

# Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:

## Pitching Main Factor in High Crater Position

It is not hard to find the principal reason for the lofty position of Medford's Craters in the State league baseball race. You don't have to look further than the pitching records to understand why the locals are currently tied with Albany for the loop leadership.

Of course there are many contributing factors for the fine showing thus far of Manager Hoffard's gang—good, old-fashioned socking in the pinches, pretty nice defensive work in general, hustle and spirit, to mention just a few other reasons why the Craters have won five and lost one game.

But that excellent mound work is undoubtedly the largest single asset the Medford club has shown to date. As a matter of fact, we wonder what other State league team has such a high calibre flinging staff?

In the six league games the Craters have played, four of their starting pitchers have gone the entire distance. This may not be incredible, but it is at least remarkable. In comparison to some of those major league contests, where anywhere from two to six pitchers labor for each club, the local record is not bad by a long sight.

Jim Rego started the thing by hurling the route against Jack and Jill and winning, 10 to 1, while giving up five hits. Then came Steve Crippen's 2 to 1 win over Silverton in which he yielded seven blows over nine frames. Next was Big Bill Lanning's 7 to 5 conquest of Hills Creek, while allowing seven hits over the complete stretch. And last was Rego's 12 to 3 victory against Hills Creek Sunday, in which the Hillbillies accumulated but six safeties.

In only two games did Medford's starting pitcher fail to finish, and on both those occasions it wasn't that the flinger was belted out of the box. Orr Williams, opening on the rubber against Jack and Jill, was relieved in the fifth inning by Crippen, when he had a lead of 8 to 3 and was in no danger. Crippen went in simply to get some work, and not because Williams was getting his ears shelled off. On the other occasion Rego, starting against Silverton, was ejected from the game in the second inning for squabbling with the umpire, and Williams finished.

Baseball fans are rather a peculiar brand of sport clients at times. They are probably no different in Medford than in any other town, large or small, but that doesn't alter the fact that some of their ideas are well nigh impossible to understand. For example, when Medford entered the State league this spring; when it was decided to compete in the fastest semi-pro circuit in Oregon and perhaps the entire northwest, local enthusiasts were solidly behind the move—but it was practically 100 per cent agreed that Medford would HAVE to go out and get itself a baseball club of a calibre to stand up against the best other teams could offer.

Medford did this. It got a first class catcher, three small pitchers, an infielder and two outfielders. And now, despite the fact the Craters are not only in the first division but are actually deadlocked for the leadership, just what so many fans deemed absolutely necessary, we hear criticism that too many outside players are being used and the local boys aren't being given a chance.

It is true there are out-of-town players on the club, but nobody can deny that unless these boys had been brought to town the Craters wouldn't be where they are now—by about seven places in loop standings. It also is true that FOUR regulars on the team can be considered "local" in every sense of the word.

Cliff McLean, third baseman, has a year-around position here, and has resided in the county for six or seven years; Leonard Patterson is coach at Jacksonville high school and is certainly a permanent resident of the county; Second Baseman Riney Cook is coach at Medford junior high school, and Manager Paul Hoffard has lived here for over 10 years.

That would seem to be a pretty fair representation of local talent, especially when the other State league teams, with the exception of the two Portland outfits, run far heavier to so called imported material than does Medford.

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# 14 Teams Open 1940 Softball Season at Stadium Tonight

## SEVEN CONTESTS WILL INAUGURATE SUMMER SEASON

Gala Parade to Start at 7 P.M.—First Games at Field is Slated For 8.

Medford's 1940 softball season under the lights at the senior high school stadium gets under way tonight with 14 brilliantly-uniformed teams in two leagues swinging into action in six games. The gala opening night program will start at 8 o'clock sharp, following a parade through the downtown district.

League A clubs, the six finest in the city, will come to grips in three five-inning games. Lost River Dairy will face Jennings Tire company in the first tilt and this game will be followed by the Medco-Wooden Box club, and the Catholic Men-Fuhrer's Breadeaters contest. All league A games will be played on the north diamond.

Girls Play Six of the seven league B outfits will also see action this evening, colliding in three four-inning games. Teamsters, the seventh club, draws a bye. The league B teams will face off like this: Elks versus Gasco, Hunt's Craterian versus Community club, the city's two girls' teams: Eagles versus Bear Creek Orchards, and Copco versus Faber's. These games will be played on the south diamond.

All games tonight, although shortened, will count as regular league contests.

The grand parade will leave the county courthouse at 7:00 o'clock, move east on Main street to Bartlett street, north on Bartlett street to Sixth street, then west on Sixth street to the postoffice, where it will disband. Every player of all teams will be in the parade, as will senior high school band and drum corps, and the junior high drum corps. Several floats will also participate in the line of march.

Field Improved After the parade disbands, players will be transported to the stadium for field ceremonies prior to the first pitches on both diamonds.

Considerable improvement has been made at the stadium. The bleachers have been screened so that spectators are better protected, a high screen fence has been erected on the east side of the field to keep balls out of the hedge, and the diamonds are said to be in tip-top condition.

MOORE RETAINS BAT LEADERSHIP

Los Angeles, May 28.—(P)—Improving his average by seven points, Johnny Moore, swatting Los Angeles outfielder, easily retained Coast league batting honors with 427 in the past week's games through Sunday.

The league's home-run king, Lou Novikoff of Los Angeles, increased his total by one to 15 while his teammate, Bob Collins, clouted two and jumped into second place with nine. The total of Ed Coleman of Portland remained at 8.

In team batting, San Diego passed Los Angeles and San Francisco to take second place at .283 as Seattle remained at the top with .291.

OSC ENDS SEASON BY BEATING OREGON, 4-1

By the Associated Press The Oregon State Beavers, newly crowned northern division, Pacific Coast conference baseball champions, closed their successful season with a 4-1 victory over the Oregon Webfoots in Eugene yesterday.

Clayton Shaw, on the mound for the Beavers, had the best of Bob Rieder in a pitching duel although he allowed six hits to the Beavers' five. Bonney singled home two runs in the fifth to decide the contest.

The scores: R. H. E. Oregon State 4 5 0 Oregon 1 6 3 Shaw and Leovich; Rieder and Walden.

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## Zamperini Gains Revenge



Louis Zamperini (right) of Southern California won sweet revenge over Paul Moore of Stanford, who recently conquered him, by capturing the mile run in the Pacific Coast Conference track and field meet in Los Angeles. Zamperini covered the distance in 4:11.6, a new meet record. Phil Leibowitz of Idaho ran third.

## Lawson Little Paces Open Qualifiers With Great 134

By Hugh S. Fullerton, Jr. New York, May 28.—(P)—Old man par apparently hasn't a chance and the best of the amateur golfers not much more when the crack professionals who think they may win the national open championships start taking golf courses apart.

Thirty-one of the best players—the low 30 in last year's open and the home club pro at Cleveland's Canterbury club where the 1940 tournament will be played June 6-8—were exempted from yesterday's sectional qualifying rounds for the open. Yet when the rest of the entry list of 1,163 had finished playing 36-hole rounds in 25 districts the fairways were fairly littered with the pieces they had chopped off par. And only five amateurs were able to lead the way in their respective districts, including two who tied for top honors.

The greatest job of par breaking by any of the 139 qualifiers and one of the greatest ever seen in these sectional rounds, was turned in by Lawson Little, who won both the United States and British amateur titles in 1934 and 1935. Notably unsuccessful since then, Little suddenly got "hot" and shot amazing rounds of 65-69-134 to lead the big field in the Chicago district.

Scores under 70 weren't at all rare with 1,132 good golfers firing away, but the only one to come within three strokes of Little's figure was Leonard Dodson, who carded 68-69-137 at Kansas City.

The highest successful score in any district was 155 at Jacksonville, Fla. The amateur ace was the principal victim. In addition to Willie Turnesa, 1938 amateur champion, and Ray Bilblos, last year's runner-up to Bud Ward, such prominent Simon-pures as Chick Evans, one-time amateur and open champion, Art Doering, Bobby Dunkelberger, Trailer Bill Holt, and the former tennis champion, Ellsworth Vines failed to make the grade.

Ben Hogan, a sensation among the pros last winter, could earn no better than an alternate's berth, while ex-champions Billy Burke and Willie MacFarlane missed out along with Whiffy Cox, Chandler Harper, Joe Kirkwood, Alvin Krueger, Bill Mehlhorn and Jock Hutchison, Sr.

Six former open champions were successful. They were Gene Sarazen, Johnny Farrell, Walter Hagen, Johnny Goodman, Tony Manero and Sam Parks, Jr.

The National Resources board reports 881,725,000 acres of land in the United States "essentially incapable of tillage."

CRIPPEN LEADING CRATER BATSMAN Steve Crippen, pitcher-infielder-outfielder and what have you, is the leading batter of Medford's State league Craters, including games of last week-end. Crip has connected safely six times in 13 trips to the plate for an average of .462.

Three other Crater players are in the 400 class—Al Wray, centerfielder; Jimmy Rego, pitcher, and Riney Cook, second baseman—while Cliff McLean, third sacker, and Bill Lanning, flinger, are above .300.

Crippen also leads the club in home runs with one, while Wray is the leading run-scorer with eight.

Crater averages: Crippen .13 5 6 .462 Wray .18 8 8 .444 Rego .9 1 4 .444 Cook .28 4 12 .429 Lanning .3 0 1 .333 McLean .26 6 8 .308 Patterson .27 7 8 .296 White .20 5 5 .250 Ball .8 6 2 .250 Ball .8 0 2 .250 Hawkins .14 3 2 .143 Hoffard .16 2 1 .063 Kerr .4 2 0 .000

MARSHFIELD TO HAVE STATE KEG TOURNEY Eugene, May 28.—(P)—The State Bowling association, at a meeting held here Sunday, selected Marshfield as the site for the third annual Oregon state championship tournament. President Ed Johnson of Eugene said dates had been shifted to November 22 through December 8 in order to eliminate conflicts with other tournaments. The directors also recommended Klamath Falls as the site for the 1941 tournament.

The hotel business ranks seventh in United States in number of employes and capital in vested.

## PANTHER SCORES STRAIGHT TUMBLE WIN OVER PRINCE

In 31½ minutes of some of the finest scientific wrestling produced in the Medford armory this year, Jimmy Mitchell, alias the Black Panther, measured Prince Selaki Mehalakis for two straight falls in the main event of Promoter Mack Lillard's weekly program last night.

While the result was not exactly an upset it was surprising in that Mehalakis failed to obtain a fall, marking one of the very few times in the Prince's career he has been defeated in two straight tumbles.

The Panther, more aggressive than ever, got his first fall after 27 minutes of spectacular grappling. The boys slapped on practically every hold in the book and for a time it looked like the Prince was on his way to a tumble as he clamped on a figure-four leg-breaker and kept it for about 10 minutes. The Panther suffered considerably, but finally he broke the hold and put the Prince's cranium in a terrific headlock. Mehalakis endured the hold for almost a minute before giving up.

The last 4½ minutes were even more rapid-fire, with first one then the other seeming to have the advantage. Just before the end the Prince sonnerberged Mitchell to the carpet and once more clamped on a leg-breaker, but that latter, with a mighty heave, kicked loose and socked the Prince squarely in the kisser with both feet. Mehalakis went over backward, flat on his back, and the Panther leaped on top for the fall and the match.

Bulldog Jackson ran true to form in the center attraction, losing to Dou Sugai on a foul in the fourth round after each had obtained one fall. Jackson's tumble came in the second round and was produced by a series of arm-breakers over the ropes, followed by his favorite hammerlock. Sugai gave up.

The Salem Japanese flash brought into play his jiu jitsu sleeper, a variation of the reverse chin lock, to win his fall in the third heat. The match ended the next round when Jackson, despite Referee Earl Yoakley's warnings, refused to refrain from winding Sugai's arms around the ropes and fouling him in other ways.

After the match was given to Sugai, Jackson roared and stamped around the ring and mingled with the customers for fully ten minutes in violent protest of the decision. But as usual it didn't do him any good. Sugai, making his first appearance here, displayed a wide variety of colorful maneuvers. He sonnerberged like a master, he showed he knew what the flying mare was all about, and he came up with a new manner of dropkick—a single-leg sock to the chin, with the other leg saved to land on.

A painful boil on his leg forced Frankie Clemens to cease wrestling after he lost one fall in the second round to Ernie Piluso. Piluso worked on the leg during the first canto and finally, in the second heat, he pinned Clemens with a leg-breaker and body press.

Fights Last Night Chicago—Henry Wacker, Taylorville, Ill., 195, knocked out Willie Muldune, 183, Cleveland (1).

New York—Bobby Ivy, 130, Hartford, Conn., outpointed Texas Lee Harper, 130, Port Arthur, Texas (8).

## HOW THEY STAND

National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	20	8	.714
Cincinnati	22	9	.710
New York	17	12	.586
Chicago	16	15	.545
Philadelphia	11	15	.423
St. Louis	11	20	.355
Boston	9	18	.333
Pittsburgh	8	20	.286

American League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	19	9	.679
Cleveland	20	12	.625
Detroit	17	14	.548
Chicago	15	17	.469
Washington	15	18	.455
New York	13	17	.433
St. Louis	12	18	.400
Philadelphia	12	18	.400

Coast league unchanged.

## CAMPBELL SHOOTS 145 TO QUALIFY

Tacoma, May 28.—(P)—Albert (Scotty) Campbell, Seattle, former Walker cup team member, will join with national amateur champion Marvin (Bud) Ward in representing the Pacific northwest in the national open golf tournament.

Campbell qualified for the national meet yesterday when he led a field of six candidates for the tournament berth over the Tacoma Country and Golf club course. His score, one over par, was 71-74-145.

Other scorers: Chuck Hunter, Tacoma, 147; Chuck Congdon, Tacoma, 151; Bill Christie, Seattle, 160; John Burns, Yakima, 161, and Jim Christie, Seattle, 162.

Ward automatically qualified for the national by finishing fourth in last year's event.

## GANNETT SEES NO DANGER FOR U. S.

Portland, Ore., May 28.—(P)—America should not "trust its defense program to a president who by July will have spent \$67,000,000,000 in the war against depression and failed to win," Republican presidential aspirant Frank Gannett told Oregon Republicans last night.

He called the president's preparedness messages "outrageous promotion of hysteria" and asserted America was in no danger of attack. "We are not at war and under right leadership we need not be at war," he said.

Seattle, May 28.—(P)—City light rate reductions estimated by Supt. E. R. Hoffman to save consumers \$200,000 annually were approved yesterday by the city council.

California's 1940 cherry crop is valued at \$2,427,000.

## REDS, BROOKLYN EVEN IN TORRID NATIONAL CHASE

By Associated Press National league fans, who have endured enough hair-raising races in recent years that they can feel blasé about the child's play now going on in the American league, never have had anything closer than the Cincinnati Reds and Brooklyn Dodgers are today.

They are tighter than a tie, if such a situation is possible. The Dodgers are on top in percentage, .714 to .710, but they are half a game behind in won-lost calculations. Cincinnati has won two games more (22) than the Dodgers, who have lost one less (eight) than the Reds.

The Reds did all that was in their power to capture the lead in stopping the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-1 and 7-3 yesterday. But Cincinnati's best just was not good enough to erase that percentage margin as long as the Dodgers continued to win—and they chalked up their fourth straight victory with a 6-0 shutout of the Philadelphia Phillies.

Bill Posedel held the New York Giants to four safeties while the Boston Bees pounded out a 7-1 triumph with 13 hits off three pitchers.

The Chicago Cubs kept the National league design four-corned by belting the St. Louis Cardinals 7-1.

The Cleveland Indians slipped half a notch in their efforts to overtake the Boston Red Sox in the American league by losing a night game to the Detroit Tigers 6-1.

The New York Yankees pulled a pitching chestnut out of the fire in old time fashion. They got only four hits, the same as the Washington Senators, but triumphed 5-0. Spud Chandler allowed nothing but singles, well separated, while Charley Keller's fifth home run with two on and Joe DiMaggio's third.

This enabled the Chicago White Sox to climb back into the first division by outslugging the St. Louis Browns 15 hits to nine for a 7-5 victory.

Scores Yesterday National League Cincinnati 2-7, Pittsburgh 1-3, Boston 7, New York 1, Brooklyn 6, Philadelphia 0, Chicago 7, St. Louis 1.

American League New York 5, Washington 7, St. Louis 5, Detroit 6, Cleveland 1, Boston at Philadelphia, postponed, rain.

Pacific Coast League All teams idle. Use Mail Tribune want ads.

## RAY SCHUMACHER IS DEMO NOMINEE FOR ASSESSORSHIP

Ray J. Schumacher, unopposed Democratic primary candidate for county assessor, received 2,148 votes, according to the official count completed yesterday. The vote of Schumacher was inadvertently omitted from the published Democratic count.

Schumacher will oppose C. A. Myers, Republican nominee for assessor. Ira E. Schuler, unopposed for the Democratic nomination for county judge, will cross votes with J. B. (Blin) Coleman, Republican nominee. E. B. Poyer, Ashland, Democratic commissioner nominee, will oppose Arthur E. Powell of Central Point, Republican selection. William N. (Farmer) Bill Carl, who received the Democratic legislative selection, has no running mate and will contest with the Republican choices, Atty. W. M. McAllister and E. T. Newbury.

Ralph Sweeney, treasurer, received the nomination of both parties, as did County Clerk Carter and Deputy District Attorney Neilson.

## FEW OPENINGS IN NATIONAL GUARD FOR LOCAL BOYS

Capt. Carl Y. Tengwald announced today that a few enlistments would be made to fill existing vacancies in Company A created by reorganization and enlargement of the company. All single, male citizens between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five are eligible, if physically qualified.

"Recent national developments have made interest in the national guard intense," Capt. Tengwald said. "The guard not only gives the men of the nation a course in military training, but provides and makes possible a healthy and profitable vacation. This year, according to information, the summer training period will be held at Fort Lewis, Wash., where perhaps the largest concentration of troops since the World war will be brought together. This in itself will be a sight well worth seeing and being a part of."

Drills are held at the Medford armory. Third and Bartlett streets each Tuesday evening. Visitors are cordially invited to witness the various exercises, starting promptly at 8 p.m. Anyone interested in enlisting in Company A may do so by contacting First Sgt. Lindley at the armory at any time.

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