Craters Clash With Albany Oaks Here This Week-End

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says;

Davis Proves Big Money-Maker for St. Louis Cards

If lanky Curt Davis is no longer to be a top-ranking major league pitcher, as his current won and lost record would seem to indicate, the Messrs. Sam Breadon and Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Cardinals should immediately take steps to see that Curt is well taken care of and his every desire realized for the rest of his natural life.

That would be the least the Cardinal bigwigs could do for Davis. If they fixed it so he could live like a king during his remaining days, it wouldn't be too much. In fact, nothing Breadon and Rickey could do for Curt would entirely repay them for what Curt has done for them.

By a queer twist of baseball fate, Davis has been involved in the game's two greatest cash-player deals. And in both of those transactions, Mr. Breadon and Mr. Rickey and the St. Louis Cardinals have pulled down U. S. currency that would choke an elephant.

Every phase of Curt's relationship with the Cardinals has meant heavy sugar in the club's coffers. He has been a virtual gold mine to Breadon and Rickey. In just two mighty maneuvers, Curt has aided in enriching the Cardinal treasury by a cool $385,000.

Three years ago Davis went to St. Louis from the Chicago Cubs, along with two other players, and he took with him a Wrigley check for $185,000. This dough and the three players were exchanged for one Jerome (Dizzy) Dean, a pitcher now in the Texas league. That was the largest cash-player deal in the game's history, to that time.

Yesterday, Davis was again a part of a tremendous transaction of baseball flesh and hard cash. With Joe Medwick, he was transferred to the Brooklyn Dodgers, who in turn gave the Cards four players and a reported $200,000.

Besides these two actual cash deal in which he played a part, Curt's pitching has meant plenty to the Cards in dollars and cents. Nobody can estimate to what extent his right arm sent the shekels skidding into the Breadon-Rickey tin box, but last year when he won 22 games to enable the club to finish second in the pennant race heun-in the pennant race he unber of paying guests through the turnstiles.

Curt, in all respects, has been one giant money-maker for the Cardinals. It would be only right if Breadon and Rickey did something real nice for Davis, to prove their gratitude and appreciation for his efforts. We would suggest a 44-room home on Florida's gold coast, a couple of yatch's, a half-dozen automobiles and a small annuity of say $50,000 a year so long as he lives.

Manager Jack Long of Fluhrer's Breadeaters, is one local softball skipper definitely against breaking up the Medco team . . . Jack claims that if other clubs in the league would build up to Medco the pennant race would be tightened just as much, if not more, than if Medco players were scattered among the opposition . . . he brought out another point, namely, that many fine players were available in Medford but that they hadn't been signed up . . . he advised other clubs to acquire some of these players and strengthen their lineups to the point where Medco could be given a real battle . . .

SCHEDULE GIVEN FOR SWIM SCHOOL

With the annual Red Cross water safety campaign slated to start Monday and continue to July 1, Miss Frances Arnspiger, acting chairman of lifesaving for the Jackson county Red Cross chapter, today announced the schedule of classes to be held in the natatorium under the direction of Harry Harvie, expert instructor.

The schedule follows:

Morning

8:00 to 8:45—Beginner Girls.
8:45 to 9:30—Beginner Boys.
9:30 to 10:30—Intermediates and junior lifesavers.

Afternoon

7:00 to 8:00—Adults.
8:00 to 10:00—Senior lifesavers.
1030 to 12:00—Swimmers

TWO GAMES WILL DETERMINE BEST TEAM IN LEAGUE

Rego to Pitch for Craters Saturday — Miller Or Elliott to Hurl for Oaks

The two bigwigs of the Oregon State Baseball league—Medford's Craters and the Albany Alco-Oaks—look each other in the eye at the new fairgrounds park Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, and after the shooting is all over the boys and girls will have a good idea which club is top dog in the state's speediest semi-pro circuit.

Ending the first-half pennant race in a tight tie for first place with nine wins in 10 starts, the Craters and the Alco-Oaks will open their second-half drive before what local officials believe will be the two largest crowds to attend baseball games here in over a decade. The Saturday night clash will start at 9 o'clock; first pitch Sunday will be at 2 p. m.

Saturday's fracas will see a pair of undefeated southpaw pitchers wheeling them over for their respective outfits, with all signs pointing to a sensational mound duel. Manager Paul Hoffard of the Craters will send Jimmy Rego to the rubber, while Manager Elmo McReynolds of the Oaks will open with Oscar (Red) Miller or Glen (Lefty) Elliott, the brilliant Oregon State college youngster. Rego has won three tilts, Miller five and Elliott one.

Calvert in Lineup

Big Bill Lanning, also unbeaten, is slated to chuck the Sunday tilt for the Craters. The Albany hurler, not working Saturday, will be on the firing line on the Sabbath.

Boss Hoffard plans only one change in the Medford lineup. Billy Calbert, fresh from a great season with the University of Oregon varsity, will be in right field, taking the place of Ted Kerr, who has gone to Ogden, Utah, in the Pioneer league. Calbert will lead off, with Rock Peterson dropping to seventh place in the batting order.

In smashing nine out of 10 opponents during the first-half flag chase, the Alco-Oaks were powered at the plate by six regulars batting .350 or better, Jimmy Robertson, catcher, is slugging at a .600 clip, followed by Joe Leptich, outfielder, at .444. Leptich led the State league in hitting last season.

Oaks Hove Power

Bill Moye, second sacker, boasts an average of .378; Clint Cameron, third baseman, is clouting .368; Joe Abbott, first baseman, has a bat mark of .353 and Riley Richards, classy shortstop, is hitting .350. The team averags is .272.

Against that array of hitters, the Craters will send their own power crew, led by Centerfielder Alan Wray, who is nudging the agate for a .448 average. Calbert is at .400; Riney Cook has a .386 batting figure; Cliff McLean is rapping .333, Alex McDonald is clubbing .313 and Pat Patterson has a mark of .310. Rego won't hurt the offensive strength of the club, either, as he is batting .308.

Drill Today

In other State league games this week-end, Silverton will play at Hills Creek, the Portland Babes will be at Bend and Jack and Jill will travel to Eugene.

The Craters will hold their final workout at the fairgrounds field today at 6 p. m.

Batting lineups for Saturday's game:

Medford—Calvert, rf; Cook, 2b; Wray, cf; McLean, 3b; Patterson, 1b; McDonald, ss; Peterson, lf; Hawkins, c; Rego, p.

Albany—Richards, ss; Grant, lf; Cameron, 3b; Abbott, 1b; Leptich, cf; Moye, 2b; Harrison, rf; Robertson, c; Miller, p.

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Albany Shortstop

One of the finest shortstops in the State league is Riley Richards (above), young Albany infielder who will perform here Saturday night and Sunday afternoon when the Medford Craters meet the Alco-Oaks in a two-game series. Richards is also quite a hitter, his current average, at the plate being .350.

IDAHO, MONTANA VOTED INTO GRID RACE AFTER 1941; OREGON OPPOSES

Sun Valley, Idaho, June 14.—(AP)—The Universities of Idaho and Montana, "orphans" of the Pacific coast conference, were promised today participation in the ten-school circuit's championship race—after 1941.

Faculty members of the conference, in precedent-setting action that brought to a conclusion their annual summer meeting, adopted a "four-year plan" that assures Idaho and Montana each two gridiron contests a season with California schools.

Coach Tex Oliver said he expected his University of Oregon team would resume football relations with St. Mary's college, a 10-year rivalry broken off when the round-robin coast conference schedule was adopted. Oliver also suggested University of San Francisco as a possible opponent for his Webfoot teams.

Oregon State college is expected to add Santa Clara university to its schedule.

The two Oregon schools both opposed restoring full membership to Idaho and Montana because it meant they would lose from their schedules one California team each year.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

BOB KENASTON IN GREAT SHAPE FOR PILUSO GRAPPLE

If Sgt. Bob Kenaston should lose his main event wrestling match to Portland's Ernie Piluso next Monday night in the armory, it won't be because the big toughie from Gold Hill is out of condition.

Kenaston, right now, is probably in the finest physical shape of his career. For the past several weeks he has been laboring at extracting gold from the soil on his mine near Agnes, far down the Illinois river, and reports that he feels better than he ever has.

With his brother Roy, Kenaston acquired the mine through a trade for some Gold Hill property. Both of them have been working it and report a fairly nice "take." However, the mine's greatest value to Bob, he claims, is for the purpose of whipping him into wrestling shape when he begins to run down.

Two other fine matches are scheduled, Don Sugai versus Frankie Clemens and the Black Panther versus Prince Selaki Mehalakis. The boys will flip a coin to decide which pair opens the program.

ROGUES PLAY AT G. PASS SUNDAY

With Ashland-Talent out of the circuit, only two Southern Oregon league games will be played Sunday. Medford's Rogues will travel to Grants Pass to clash with the unbeaten league-leaders, and second-place Crescent City will be at Gold Hill to tangle with the tail-enders. Both games will start at 2:30.

Manager Doc Gitzen of the Rogues plans no major change in the lineup. Ray Tungate will probably pitch, with Al Wimer in reserve.

BOXMEN OUTSLUG DAIRYMEN, 10-3

Games Tonight

Challenge game: Copco vs. Catholic Men, 8 p.m. Inter-City game: Medco vs. Farrell's Shack of Grants Pass, 9 p.m. Only games scheduled.

Darrell Leavens, Lost River pitcher, got the only hit off Applegate as Wooden Box slugged out a 10 to 3 victory over the Dairymen in an American league softball game last night. D'Arcy of the winners hit a homer, while Hammock, Peterson and Kubli slammed out doubles.

The three runs scored off Applegate were the result of 10 bases on balls he issued.

In the other American league contest, Fluhrer's defeated Jennings Tire, 13 to 1, behind the three-hit flinging of Maru. John Smith tripled and Lowery hit two doubles for the winners.

National league games saw Elks crush Faber's, 17 to 8 and Teamsters trounce Bear Creek, 10 to 4. Rater hit a homer for the Elks.

Scores:

Wooden Box	10	12	0
Lost River	3	1	5

Applegate and Kubli, D'Arcy; Leavens and Luman.

Fluhrer's	13	12	1
Jennings Tire	1	3	5

Maru and J. Smith; Bowerman, D. Singler and Nave.

Elks	17	18	3
Faber's	8	10	1

Stelle and Archer; Ayers, L. Pinkham and Babb.

Teamsters	10	14	2
Bear Creek	4	10	8

Dallaire and Fraley; W. Curry and Wooten.

DODGERS, CINCY OPEN BIG SERIES

By Associated Press

The baseball spotlight will be focussed this wek-end on the four-game collision of the Cincinnati Reds and Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbetts field, Brooklyn, in the hope that the violent struggle there will indicate the eventual National league champion.

The ball park, seating approximately 35,000 persons, has been sold out for today, tomorrow and Sunday and police reserves had to be summoned yesterday to clear away thousands of fans clamoring for tickets.

The pennant fever Cincinnati developed last summer has been reduced to insignificance in the face of the ardor of Flatbush fans, who believe that the reinforcement by Outfielder Joe Medwick and Pitcher Curt Davis will enable Brooklyn to crush all other contenders.

SEMI-PROS TO GIVE TWO BAGS FOR WALK

St. Louis, June 14.—(AP)—To keep heavy hitters at the plate, the national semi-pro baseball congress will introduce a new version of the intentional walk rule—two bases for a free pass.

Under the new measure, which will be tested at the national semi-pro tournament at Wichita, Kas., next August, a passed batter can go to second base.

Economy

Butte, Mont.—(U.P.)—Butte dogs face the happiest summer they have had in years. Police chief William H. Breen said there was insufficient money in the proper fund to employ dog catchers for the next few months.

HANEN DEFEATED IN GOLF TOURNEY

Riverside Golf and Country Club, Portland, Ore., June 14.—(AP)—Two public links players, the 1938-39 finalist and an Olympia, Wash., shotmaker teed off today in the semi-final round of the Oregon State golf championships.

Louis Jennings, a Portland pay-as-you-play representative, was matched against Bud Haskell of Olympia, and Roy Hornsberger, the second public linksman, went up against Harold Salvador, who has knocked on the title door twice.

Hornsberger, a comparative unknown, served notice of his titular ambitions yesterday by eliminating the defending champion, Lloyd Byerly, 2 up.

Haskell knocked off Johnny Robbins, a pre-tournament favorite, 2-1; Salvador brushed aside Johnny Hogan, 5-4, and Jennings, undisturbed by the medalist jinx, turned back Dick Hanen of Marshfield, 2-1.

The women also were in the semi-final round. They were paired as follows: Marion McDougall against Mrs. Mary Mozel Wagner, and Sissy Green against Mrs. Walter Nagel, all of Portland.

FIND DAIRY WORKER GUILTY OF SLAYING

Tacoma, June 14.—(AP)—James Hampson, 32-year-old Fife dairy worker, was convicted of the first degree murder of his former sweetheart, Virginia Riffle, 26, by a superior court jury last night.

The jury saved him from the gallows, however, by not recommending a penalty. Defense Attorney Frank Hale said this made a sentence of life imprisonment mandatory.

Hampson was charged with the fatal bludgeoning of Miss Riffle early the morning of February 21.

COMING TUES. JUNE 18

MIDGET RACES

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FAIRGROUNDS

Cleveland Players Revolt; Ask Scalp of Manager Vitt

Cleveland, June 14.—(AP)—The Cleveland Indians' management started an "investigation" of a players' revolt against manager Oscar Vitt today, and called Vitt as the first witness.

Alva Bradley, tribe president, talked an hour with the peppery pilot after 12 players, among them Pitcher Bob Feller, asked Bradley to fire Vitt.

"There will be no decision today," Bradley said after Vitt, outwardly effervescent as usual but obviously heavy of heart, emerged from Bradley's office. "All I'm going to do is to investigate it and see what it's all about."

Bradley said 11 players came to see him, and another, First Baseman Hal Trosky, telephoned. Feller and Trosky were the only complainants the Indians' president named.

"If those fellows are against me—well, I don't know," Vitt said.

Veteran players carried their protest personally to Bradley in a move believed unprecedented in major league baseball history. They told the president they could not win as long as Vitt remained at the helm, charging him with insincerity, ridiculing players and caustic public criticism.

The Indian manager formerly piloted Salt Lake City, Oakland and Hollywood teams in the Pacific Coast league.

San Francisco Butter

San Francisco, June 14.—(AP)—(USDA)—Butter 92 score 29c; 91-28c; 90-28½c; 89-28c; cheese, flats, 18½c; triplets 18s.

Sacramento, June 14. — (AP) — Churning cream butterfat, first grade 31½c; second grade 29½c.

NO DUST AT NEXT MIDGET CAR RACE

The midget auto racers and pilots will make their debut in Grants Pass Saturday night at the Josephine county fairgrounds, and after taking things easy the next two days will return to Medford Tuesday night for the fourth of the summer series of programs being staged by Promoter Bobby Rowe of Portland.

Last Tuesday eve's races here were successful and well received by a large crowd—except for one thing. That was the great clouds of dust kicked up by the vehicles as they buzzed around the fairgrounds oval.

Next Tuesday night there will positively be no dust, it has been assured by officials in charge of the races. The track will be soaked with water just short of turning the dirt into mud, and spectators will be able to see clearly the midgets at all times, it was stated.

There will also be three or more new drivers and cars entered, to replace the trio which were decommissioned at Bend last week in a three-way crackup.

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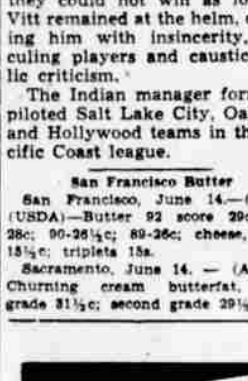

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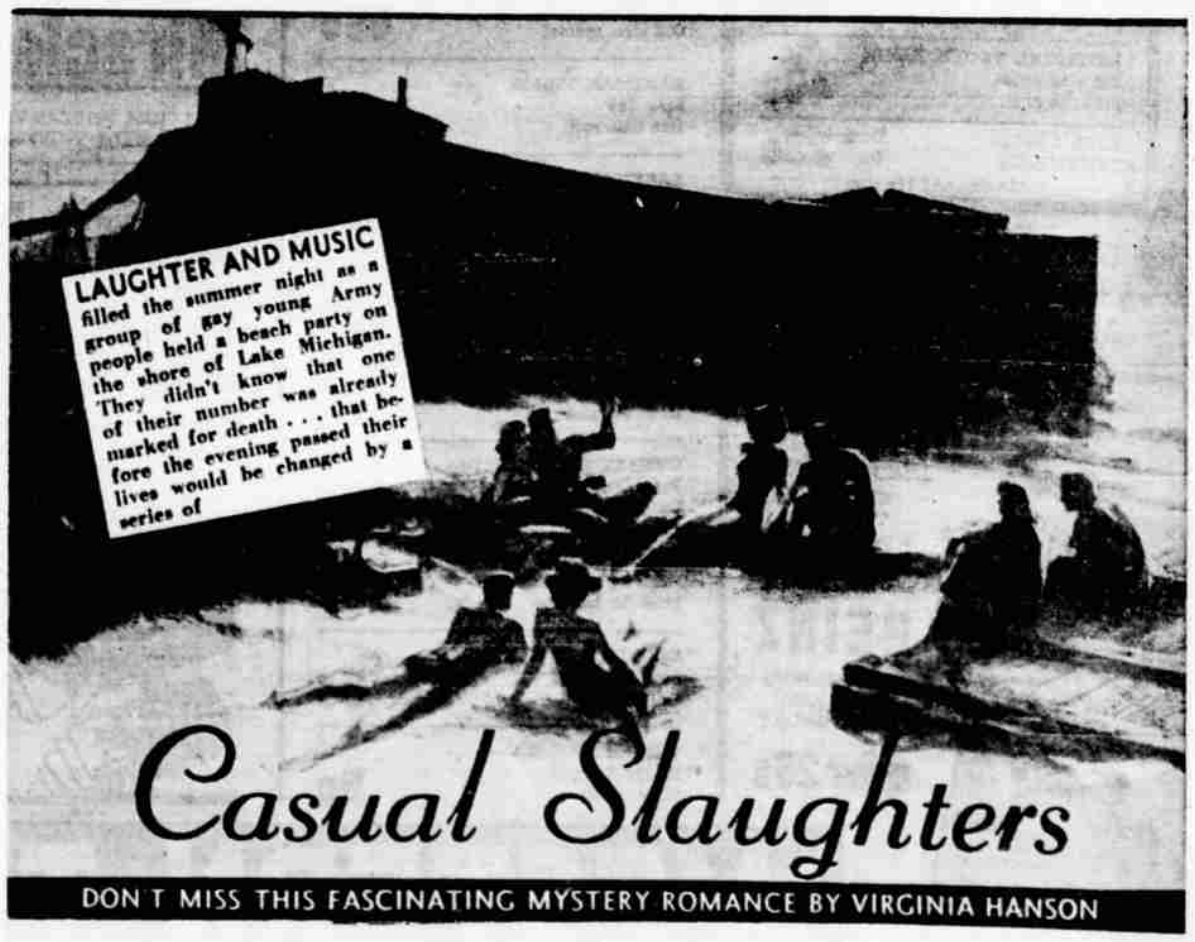

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