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Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:

"Break Up Medco" Is Softball Cry; English Says No

Like that familiar cry of "Break Up the Yankees," which was heard almost constantly the past four years, there is agitation afoot here to "Break Up Medco," the powerhouse softball crew of Clarence English and Medford Corporation . . . because the Medcoites were pennant winners in 1939 and got away to a whopping start this campaign, several of the other team managers have become penicky and desire to relieve Medco of several of its star players, distributing them among American loop clubs to "even up the race."

Medco is undoubtedly the strongest team in the league, but it is also the most colorful and the best-drawing . . . by deliberately weakening the outfit so that its competitors can be strengthened, softball here would be cheapened no end . . . such an act might make a closer pennant race, but it would be a "phony" race, a manufactured one, and that's certainly not the general idea of sports, any sport . . . anyway, Mr. Clarence English says they aren't going to break up his softball club, so that seems to be that.

Look for Klamath Falls to be in the Oregon State baseball league next year . . . the Pelican city is constructing a fine, new, lighted field, through the cooperation of a civic club and a softball group, and the baseball boys already have started chattering about a berth in Oregon's fastest semi-pro circuit . . . Bend couldn't get lights this spring, but the city is on its way now . . . a \$8,000 bond issue was recently voted by the citizens of the central Oregon town, and erection of the arcs is underway.

Orv Williams, who has been with the Medford Craters all year in the role of relief pitcher, plans to return to his home in Portland this week . . . Williams, young and ambitious, wants to get experience and, realizing he couldn't do so with the Craters, with Rego, Lanning and Crippen hanging around, decided to snap up an offer he received from a Portland semi-pro team . . . the boys will be sorry to see Orv pull out, as he was one of the most popular players on the team.

Cratter officials are thinking about hoisting up temporary bleachers at the fairgrounds park this coming week-end, when Albany's Alco-Oaks come here for a two-game "serious" with the locals . . . it may be a good idea, at that, for if there ever was a "natural" set of games, these two coming up are it . . . the two clubs ended the first half in a dead heat for the top spot, with nine wins out of 10 starts, and it is a state-wide question as to which is the giant of the State league.

The best shortstop since Harry Dunn—that's what old-time fans are calling Alex McDonald, who covers that territory for the Craters . . . three times in the Eugene series last week-end, Alex cut off what looked like certain base-hits, and along with his terrific fielding, he possesses what is commonly referred to as "hustle," with a capital H.

Grants Pass, undefeated leaders of the Southern Oregon league, has been issuing challenges to the Craters for a game under the local glims some Wednesday eve, and such will probably take place in the next two weeks . . . another strong team to appear here in the near future is Mt. Shasta City (Cal.), which is heading the Northern California loop with six victories and no set-back.

GAFFNEY WINNER OF 35-LAP MAIN MIDGET STRUGGLE

Through clouds of dust stirred up by nine roaring midget racers, Wayne Gaffney of Yakima, Wash., pounded his high-powered "doodle bug" to victory in the 35-lap, reverse handicap feature event on last night's Bobby Rowe race program at the fairgrounds baseball park. Some 1,500 customers were in the stands.

Gaffney won by a margin of almost a full lap over Portland's Ray Chase, with Wild Bill Cummings of Butte Falls in third place, Cliff Woodley of Grants Pass in fourth and Don Cameron of San Francisco in fifth.

Although slated for 35 laps, the race fell one turn short of reaching that figure as Frenchy Dubois of Montreal, Canada, rammed into the centerfield fence on the 34th whirl, bringing the struggle to an end. Dubois was not injured but his midget suffered had front-end damage, and the Valentine sign on the fence was battered considerably.

The accident occurred when the Dubois car's front axle broke after he rounded the south curve. Out of control, the car smashed into the barrier and the rest of the drivers were flagged down.

Gaffney's time for the 34 laps was 10 minutes, 55 seconds.

Cliff Woodley, the Grants Pass boy making his first competitive race appearance, led the pack for six laps, when he was picked by Gaffney. From then on the Yakima pilot was never headed. After losing the lead, Woodley and Don Hilson of Klamath Falls staged a battle for second place for 10 laps, but Ray Chase overtook both on the 25th lap and went on to grab second money.

Don Cameron won the five-lap class B main event, finishing 200 yards in front of Bruce Day of Los Angeles, with Les Anderson of Oakland, Cal., third. Cameron took the lead at the outset and held his position throughout.

In a novelty wheelbarrow race, Cummings of Butte Falls won first money, with Jack Terrett of Yreka, Cal., second. A special three-lap match race between Terrett and Woodley was taken by Terrett in 1.85.

Jud Fuller of St. Louis grabbed the first two races following completion of time trials. He copped the helmet dash of three laps, with Gaffney second and Chase third, and came right back to win the first heat race over Chase in second and Gaffney third.

The second heat race saw Gaffney receive the checkered flag, followed by Cameron and Cummings in that order. Cummings got himself a win in the third heat race, with Dubois second and Woodley third. Terrett won the fourth heat race over Al Milton of Minneapolis, with Woodley third. Woodley came back to win the fifth and last heat race, with Cy Stockford of Medford second and Rastus Greene of Birmingham third.

Jud Fuller turned in the best time in trials, negotiating the oval in 18.30 seconds. Gaffney was second with 18.67, and Chase third with 18.73.

It was announced that another program would be held at the fairgrounds field next Tuesday night. The midgets will roar at the Josephine county fairgrounds next Saturday evening.

Weather. Northern California: Fair tonight and Thursday but overcast on coast and cloudy in extreme north portion with local thunderstorms over the mountains; cooler in interior this evening and on Thursday; moderate northwest wind off coast.

Cubs Wish Diz Dean Luck



Diszy Dean's Chicago Cub teammates crowded around him at Wrigley field dressing room to wish him luck as he pitched prepared to depart for the Tulsa club of the Texas league, where he hoped he would be able to wish him luck as the pitcher delivery and perhaps return to the majors. Left to right: Stan Hack, Jake Mooney, Claude Passeau, Bernie Olsen and Dean (seated).

HOW THEY STAND

National League		
W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	29 13	.690
Cincinnati	31 15	.674
New York	28 15	.651
Chicago	26 24	.520
Philadelphia	16 26	.381
Pittsburgh	15 25	.375
St. Louis	13 29	.341
Boston	13 27	.325

American League		
W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	26 16	.619
Detroit	26 18	.591
Cleveland	28 20	.583
New York	24 22	.522
Chicago	23 25	.479
St. Louis	21 27	.438
Washington	20 30	.400
Philadelphia	18 28	.391

Pacific Coast League		
W.	L.	Pct.
Seattle	39 28	.574
Oakland	42 32	.568
San Diego	38 33	.535
Hollywood	39 35	.527
Sacramento	36 38	.488
San Francisco	34 37	.479
Los Angeles	33 37	.471
Portland	24 44	.353

ASHLAND-TALENT TEAM DISBANDS

Dom Provost of Ashland, president of the Southern Oregon Baseball league, announced late yesterday that the Ashland-Talent Atees had withdrawn from the circuit and the team would disband.

Provost told League Secretary Austin Frazier of Medford that officials of the Atees had found it impossible to break even financially and that players on the team were discouraged by the lack of support and in favor of breaking up for the rest of the year.

The withdrawal of Ashland-Talent leaves the loop with five clubs—Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Gold Hill and Crescent City—and league officials plan to either revise the schedule for the remaining teams or order all Atee games from now on forfeited to the opposition.

Ashland-Talent, as a result of

MEDCO TROUNCES LOST RIVER, 8-4

Games Tonight
American league: Medco vs. Catholic Men, 8 p.m.; Wooden Box vs. Fluhrer's, 9 p.m. National league: Copco vs. Gasco, 8 p.m.; Faber's vs. Teamsters, 9 p.m.

Medco made it four straight wins in as many starts last night by exploding for seven runs in the fifth inning to defeat Lost River Dairy, 8 to 4, in an American league softball game.

Behind by a count of 1 to 4 going into the fifth, the league leaders suddenly found the range on Marchi, Dairyman flinger. Three hits, four walks and an error accounted for the seven tallies and the ball game.

In the other American loop clash, Jennings Tire registered its first victory with a 14 to 7 shellacking of the Catholic Men. Jack Hill led the winners' attack with a homer and triple, and two double plays aided in the outcome.

L. Sakraida homered for the losers, McGuire belted a triple and G. Gitzen hit a double.

Copco continued unbeaten in the National league with a 5 to 1 win over the Elks, as Ray Singler fanned nine and allowed but four scattered blows.

The Eagles won their first National loop contest from Gasco, 14 to 9, and as a result the latter club dropped into the cellar with no wins in four games. Vessey hit a homer, H. Lewis a triple and Humphries, Cadwalader and H. Lewis doubled for the Eagles. Wall clouted a round-tripper for Gasco.

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	SH	Avg.
Wray	29	10	13	2	4	0	6	4	.448
Crippen	20	6	8	3	0	1	5	1	.400
Calvert	5	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	.400
Cook	44	6	17	3	0	0	5	4	.386
McLean	42	8	14	2	0	0	9	3	.333
Williams	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	.333
McDonald	16	1	5	1	0	0	2	1	.313
Patterson	42	11	13	2	0	0	6	0	.310
Rego	13	2	4	0	1	0	3	0	.308
Peterson	30	9	8	3	1	0	5	1	.267
Hawkins	30	6	6	1	0	0	7	1	.200
Lanning	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.143
Hoffard	18	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	.111

Wray Leads Crater Batsmen; McLean Belts in Most Runs

As the Medford Craters prepare for the long-awaited invasion of Albany's Alco-Oaks next Saturday night and Sunday afternoon for the year's "big" series, a glance at the offensive figures of the local State league leaders reveal that Al Wray, southpaw centerfielder, is topping all Crater players in batting at the close of the regular first-half race.

Wray has connected for 13 hits in 29 trips for a mark of .448, and in addition he leads the club in triples with four and is tied with Riney Cook for the stolen-base leadership with four. The outfielder also has laid down the most sacrifice bunts—four.

Three players are deadlocked for the lead in two-baggers, Rock Peterson, Cook and Steve Crippen all having belted three. Crippen has hit one homer. Leonard

(Pat) Patterson, first baseman leads in runs scored with 11.

In the vitally important runs-batted-in department, Cliff (Chief) McLean, third sacker and cleanup hitter, leads all with nine. Although he is batting only .200, Catcher Tommy Hawkins has driven seven tallies across the plate to hold the runner-up position in the RBI column.

The amazingly fine offensive balance of the club also is revealed in the runs-batted-in figures, for no less than seven players have socked five or more markers over the plate. In other words, no one or two men are carrying the attacking load—they all are having plenty to say about the matter of driving runs across the platter.

Following are the offensive figures for the first half of the State league season:

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HUSKY CREW BOSS RAPS RACE DATE

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 12. (AP)—The University of Washington eventually will withdraw from the intercollegiate regatta on the Hudson river, unless the board of stewards set a later date for the race, Coach Al Ulbricksen said today.

Ulbricksen, making his statement after the coaches of the 16 college crews had sent the oarsmen through their morning workout, said his crews can not get the proper training unless the race is held after June 24. Washington oarsmen are not

permitted to leave the school until final examinations are completed and the university normally does not complete its year until June 5 or 6, according to the Huskies' coach.

Scores Yesterday

National League.
New York 4-3, Chicago 0-1. Philadelphia 4, Cincinnati 1. Brooklyn at Pittsburgh, rain. Boston at St. Louis, rain. the south central.

American League.
Detroit 6, New York 1. Boston 9, Cleveland 2. St. Louis 5, Washington 2. Chicago 5, Philadelphia 4.

Pacific Coast League.
San Diego 2, Seattle 1.

Los Angeles 2, San Francisco 1. Oakland 7, Portland 2. Hollywood 5, Sacramento 4.

ATHERTON GIVEN WIDE POWER IN CONFERENCE; SPRING TRAINING O. K.

Sun Valley, Idaho, June 12. (AP)—Near dictatorial power was vested today in Edwin N. Atherton, commissioner of the Pacific Coast conference.

Only by appeal to the faculty representatives of the 10-member college athletic circuit could one of his rulings be reversed—and the faculty group meets only twice a year.

In between their sessions, the faculty representatives voted, Atherton has complete power in interpreting rules and making decisions in cases violating the conference code.

Meanwhile, graduate managers of the conference tossed aside a proposal to eliminate spring football training, a suggestion that came largely from coaches of other spring sports.

Two other problems, scouting of rival football teams and freshman athletic competition, were debated but the graduate managers made no recommendations.

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