

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén says:
Craters Nearing End of Fine 1939 Baseball Season

Regardless of whether the Medford Craters up and sweat down the Grants Pass Merchants Sunday at the Climate city and haul home the Southern Oregon league Shaughnessy playoff championship and the handsome trophy donated by President of the Loop Dom Provoost of Ashland, nobody can truthfully say the locals haven't enjoyed a good season.

Of course this 1939 campaign wasn't so brilliant as the one produced last year when the Craters copped their first league pennant in a decade, but it hasn't been a poor season by a long shot. The laddies finished third in the regular race, two games out of first place, and then proceeded to knock over Crescent City in the playoff semifinals to reach the title round against the Grants Passers. If the unexpected occurs and Medford takes the third and deciding tilt from the Merchants, the season, by almost any token, must be considered a howling success.

Manager Paul Hoffard and the boys have had a tough row to hoe all year. They have been plagued by a lack of consistently good pitching, although at times the various flingers used by the Craters turned in fine exhibitions. Just how much that pitching problem effected the club can be realized when you take a look at the number of elbows who worked this season. There has been no less than eight chucks in action this year, and for a hush league team playing once a week that's plenty.

Since the season opened the Craters have had these pitchers tossing them over: Ray Erickson, Joe Spencer, Bill Rathke, Bill Purlong, Vernon Lef, Harry Leggett, Virgil Haynes and even Billy Calvert, a shortstop and catcher. Add Al Wilmer to the list and you have nine hurlers in all, although the young southpaw worked only part of an early-season exhibition encounter.

No other club in the eight-team league used such a quantity of moundmen. Grants Pass, for instance, relied entirely on Steve Crippen and Chuck Ostrom, with the latter seeing only a little action. Crescent City had Lefty Mike Koll for most of its battles and Ralph Deo for a few. Glendale had Merle Johnson and Spohrer. Ashland had Dig D'ordi, Haynes, Harold McAbee and Wayne Combs. Dorris had Ray Alviso, Gold Hill had Skinny Wilson, Andy Poshida and Duesenberry. Klamath Falls had Art Dito and Harry Griffith.

Despite that unquestionable weakness in the box, and this is meant as no reflection on the various Crater hurlers, who, as before noted, came up with some good but not consistent performances, the Medfords beat Crescent City, co-champs, four out of five times. Klamath Falls two out of two, Ashland ditto, Gold Hill ditto and Grants Pass one out of two. Only Glendale and Grants Pass held the upper hand on the Craters, the Loggers beating the locals twice in two starts and Grants Pass winning three out of four, with one yet to be played.

Taking everything into consideration, the Craters haven't done badly, so far as the won and lost record is concerned. Next year should be just as successful, if not more so. We understand that Vernon Lef, the southpaw outfielder, will come up from southern California again and that Haynes may again be in town. If Lef returns the outfield will be intact—Billy Piche and Hoffard will both be here, and Piche should be a great improved player with this year's experience under his hat.

The infield also will probably remain as is, with Tommy White, Johnny Gitten, Dick Lewis and Hunter Dixon on hand. Calvert may again be in town, as will several of the pitchers. There is some brist talk of installing lights for night baseball, and if this plan is carried out the financial aspects will take a decided turn for the better.

Bomber Knocks Out Agile Challenger in 11th Round

PASTOR RALLIES AFTER SUFFERING FIVE KNOCKDOWNS

Champion Not Bomber of Old is Word Of Experts—Battle With Galento In Summer Is Next On List.

Fight Figures

DETROIT, Sept. 21 (AP)—Following are the official figures on the heavyweight championship fight between Joe Louis and Bob Pastor:
Total attendance—33,868.
Net paid attendance—32,199.
Gross gate—\$347,870.
Net gate—\$259,900.
Louis' share—40 per cent of net receipts (approximately \$118,000).
Pastor's share—17 1/2 per cent of net (approximately \$52,000).

By Gayle Talbot

DETROIT, Sept. 21 (AP)—A crushing right to the jaw sent little Bob Pastor to his knees, dazed and helpless, in the 11th round at Briggs stadium last night, and Champion Joe Louis had snuffed out one more fighter who made the mistake of facing him the second time.

The blow so numbed Pastor's senses that he didn't hear as the gray-haired referee, Sam Hennessey, tolled 10. They had to lift him to his tired legs, and he mumbled apologetically: "I didn't see the punch. I didn't see it coming at all."

It must have been a deeply satisfying victory for the big, vacant-faced Negro, who was defending his title for the first time before cheering "home folks," a great number of them of his own race. Joe looked as nearly happy as he ever looks.

Down Five Times

He had knocked the New York Jewish boy down five times in the first two rounds, and then, after what he described as a "breathing spell," had dropped him with a single blow, clean and neat. It was what he had dreamed of doing ever since the night 30 months ago that Pastor had danced around and taunted him in Madison Square Garden.

Some of the experts were saying after the fight that Joe wasn't the Brown Bomber of old, else he never would have let Pastor get away from him temporarily after he had slugged him to the canvas repeatedly at the outset of the battle. They thought the champ's legs looked tired and that he was fuddled in the eighth, ninth and tenth rounds, all of which Pastor won. But Joe laughed at that.

"I knew I was in there for a 20-round fight," he said in the usual Louis dialect, which sometimes is exaggerated. "I wasn't in any hurry at all after I hit him so much as the first. But when I sat down at the end of the tenth I felt strong and fresh, so I told 'Chappie' (Jack Blackburn, his trainer) that I would get him the next round. Didn't I Chappie?"

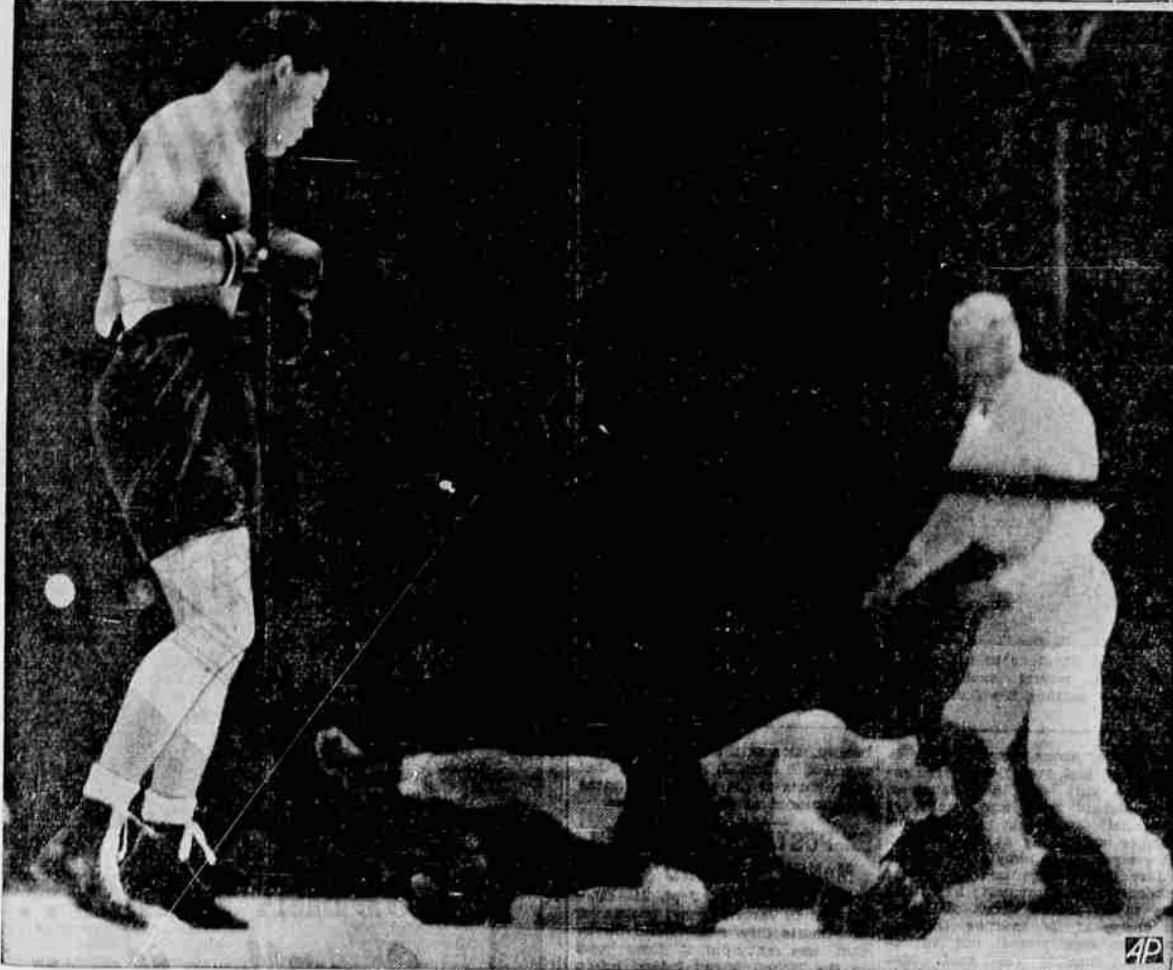
Not Brutal

It wasn't a particularly brutal fight, Pastor, who weighed 183 and spotted Louis 17 pounds, came out of it with a gash on his left eye, a lid and a slightly bruised face. Louis had a mouse under his left eye.

Pastor got in some pretty good licks, first and last. Once, in the eighth round, he stood Louis up against the ropes and whaled him right smartly. In fact, long after the scrap was over, he kept insisting to his manager, Jimmy Johnston: "I can punch with that guy."

Louis in all probability will not pull on the gloves again until he fights Tony Galento next summer. He's about fought himself out of opponents, for one thing, and he has his eye on his income tax, for another.

In the preliminaries Roscoe Tolan, 201, Detroit, outpointed Patsy Percoul, 188, Cleveland, (6); Bob Neale, 187, Los Angeles, stopped Chuck Crowell, 216, Spokane (5).



7 TIGER VETS TO GO AGAINST WEED TOMORROW NIGHT

Medford's Black Tornado football machine, opening its 1939 season here Friday night against a "mystery" Weed (Cal.) aggregation, will take the field with a lineup studded with seven veterans from last year's Southern Oregon conference champions and at least three, possibly four, gridders who have yet to engage in regular prep competition, according to a tentative lineup released today by Coach Bill Bowerman.

Three positions will be filled by inexperienced players. At left guard will be Dick Hewitt, 153-pound senior; at right end will be Vern Hoots, 165-pound senior; and at left end will be Bob Leonard, 135-pound sophomore up from the junior high club of last year. The Orr, 165-pound sophomore full back from Rogue River, is vying for a starting berth with John Sautsberry, letterman from last year.

The three other backfield posts will be filled by veterans. Louis Thurman will hold down the blocking quarterback position. Bob Newland will be at left halfback and Billy Piche at right halfback.

In the line, Harry Thurman will take care of the center job; Dale Howard will be spotted at right guard, and Al Harrow and Bill Clute will take care of the tackles. All these players are experienced vets.

The squad romped through its first workout under the lights last night. The drill lasted an hour, with the boys running through formations and doing only a little kicking and passing. No body contact work was done.

The Tigers will be decked out in brilliant new suits for their opening game. The jerseys are scarlet with black numbers and black inserts on the shoulders. The headgear are red with black tops.

Bowerman announced that George Harrington would referee, George Roberts would umpire and Bernie Hughes would act head linesman. Opening ceremonies will start at 7:15 when every football team in the city will parade on the turf and run signals. The team will include two from junior high, the senior high sophs and varsity and the squads of the four grade schools. The game with Weed will start at 8 o'clock sharp.

The Mail Tribune went ads.

SACS GO TWO UP ON SEALS; SEATTLE AND L. ANGELES ALL EVEN

By the Associated Press
Los Angeles and Seattle were even today in their half of the post-season Shaughnessy playoffs in the Pacific Coast baseball league, but Sacramento was two up on the San Francisco Seals.

A five-hit, three-run blast in the first inning helped the pennant-winning Seattle club to a 5 to 1 victory over the Angels at Seattle last night, while Sacramento won its second straight from the Seals at San Francisco, 5 to 4, in 10 innings.

Seattle's Les Webber had strong fielding support as he let the Angels down with only five hits, two of them in the sixth when Arnold Stave drove in Lou Stringer with the sole Los Angeles tally.

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The finish of Bob Pastor's game but losing fight against heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, at Briggs stadium in Detroit, is shown above. After being dropped several times in the first and second rounds, Pastor came back to stay until the eleventh. But here he goes down for the ten-count after 23 seconds of the eleventh round of the scheduled twenty-round bout. Sam Hennessey is the referee. Below Louis is shown crashing a left into the face of the challenger in the first round. (AP Photos by wire and airmail to Mail Tribune).

heavyweight champion, Billy Venable and Stanley Mayalack, a newcomer, will tangle in the opener. Mayalack is 27 years old, weighs 220 pounds and is a clean and scientific matman, who has been having much success in San Francisco and Oakland.

Tell Safety Score
HOUSTON, Texas.—(UP)—Houston police will dramatize fatal automobile accidents with flags. The all-white traffic safety car will carry a black flag on its radio aerial on days that the city has no fatalities and a white flag on days when such accidents occur.

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REDS AND CARDS BUILDING UP TO CRUCIAL SERIES

Cincy Retains 2 1-2 Lead As Walters Pitches His 26th Victory — Cards Batter Dodgers 10 to 4.

By Judson Bailey

Associated Press Sports Writer
Like the break of dawn, it's constantly becoming clearer that the National league pennant race isn't going to be decided until the Cincinnati Reds and St. Louis Cardinals come to grips in the waning hours of the season next week.

For days the two have been separated by the smallest of margins, unable to make a decisive gesture. This situation was emphasized yesterday as Bucky Walters pitched the Reds to a 3-2 victory over the Phillies and the Redbirds swarmed over the Brooklyn Dodgers, 10-4, to maintain their stern vigil 2 1/2 games out of first place.

Cubs Eliminated
The day wasn't static throughout the circuit, however, because the Chicago Cubs lost to the New York Giants, 4-2, and saw their last hope of repeating their 1938 pennant parade go glimmering.

This is the standing:
Games Games
W. L. Behind to play
Cincinnati 87 54 --- 13
St. Louis 85 57 2 1/2 11 1/2

Chicago 79 66 10 9
Brooklyn 74 65 18 15
(*) One game with New York cancelled.

The New York Yankees, their American league flag safely stowed away, walloped the Chicago White Sox, 8-4.

Coupled with Cleveland's 7-2 triumph at Washington, this dropped the pale hose into fourth place.

The St. Louis Browns undermined the Boston Red Sox' second place position with an 11-8 victory in 16 innings, the longest game of the year in the American league.

The Philadelphia Athletics edged out the Detroit Tigers, 5-4, in another marathon which ended in the 13th inning when Catcher Frank Hayes tripled and raced home on an infield grounder.

Boston's Bees were rained out at Pittsburgh.

GRANTS PASS, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The state game commission decision to prohibit fishing in lakes and streams west of the coast range summit between Oct. 15 and April 15 will provide a problem for boat parties down the Rogue river.

The mountain chains in general in southwestern Oregon run east and west and forest service officials said they could not readily guess where the coast range leaves off and the others begin.

East of the coast range trout fishing is legal in the Rogue until December 31 and with some restriction is legal in the main river or a tributary until the last day of February.

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Chicago	80	64	556
Detroit	73	69	514
Washington	63	83	482
Philadelphia	55	91	368
St. Louis	41	101	280

National League.

Cincinnati	87	54	617
St. Louis	85	57	598
Chicago	80	65	553
Brooklyn	74	65	532
New York	69	71	493
Pittsburgh	65	76	461
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