

SPORTS

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen says:
Shader Sees Fine Chance for Class D Loop in State

If there were several gentlemen like Mickey Shader scattered throughout Oregon key cities, this state would toss semi-pro baseball out the window and go for the professional, or organized, variety so quick the die-hard, bush league mollus wouldn't have time to say "It can't be done"—which phrase they have been mouthing for a sickening number of years.

Here in Medford conducting the annual Cincinnati Reds baseball try-out camp for young hopefuls, Shader sincerely believes that Oregon, with its several towns of fairly large population within easy traveling distance of each other, should and could produce as fine a class D professional league as there is in the country.

Shader, who has been connected with many minor league teams of class D rating and who knows about such things, cited some interesting figures concerning the operation of a team of that classification. For instance, he stated, it costs from \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year to operate a class D club, the figure including salaries, traveling expenses, park upkeep, uniforms and equipment.

He estimated conservatively that a club in a town the size of Medford should draw 40,000 spectators a season at home. As most class D schedules include 120 games a season, 60 at home and 60 on the road, this would figure an average of 666 fans per game. With night baseball, Mickey said he didn't see how Medford could miss pulling in that many customers.

OVER 25,000 TROUT TAKEN THIS SEASON FROM FISH LAKE

Still using that estimated 40,000 total attendance figure, Shader then pointed out that the total box office "take" for the season would be \$18,000, based on 25-cent bleacher and 40-cent grandstand ticket rates, the average being 32 1/2 cents.

This estimated \$18,000 "take," he emphasized, would be only money taken in at the gate at home, and wouldn't include the payoff Medford's club would receive on the road, 45 per cent, nor other lucrative negotiations. Of these latter he mentioned pre-season sale of box seats to local fans, raising of concession rights to a national company (which should bring \$5000 on the line, he said) and sale of advertising rights at the ball park.

Shader said that even though his estimated 40,000 attendance per season was a conservative figure, based on attendance totals of other class D clubs throughout the nation, a team in Medford could draw even less than that number and still show a profit for the year. If the town hit 40,000 or more, a very net sum of money would be realized, he pointed out.

Towns mentioned by the Cincy scout as most likely to be interested in the form of a class D loop were, in addition to Medford, Klamath Falls, Bend, Eugene, Albany, Corvallis and Grants Pass. He said that Silverton, although already equipped with a fine lighting system, seemed to be too well satisfied with their semi-pro team to go for a club in an organized league.

In all probability Central Point high school will be classed as an "A" institution when the second semester and basketball season rolls around . . . when and if it is, the district 9 mascot loop, now including Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass, will receive a new member . . . H. P. Jewett, C. P. school superintendent, said that if Central Point high had 150 students enrolled by November 1, it would automatically become a class A school, which won't hurt the feelings of the other county class B schools, considerably smaller in basketball manpower.

Several ex-Medford high athletes have left for what they hope will be sparkling college careers . . . In addition to Caples and Bowman to Oregon, we see Abory Campbell, the pass-throwing ex-Tiger fullback, traveling to Linfield; Jack Hill, football, basketball and track man of two seasons ago, choosing the same school; Wally Eri, last year's All-Southern Oregon conference football guard for Medford, moving to University of Portland.

To Buy Surplus Prunes.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Surplus dried prunes will be purchased by the surplus commodities corporation in California, Oregon and Washington for relief distributions, the state of the purchases depending on market developments.

THE DALLES, Ore., Sept. 13.—(AP)—An inquest into the death of Mrs. Hazel Keller, 43, had been ordered today after a post mortem examination disclosed poison in the woman's stomach. She died last Friday.

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SEATTLE RIVETS PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE PENNANT

First Title for Rainiers in 15 Years—Turpin Beats Angels, 4-3, to End Race—Portland Breaks Even

(By the Associated Press.)
Seattle held the 1939 Pacific Coast league baseball pennant today—the Rainiers' first championship in 15 years.

Manager Jack Lellvelt's club, which finished second to Los Angeles last year, clinched the flag last night with a 4 to 3 victory over Los Angeles at the Seattle park, to top the loop by seven games. The finale of the regular season is next Sunday.

Long in Front.
Seattle took the lead away from Los Angeles in mid-season and led all the way in. After the first couple of weeks of play, the Rainiers never were lower than second place.

It was Seattle's first pennant since 1924. Last year the club finished second, sixth in 1937, and fourth in 1938.

Hal Turpin, Seattle mound ace, hurled his 23rd victory of the season as the Rainiers weathered a Los Angeles rally in the closing frames. Seattle was off to a 4 to 0 lead by the sixth inning but Los Angeles threatened with a run in the seventh and two in the eighth before the rally was cut short.

Seals Hitting.
The third-place San Francisco Seals divided a double-header with Portland at the Beavers' park and moved up to only half a game behind Los Angeles. Portland won a comedy of 11 errors in the opener, 14 to 4, but dropped the nightcap, 10 to 3.

San Diego's Padres bunched four hits in the final two frames to nick Hollywood, 6 to 2, at Hollywood, and at Oakland the fourth-place Sacramento Senators defeated Oakland, 11 to 6.

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FIFTY GRID CANDIDATES APPEAR AT WILLAMETTE

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Fifty candidates turned out yesterday for the Willamette university football team as practice opened under Coach Spue Keene. Willamette is the defending champion in the Northwest conference.

Keene ordered two scrimmages a day toward the end of the week to ready the team for its first game September 22 in San Diego against the Marine Corps eleven.

Seventeen lettermen reported.

Scores Yesterday

National League
Cincinnati 3; Brooklyn 2.
Chicago 8; Boston 3.
St. Louis 4; Philadelphia 3.
New York 4; Pittsburgh, rain.

American League
Philadelphia 9; St. Louis 1.
Boston 7; Detroit 1.
Cleveland 4; New York 3. (10 innings.)
Chicago 3; Washington 2.

Pacific Coast League
Seattle 4; Los Angeles 3.
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Sacramento 11; Oakland 6.
San Diego 6; Hollywood 2.

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National League		
	Won	Lost
Cincinnati	79	50
St. Louis	77	58
Chicago	73	62
Brooklyn	69	61
New York	65	62
Pittsburgh	60	71
Boston	56	72
Philadelphia	41	87

American League		
	Won	Lost
New York	66	39
Boston	50	55
Chicago	47	58
Cleveland	43	54
Detroit	40	64
Washington	39	74
Philadelphia	48	87
St. Louis	38	97

Pacific Coast League		
	Won	Lost
Seattle	99	60
Los Angeles	93	77
San Francisco	91	75
Sacramento	86	84
San Diego	82	88
Hollywood	77	93
Portland	73	92
Oakland	74	96

Fights Last Night

(By the Associated Press.)
NEW YORK—Low Jenkins, 131 1/2, Sweetwater, Tex., knocked out Primo Flores, 134, Puerto Rico, (2).

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Arne Anderson, 210, Stockholm, Sweden, knocked out Ed (Tipperary) Murray, 210, Chicago, (3).

LOS ANGELES—Baby Arizmendi, 137, Los Angeles, outpointed Joey Silva, 135 1/2, Los Angeles, (10).

NEW YORK—Maxie Berger, 140 1/2, New York, outpointed Norment Quarles, 137 1/2, Richmond, Va., (8).

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Hunter Hills, N. Y., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Harry Hopman of Australia, today defeated Bryan Grant, Jr., of Atlanta, 7-5, 7-5, 6-3, in their fourth round match of the national tennis championships.

Eighteen-year-old Welby Van Horn of Los Angeles blasted Elwood Cooke of Portland, Oregon, out of the tournament, 6-3, 8-10, 6-4, 7-5, in another exciting upset. Cooke, recent Wimbledon finalist and the country's seventh ranking player, couldn't cope with the speed of his unranked, unseeded opponent.

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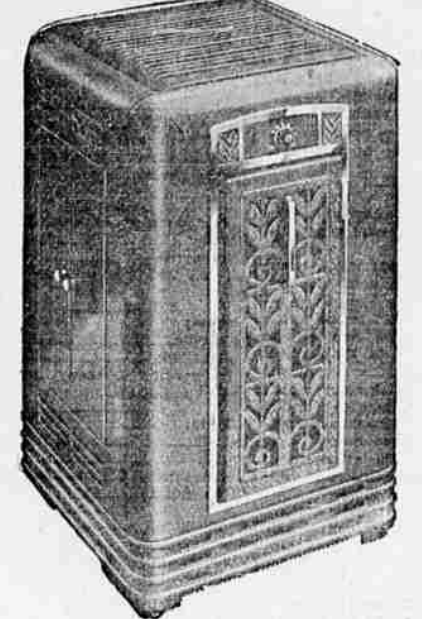
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