sent there by the St. Louis Browns, and a sprinkling of veterans, knocked over Crescent City last Sunday, 10 to 5, and great was the rejoicing all over the circuit, except in the lap of the Crescents. The coast club, champions last year, were figured odds-on favorites to repeat, and the early setback by Grants Pass changed the entire complexion of the race.

Grants Pass will come to Medford with a powerful team, make no mistake about it. Steve Crippen, a young right-hander, will probably be on the mound, and if he hurls like he did against Crescent City, the locals will have to have their hitting pants on. Al Drolette has been shifted to first base to make way for Rogers, a brilliant young catcher, and other well-known players are Chuck Ostrom, Melvin McCarthy, Phil Griggs and Russell Blackamith.

Manager Wally Rickert of the Craters was especially pleased with the manner in which the local "murderers' row" went to work on three Ashland throwers Sunday. Also, with his feet one down the slot for six innings after relieving Bill Ratke in the second, Ray's curve ball was also breaking sharp and sudden, and all in all it was just about the young hurler's finest pitching exhibition in two years.

Skipper Rickert issued a serious ultimatum today regarding players who haven't been reporting for practice regularly. He said that from now on, those who didn't show up Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays would be replaced in the lineup with gentlemen sitting on the bench, and 'rarin' to go.

"We have so many good ball players sitting on the bench," Rickert explained, "that all the regulars have to hustle every minute to retain their positions. From now on, regulars missing practice sessions will be replaced with players who do work-out."

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Washington	15	8	652
Cleveland	15	8	619
Boston	13	8	619
Detroit	8	11	421
Chicago	7	11	389
Philadelphia	6	13	416
St. Louis	6	16	273

KIBBEE GETS BIG M'KENZIE TROUT

EUGENE, May 12.—(AP)—Guy Kibbee, film comedian who came back to the McKenzie river this year to get the "big ones he met last summer," landed a three-pound rainbow trout yesterday afternoon.

In the company of his wife and Prime Helfrich, veteran boatman of the McKenzie, the film star landed the beautiful reside trout after a tussle which lasted more than 20 minutes. In addition, he caught 12 fatrized fish.

Kibbee was so pleased with his catch that he decided to shandon his plans to go to the Oregon coast area and remain on the McKenzie till Friday morning when he will leave for Grants Pass for some fishing on the Rogue.

Trout fishing in the Chetco river is excellent, much better than at the same time last year, according to word received today from Hiram J. Hight.

Mr. Hight reports that many are being taken on buck-tail flies. Doc Shelton spinners and worms for bait

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