

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:

Craters Termed Gas House Gang By Eugene Fans

Eugene ball fans, who saw our Craters land a double sock to the button of their Athletics over the week-end, by counts of 10 to naught and 8 to 3, dubbed the locals the "Gas House Gang".

Although the monicker isn't original, by any means, it certainly appears to be appropriate. The Craters scrapped like mad for everything they got in the Eugene series, and they got plenty.

The nickname was hung on the Medford boys Saturday night, while Rego was flinging a three-hitter and the bat gents were lacerating everything Day and Hutcheson tossed their way. Then, to make the name stick, Steve Crippen got himself tossed out of the Sunday game for disputing an ump's verdict on a foul tip.

Crip's exit from the contest via official request brought to a couple the number of Crater guys who have been tossed to the showers by arbiters thus far this campaign, which is true "Gas House Gang" style. Rego was the other, being removed at Silverton three weeks ago, and for the same reason.

When the St. Louis Cardinals, the original Gas House, were running wild several years back, they were the most colorful and fightingest club in the National league. We are glad to see that Medford is cutting up in the same manner, for a ball club that fights for every break and goes about its business with a rip and a roar is bound to be a winning ball club.

Rego, after he got tossed, drew a certain amount of criticism from local fans, and even from various board members of the Medford Athletic association, who should know better. Crippen, now that he has been chased, may come in for some of the same.

It should be remembered by these persons who condemn a player for losing his temper, that if said player always kept his aplomb and remained unruffled through thick and thin he wouldn't be caring much whether he won or lost. Such players don't make winning ball teams. A player that battles to win, hates to lose, will at times forget himself to such an extent he will have umpire trouble. These sort of players should not be criticized too strongly, for without them a ball team is a pretty wishy-washy outfit.

Not that we uphold players who make a regular habit of going off the deep end and stirring up conflicts with the officials. There is a limit to a player's belligerency; if he is a perpetual umpire-batter and trouble-maker he is in the wrong and should be punished accordingly, by suspension. But neither Rego nor Crippen are of this calibre. They simply lost their tempers over what they honestly believed were raw decisions, and whether they were right or wrong in their belief doesn't matter.

They were sincere in their idea that they had been "robbed", and you can't blame anybody for standing up for what he thinks is right. Even to the extent of becoming mildly rough in language. Ball players on a winning team love to win, and anything that hinders this winning is cause for uprising.

Scores Yesterday

American League
St. Louis 7, Washington 4.
Detroit at New York, rain.
Cleveland at Boston, rain.
Only games scheduled.

National League
Brooklyn 8, Pittsburgh 7.
Boston 12, St. Louis 2.
New York at Chicago, rain.
Only games scheduled.

Pacific Coast League
All teams idle.

Train Kills Cyclist
Albany, June 11.—(AP)—A Southern Pacific railroad train killed Eldon Schultz, 19, bicyclist, at the Santiam Highway crossing near the city limits last night. The lad's body was hurled 50 feet and his head struck a curbing.

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Midget Pilots in Grudge Battle on Race Program Tonight

FULLER, GAFFNEY BRISTLING AFTER BEND ACTIVITIES

Time Trials Start at 7:30, Races at 8:30 — Wheelbarrow Novelty Scheduled

Red-hot rivalry—in fact, a bitter personal feud—will flare into action tonight as the midget racing machines tear around the oval at the new fairgrounds field on the third program of a summer series staged by Promoter Bobby Rowe of Portland. The extravaganza starts at 7:30 sharp.

Jud Fuller of St. Louis and Wayne Gaffney of Yakima, Wn., are the two pilots carrying big chips on their shoulders, their enmity being born at Bend Sunday afternoon in the feature event of a race card which drew 3,000 spectators. Fuller and Gaffney, two of the classic pilots in the game, staged a dog-fight for 24 laps, and as they roared into the home stretch the latter was leading by the proverbial nose. Ten feet from the finish line Fuller drove Gaffney's midget into a bale of hay at the edge of the track and shot past him to receive the checkered flag. The axle was split on Gaffney's machine, and although the driver wasn't physically injured his feelings were, and he has vowed to get even with Fuller this evening.

Gaffney Responsible
Prior to this, Gaffney had almost forced Fuller's midget through a fence in a special match race, so Fuller apparently had some basis for his decision to pull a fast one in the main event. Observers claim the two drivers are honestly at swordpoints and are determined to have it out tonight. They may be matched in a special five-lap battle somewhere on the program, but even if they are not they will come together several times during the evening.

A three-car crash at Bend also sent a trio of drivers to the hospital, and attempts are being made to bring in three pilots from California to fill in for them tonight. Ascot Louie, Howie Pearson and Don Cameron were injured in the wreck, and won't be here tonight. Dave Gould and Russ Jordan, two local drivers, may appear on the program if the California pilots don't get here in time.

Scheduled to drive are Les Anderson of Oakland, Cal., Frenchy Dubois of Montreal, Rastus Greene of Birmingham, Wild Bill Cummings of Butte Falls, Al Milton of Minneapolis, Bob Anderson of Vancouver, Cliff Woodley of Grants Pass, Ray Chase of Portland, leading driver of the circuit; Bob Hittner of Klamath Falls; Jack Hittner of Medford, and possibly Cy Stockford of Medford. Also, Fuller and Gaffney, of course.

Track Good
A novelty race has been lined up with four drivers selected by popular vote of grandstand patrons. The pilots will circle the oval three times, leap from their cars and continue around the track once in wheelbarrows, with their mechanics furnishing the power.

Time trials will start at 7:30 and will be followed by a trophy dash. There will be five heat races of seven laps each and a class B main event for slower cars. The 35-lap reverse handicap will wind up the program, and at least a dozen cars are expected to participated in this event.

The track has been placed in fine condition and a capacity crowd is expected to attend.

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SWIM IN DRINKING WATER

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MERRICK'S

A Winner and Runner-Up



This Associated Press photo shows Gene Sarazen (left) and Lawson Little when they met after Sarazen came from behind to tie Little's 287 total and forced the national open championship into an 18-hole playoff at Cleveland. Both were confident of victory. "Didn't you say a man over 35 was too old to win the open?" twittered Little. "Maybe I'm younger than I thought I was," chuckled Gene.

CONFERENCE BIGWIGS TO DISCUSS QUESTION SPRING GRID DRILLS

Sun Valley, Idaho, June 11.—(AP)—Edwin N. Atherton, commissioner of the Pacific coast conference, planned today to lay before coaches, faculty men and graduate managers here new regulations designed to take up slack in the organization's long range program.

The former G-man also sought development of a plan outlined by conference leaders to determine the duties and scope of his office.

In addition to the matters submitted by the commissioner, the conference representatives had these questions to puzzle over: Should spring football training be abolished or curtailed? Should the pay scale for campus employment of athletes be boosted? How should "recruiting rules" be applied? Should the rule prohibiting remitting tuition for athletes be allowed to stand?

SHORTAGE OF LETTUCE HIKES PORTLAND PRICE

Portland, June 11.—(AP)—A shortage that dealers described as "spectacular" sent lettuce prices upward on Portland markets today.

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20 TEAMS ENTERED IN STATE SEMI-PRO MEET

Portland, June 11.—(AP)—The Silverton Red Sox, the nation's third ranking semi-pro baseball team, will defend the state title against 19 teams at the tournament opening here July 2.

Entries closed yesterday, although Ray Brooks, northwest semi-pro director, said the mail might bring in additional competitors in the next two days.

TED KERR SIGNS WITH OGDEN; TO REPORT AT ONCE

Ted Kerr, 18-year-old outfielder-catcher of Medford's State league Craters, has signed a contract with the Ogden (Utah) club of the class C Pioneer league and will leave Medford tonight to report to his new bosses.

Kerr was signed by Charles E. Chapman, Pacific coast representative for the Cincinnati Reds, on the recommendation of Pitcher Jimmy Rego of the Craters. His contract is believed to call for \$100 a month, in line with salaries paid in class C loops.

Medford obtained Kerr three weeks ago from the Salem Senators of the Western International league, and since he has been in Crater livery he has literally torn the cover off the ball at the plate. He is currently batting .350, from seven hits in 20 trips. He has belted a homer, triple and double.

Kerr, a San Diego, Cal., boy, signed as a catcher for Ogden, a Cincinnati farm. While his Medford teammates wish him all the luck in the world, his sudden departure will be keenly felt here the coming week-end when the Craters entertain Albany's Alco-Oaks, tied with the Craters for the State league leadership. In the opinion of local baseball men, the youngster should have little difficulty making good with Ogden, and many observers believe he will continue to rise in professional ball.

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80 ENTER PALM BEACH TOURNEY; PAIRINGS MADE

Club Manager George Robertson today announced the pairings of 80 entrants in the annual Barker Palm Beach handicap tournament at the Rogue Valley Golf club. There are five flights of 16 players each.

All first-round matches must be played this week, and beginning next week two matches will be staged each week. Robertson said. He requested that opponent contact each other and set the time for their battles.

A Palm Beach slack suit will be awarded every flight winner, with a Palm Beach tie going to every runner-up. A regulation Palm Beach suit will be given to the tourney champion, determined in playoffs among the five flight winners. Pairings with handicap, follow:

- First Flight.**
Leland Clark 2 vs. Fred Greene 10.
J. Creager 10 vs. T. Porter 6.
H. Price 6 vs. C. Reaney 10.
Lee Watson 10 vs. B. Catey 10.
Ed Simmons 2 vs. R. Pruitt 10.
I. Staples 4 vs. L. Clement 10.
R. R. Hammond 2 vs. E. Tummy 10.
H. C. Wells 10 vs. K. Kittle 10.

- Second Flight.**
S. Apollo 14 vs. M. Lillard 13.
L. Blythe 13 vs. N. Miksche 12.
W. Biddle 11 vs. S. Reigel 14.
M. Peirce 14 vs. Geo. Roberts 15.
R. B. Hammond 11 vs. F. Perl 15.
C. Clay 14 vs. A. Littrell 14.
B. Orr 11 vs. Geo. Patterson 14.
G. Jackson 14 vs. Paul Meyers 10.

- Third Flight.**
M. Sands 15 vs. G. Thorn-dike 18.
B. Sherwood 16 vs. F. Leonard 16.
G. Robinson 18 vs. Ed Nichols 16.
O. Schenck 17 vs. A. Pruitt 16.
J. Cupp 16 vs. M. Leonard 18.
B. Lageson 17 vs. B. Trow-bridge 17.
W. B. Kincaid 16 vs. M. Miller 16.

- Fourth Flight.**
F. G. Bunch 20 vs. G. Cod-ding 22.
B. Thurlow 20 vs. E. Kofoed 19.
D. Wray 18 vs. T. Nave 20.
M. Marley 20 vs. Dick Smith 22.
H. Fluhrer 23 vs. H. Cleland 21.
R. T. Donelson 22 vs. Geo. Neilson 22.

- Fifth Flight.**
Don Bagley 24 vs. H. Kellom 18.
Doug Gardner 24 vs. J. Barr 20.
R. W. Ruhl 22 vs. V. Rolfe 25.
E. Mohr 22 vs. J. Pfeiffer 22.
J. Jerome 23 vs. R. Bardwell 24.
H. Thierolf 25 vs. S. A. Gibbs 22.
J. Smith 23 vs. J. Moran 25.
H. Woods 22 vs. F. H. Wood-ward 23.

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PILUSO RALLIES TO WHIP SUGAL IN MAT BATTLE

After dropping the first fall to his clever opponent, Portland's Ernie Piluso came from behind to grab two tumbles and defeat Don Sugal of Salem in last night's main event wrestling match in the Medford armory.

A series of painful and potent hammerlocks gave Piluso the victory. His first fall came six minutes after the rest period and he wound up the spectacular and scientific bout in one minute and 20 seconds of the third heat.

Sugal, far from outclassed, got his tumble nine minutes after the opening gong. After the pair exchanged legitimate holds in sensational fashion, the Japanese flash suddenly cut loose with four thundering sonenbergs, and finished off the attack with a body press for the fall.

Piluso came back strong and fished Sugal into position for the hammerlock that gained him victory. Ernie worked on Sugal's left arm so violently that the Nipponese was forced to give up. And after the rest period, which wasn't long enough for Don to recuperate, Piluso again grabbed the arm and applied the pressure, and once more Sugal had to say when.

Jimmy Mitchell, alias the Black Panther, scored a two fall to one victory over Frankie Clemens in the middle event, and like Piluso he was forced to take two tumbles after losing the first.

Clemens, in the second round, whipped on a reverse body scissors and riveted Mitchell's shoulders to the carpet. In the third Mitchell clamped on his favorite headlock and after suffering the pressure for several minutes Clemens gave up.

The fifth round saw the match end, as the Panther bounced off the ropes, gave Clemens a terrific flying mare and pinned him with a body press.

Prince Selaki Mehalikis whipped Canadian Herbie Parks in two straight falls in the opener, taking tumbles in the second and third rounds. Mehalikis used a Boston crab for the first fall and came right back to apply the same maneuver for the match, after weakening Parks with sonenbergs and body slams.

Promoter Mack Lillard announced that Jimmy Goodrich, ex-Notre Dame grid star, was due here soon, and that Dangerous Danny McShane would probably appear on next week's card. Bob Kenaston issued a ringside challenge to the winner of last night's main event.

A vociferous rooting section was provided by 29 Mail Tribune carriers, who earned ducats to the program by selling subscriptions the past week. Those attending were as follows:

Billy Bauman, Carl Bashor, Gerald Bishop, Dean Davis, Ernest Winkle, Steve Dodge, Lee Blew, John Jensen, Robert Weir, John Brewer, George Bryant, Edward Evanson, Bruce McKay, Roy Russell, Walter Clements, Jack Pope, Jack Healy, Roy Goodman, Richard Frederick, Bob Brewer, Homer Young, Bill Frederick, Jack Burdell, Arnold Joki, Ralph Brock, Leland Dressler, Kieth Ehrk, D. O. Lindsey and Albert Anderson.

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Washington Rowing System Dominant at Poughkeepsie

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 11.—(AP)—Washington's oarsmen were due here today for a final week of preparation for the intercollegiate regatta next Tuesday. The chances are that even if the Huskies don't win Washington still will be the ruling power in the rowing world.

For two of the eastern contenders for the intercollegiate title—Cornell and Princeton—are coached by Washington graduates. The consensus hereabouts is that if anyone beats the Huskies this year it will be Cornell.

Under the guidance of Harrison Sanford and Norman Scribner, both Washington alumni, Cornell has become about the most potent rowing power in the east. Princeton, which has supported crews since 1872, but never before sent one to Poughkeepsie, is a rank outsider among the nine varsities. The Tigers had a rather dismal spring season, beating only Navy.

Ky Ebricht, who has won more Poughkeepsie races than any other coach, dropped his 1939 champions a notch or two in the eyes of some observers when he made several shifts in his boatings yesterday.

Columbia and Syracuse may be the "dark horses" of the varsity race. Navy can be judged only on its sprint record, and the midshipmen didn't win a race. Wisconsin has shown considerable improvement since its arrival but still doesn't look good enough.

SOFTBALLERS IN ACTION TONIGHT

Games Tonight
American league: Catholic Men vs. Jennings Tire company, 8 p. m.; Lost River Dairy vs. Medco, 9 p. m. National league: Elks vs. Copco, 8 p. m., Gasco vs. Eagles, 9 p. m.

The softballers start a new week of play at the stadium tonight, with undefeated Medco and Lost River Dairy tangling in the feature American league clash at 9 o'clock.

At a meeting of team managers last night, it was voted to discontinue Wednesday night action after this week in order that exhibition baseball games between the Craters and strong out-of-town clubs could be staged at the fairgrounds park.

TRIO TIED FOR COAST LOOP BAT LEADERSHIP

Los Angeles, June 11.—(AP)—Pacific Coast league batting honors gravitated into a three-way tie in the week's games through last Sunday.

Topping the circuit for the previous week, Johnny Moore of Los Angeles slumped .27 points to .375 to become all square with two swatting San Diegans, Steve Hesper and Al Detore. The latter two had .386 and .383, respectively, a week ago.

Lets Up at 99.
Millville, N. J.—(AP)—John Foster, at the age of 99, has just come to the conclusion that "I'm getting a little too old to go blackberryin' this year." He made the observation immediately after sawing and chipping half a cord of wood. He still will work a garden in the rear of his home, however.

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HARRINGTON BOYS IN QUALIFY ROUNDS

Portland, June 11.—(AP)—Vincent Dolp and Louis Jennings tied yesterday at the halfway point of the qualifying round in the Oregon amateur golf tournament. Each carded a 71.

Sissy Green, long-hitting 15-year-old Portland girl, scored 80 in the women's tournament and was medalist.

Dolp and Jennings, one under par, were followed by Dick Hanen of Marshfield with 73. Glenn Spivey, The Dalles, Roy Wiggins, Joe Ahern, Doug Nicol and Robert Orr, all Portland, had 74s. The last 18 holes of the qualifying were played today.

Among other 18-hole scores in the men's medal round: George Harrington, Medford, 78; Ivan Harrington, Medford, 81.

Fights Last Night

By the Associated Press
New York—Maxie Berger, 140, Montreal, outpointed Bobby McIntyre, 139, Detroit (8).
Philadelphia—Johnny Barbara-Kid Cocos fight postponed until Thursday because of threatening weather.
Chicago—Leonard Bennett, 146, Detroit, outpointed Tommy Pallatin, 144, St. Joseph, Mich., (10).
Baltimore—Charley Gomer, 135, New York, outpointed Everett Rightmire, 127, Sioux City, Ia.

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