

The Sporting Page

G. PASS WALLOPS CRATERS, 8-3, ON HOMER IN NINTH

It couldn't happen here, but it did. And today Medford's State league Craters are smarting under the sting of a stunning defeat at the hands of the Grants Pass Merchants of the Southern Oregon loop; a loop generally considered much "slower" than the State wheel.

The Craters went into the ninth inning at the fairground field last night on the long end of a 3 to 2 tally, and although the margin wasn't great every body figured the game was in the sack. In fact, a large majority of the clients were streaming from the ball park when the visitors, with two men out and without warning, exploded all over the landscape.

When it was all over, some 10 minutes later, 11 Merchants had gone to the plate, six runners had rumbled across the platter and the Craters were licked by a score of 8 to 3.

That tremendous Grants Pass rally was pulled at the expense of Virgil Haynes, the University of Oregon righthander who strangely, was left in there to the bitter end by Manager Paul Hoffard. Haynes had relieved Steve Crippen, the Crater's starting flinger, in the sixth frame and had done OK until the big blowoff.

Gordon Howerton, Merchant third baseman, provided the blow that broke Haynes' heart. With the bases loaded and the score tied, 3-3, Gordy whaled a mighty 330-foot homer over the left field fence. That made it 7 to 3 in favor of the Grants Passers, and a moment later errors by McDonald and Hawkins allowed Joe Gray to score with the sixth run of the inning and complete the disaster.

Haynes started the ninth inning by getting Ralph Lanning on a pop, and after walking Gipe he fanned Blacksmith and it appeared all over. Nig DiSordi, Merchant hurler signed when Ashland-Talent folded, singled to left and Hibbard walked, filling the bases. It was at this point that Haynes cracked up. He walked Woods, forcing in the tying run, and then Howerton came up and belted his four-master over the Shangle sign in left.

Joe Gray kept the rally alive with a single to center and Ostrom singled to left. Lanning hit McDonald at short and McDonald booted it, then threw to the plate to catch Gray, trying to score, and Hawkins dropped the ball. That wound things up. It was a terrible evening for the Craters. They collected only three measly blows off Jack Cook, who pitched 4 2/3 innings for the Merchants, and DiSordi, who finished.

Riney Cook got Medford's first hit in the fifth inning when Cook was sent to the snowbers, the blow driving in the Craters' first run. Hoffard reached first on Blacksmith's error, went to second on Bill Lanning's sacrifice, and scored on Cook's single to center. When Crippen and Peterson walked, DiSordi took over and retired the side.

The Merchants had previously tallied once in the second off Crippen on Ostrom's walk, Lanning's sacrifice, Gipe's infield single and a long fly to right by Blacksmith.

So, after tying the score in the fifth, the Craters came back with two more in the sixth to apparently stay away the game. McLean reached first on a fielder's choice, Pacheco singled in field and they both scored when Blacksmith failed to cover second on Catcher Wood's throw to that base.

Haynes was touched for a run in the seventh on Blacksmith's single to right, his stolen base, DiSordi's blow to center and Pacheco's bad throw to the

plate. That made it 3 to 2 for the Craters and there it remained until the terrible ninth.

The Craters, if they can regain their poise, will face Portland's Jack and Jill Tavern here Saturday night and Sunday afternoon in a pair of State league games.

Box score:					
Grants Pass:	AB	R	H	PO	A
Hibbard, ss	3	1	0	0	6
Woods, c	3	1	1	2	1
Howerton, 3b	5	1	3	1	3
Gray, cf	4	1	3	1	0
Ostrom, lf	4	1	1	2	0
Lanning, 1b	4	0	1	1	1
Cook, 2b	3	1	0	1	1
Blacksmith, 2b	4	1	1	5	2
Cook, p	2	0	0	0	3
Di Sordi, p	2	1	2	0	2
Totals	35	8	12	27	18
Medford:	AB	R	H	PO	A
Peterson, lf	2	0	0	1	0
Calvert, cf	3	0	0	1	0
McDonald, ss	4	0	1	1	1
McLean, 3b	4	1	0	2	2
Hoffard, rf	1	1	0	1	0
Lanning, 1b	1	0	0	1	0
Cook, 2b	1	0	0	1	1
Hawkins, c	4	0	0	9	3
Crippen, p	1	0	0	0	1
Haynes, p	2	0	0	0	2
Pacheco, cf	2	1	1	0	0
Wray, 1b	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	27	3	2	27	11

Errors, Blacksmith 2, Pacheco, McDonald, Hawkins, two-base hits, Howerton, McDonald; home runs, Howerton; stolen bases, Cook 2, Crippen, Blacksmith; sacrifices, R. Lanning, Calvert, B. Lanning, Cook; double plays, Cook to Hawkins to McLean, Haynes to Wray to McLean, Hawkins to Wray; bases on balls, Cook 4, Crippen 2, Haynes 4, Di Sordi 1; strike-outs, Crippen 5, Haynes 3, Di Sordi 2; hits off Cook 1 for 1 run in 4 2/3 innings, Haynes 7 for 7 runs in 4 innings, Crippen 5 for 1 run in 8 innings, Di Sordi 2 for 2 runs in 4 1/3 innings; passed balls, Hawkins; winning pitcher, Di Sordi; losing pitcher, Haynes. Umpires, Drollette, Miles and Lennard. Time 2:11.

Latest reports from the northern end of the state indicate that Ross, using the scythe on his basement performers like a wild man, has accomplished the job he set out to do. And so, thoroughly that Jack and Jill is now considered a horse of the darkest hue for the second-half title.

Billy pulled a shakeup that would make an egg-beater green with envy. Of that Tavern team which lost a pair of contests to the Medford Craters here May 4 and 5, in the season's opening series, only one player remains. All the others have been lopped from the roster to make way for hustling newcomers.

Lone holdover on Ross' club is Win Wittcke, husky third sacker. The chief acquisition is Art Parker, former Pacific Coast league infielder and a member of five semi-pro state championship teams. Parker will hold forth on the initial cushion for the Tavernmen, when they come to Medford Saturday night and Sunday afternoon for a two-tit series with our Craters.

Ross didn't stop with the addition of Parker, though. He plucked a sweet double-play combination out of the Portland high schools—Del Schroer, shortstop and Johnny Granato, second sack—and signed up three heavy-clouters, fleet-footed outer gardeners—Carl Kellenberger, Curley Leininger and Harold Ogden.

For his backstop, Ross acquired Johnny Mike, and for his pitching staff he procured Southpaw Don Pendergrass and righthander Kenny Clow. Also Jack Richards, brilliant Portland high school southpaw who won 20 and lost 2 games during his prep career. Richards last week-end held Eugene to four blows as the Jilters trimmed the Athletics, 6 to 3. Pendergrass recently flung a three-hitter against Bend. Norm Leitheiser, a right-hander, is used in relief tricks.

Yes, it will be a brand new Jack and Jill team which tangles with the Craters here this weekend; a team that Ross is justified in believing will cause tremendous trouble this second half, and just might sneak in to the championship. The locals will have their mitts full with the Taverns.

The adult educational workshop—that's the bizarre name of the coaching school Bill Bowerman will attend this summer. But Bill doesn't believe a funny name augurs poor for the school; in fact, he believes it will be one of the most interesting and worthwhile he has ever attended.

Dean Cromwell of University of Southern California, whose monicker is symbolic with national championship track and field teams will be on hand to disperse information on that sport. John (Ox) DaGrosa, the most noted professional football coach in the business and author of several outstanding grid books, will take care of the

200 GUNNERS PREPARE FOR STATE TRAPSHOOT

Salem, June 20.—(AP)—More than 200 shooters took their practice pops this afternoon, preparing for the opening tomorrow of the three-day 10th annual Oregon state trapshoot. Favorite to win most of the \$5,000 prize money is Frank Troeh of Portland, who last year won his 19th title.

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:

Jilters Undergo Titanic Shakeup for Second Half

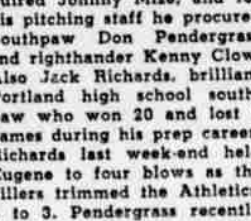
block and tackle business. DaGrosa is recognized as probably the nation's foremost authority on line play, which is the main reason Bill has registered for the school. It will be at Monterey, Calif., August 7 to 12, inclusive.

WEST FAVORED IN NCAA TRACK MEET

Minneapolis, June 20.—(AP)—Barring an unlikely David-and-Goliath act in the N.C.A.A. track and field meet at Memorial stadium Friday and Saturday, the team championship is going back to the west coast. The only question seemed to be whether the University of Southern California would retain the title, as it has for eight of the last 12 years, or would yield to Stanford. Squads from these two members of the Pacific Coast conference took a big part in that loop's '98 to 40 victory over the Big Ten in Monday's meet at Evanston, Ill.

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RAINBOW BITING AT DIAMOND LAKE

Diamond Lake, June 20.—(Sp.)—Fishing continues good at Diamond lake, with limit catches of Rainbow trout being taken every day.

A 13-pounder was caught last week by Dick Saltgaver of Medford, and two weighing 8 1/2 pounds were also taken.

Fly fishermen have been enjoying success in the evening, bucktails being the best lure.

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Ernie Piluso, who lost to Sgt. Bob Kenaston in last Monday's main event wrestling match here, will get his chance for revenge next Monday evening when the pair collide in a rematch. Promoter Mack Lillard announced today.

PILUSO TO MEET KENASTON AGAIN

Cowboy Dude Chick and Prince Selaki Mehalikis will meet in the middle event, while Frankie Clemens and George Wagner of Texas will open the card. Wagner will be making his first southern Oregon appearance.

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Friday night, will move to Grants Pass Friday evening for their second show in that city. Time trials are slated to start at 8 o'clock, with races beginning at 8:45.

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HOW THEY STAND

National League			
Cincinnati	35	18	.660
Brooklyn	33	17	.660
New York	31	18	.633
Chicago	29	27	.518
St. Louis	21	30	.412
Pittsburgh	18	30	.375
Boston	17	30	.362
Philadelphia	17	31	.354

American League			
Boston	31	18	.633
Detroit	32	20	.615
Cleveland	34	22	.607
New York	27	26	.509
Chicago	25	30	.455
St. Louis	25	30	.455
Philadelphia	20	33	.377
Washington	21	36	.368

Pacific Coast League			
Seattle	45	31	.592
Oakland	45	37	.549
Sacramento	42	40	.512
Hollywood	41	41	.500
San Diego	39	40	.494
Los Angeles	38	40	.487
San Francisco	38	41	.481
Portland	29	47	.382

Scores Yesterday

National League
Brooklyn 8, St. Louis 3.
Pittsburgh 5, Boston 1.
Only games scheduled.

American League

St. Louis 6, Boston 4.
Detroit 5-9, Philadelphia 4-4 (first, 10 innings).
Chicago 1, New York 0.
Cleveland 4, Washington 1.

Pacific Coast League

Sacramento 2, Seattle 0.
Los Angeles 3, Oakland 2.
Portland 3, San Diego 2.
San Francisco 5, Hollywood 2.

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