

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:

League Split to Provide Closer Softball Games

Starting Tuesday night, softball competition at the high school stadium should become considerably more brisk than it has been thus far. Team managers of the six American league clubs got together the other eve and voted to split their loop into a pair of brackets, with the three potentially strongest outfits in group A, and the other trio in group B.

Under the new setup, Fluhrer's Breadeaters, Wooden Box and Medco, the latter club champions of the first two rounds of play, will confine their efforts to tangling with each other for the duration of the regular season. In similar manner, Catholic Men, Jennings Tire and Copco will battle among themselves. Each team will play the two others in their respective bracket twice, making a four-game schedule for every team.

Then, at the end of the regular round, the two bracket winners will come to grips for the round championship, and right to go against Medco, as before mentioned, champs of the first two rounds, for the 1940 title. There has been no change in the National league schedule; the six teams in this circuit will continue as heretofore.

Thursday night's attendance at the Colored Ghosia-Medco game was the best of the year, igniting the hope among officials that softball interest is perking up. A total of \$268 was taken in at the gate, 50 per cent of which went to the barnstormers. The district tournament this year, incidentally, will be held at Klamath Falls August 7 and 8.

Although Portland university, as an independent school devoid of any conference affiliations, doesn't come under the Atherton rule, the Pilots will adhere strictly to the code the ex-G-man laid down for Pacific coast conference institutions.

That was the word brought to Medford the other day by Bob (Matty) Mathews, principal member of Portland U. gridiron elevens who, by the way, is still tingling with excitement over his teams' sensational victory against the St. Mary's Gaels last fall, and its near-conquest of the Oregon State Beavers, whom they had licked up to a minute before the final gun.

"We have always lived up to Coast conference regulations," Matty explained, "and we'll continue to do so, regardless of what rules they have. We've never done much proselytizing, and will do less now that Atherton has clamped down. If a boy is interested in coming to Portland university, and writes us requesting information, we will be glad to explain the set-up to him. But I'm not going after prep athletes."

Matty sees great promise for his university, both from a football and attendance standpoint. The Pilots have a major schedule next season, what with Gonzaga, St. Mary's Montana and Oregon State on the slate. As for enrollment, Bob says the school had over 800 last year, and will probably reach 900 or more the coming autumn.

Commenting on a question concerning the possibility of Portland ever becoming a member of the Pacific Coast conference, Matty said that "if the coast conference ever splits up, with northwest schools in one division and California schools in the other, it would be logical that both Portland and Gonzaga become members. But not until."

Medford's 14 to 6 state tourney win over Gaston Dairy at Portland Friday night wasn't the easy affair the score seemed to indicate. In fact, Gaston led, 6 to 4, in the sixth inning. In that frame, however, the Craters punched over three runs to go ahead, 7 to 6, when Manager Tommy Hawkins slugged a three-run double after Patterson had been intentionally walked to load the bases. The locals got seven more tallies in

Charley Clay Wins Annual Barker Palm Beach Tourney

BEN TROWBRIDGE LOSES GOLF TILT ONE UP ON 19TH

Clay Rallies On Last Six Holes for Exciting Victory; Dick Wray Beaten

A thrilling rally on the last six holes yesterday gave Charley Clay, Sr., a 19-hole, 1-up victory over Ben Trowbridge in the flight finals of the annual Barker Palm Beach handicap tournament at the Rogue Valley Golf club.

By his victory, Clay won the Palm Beach suit awarded by Barker's men's store and succeeded Roy Harper as tournament champion. Other flight winners were given Palm Beach slacks suits, and runners-up were awarded Palm Beach neckties. Clay was two down to his opponent starting the 14th hole, which he won with a five to Trowbridge's seven. After the pair halved the 15th and 16th, Clay squared the match on the 17th with a four to Trowbridge's five. They each got fives on the 18th, and the match ended on the 19th when Clay shot a four and Trowbridge a five.

Even at Start. It was all even for the first two holes, but on the third Clay took a one-up lead which he retained to the 10th, when Trowbridge socked a three to square the battle again. Trowbridge went one up on the 12th, with a three to Clay's four; and increased his margin to two up on the 13th with a four to Clay's five. The ultimate winner won the 14th to start his rally.

Clay, with a 14 handicap, gave Trowbridge three strokes, one each on the sixth, ninth and 14th. On the sixth and ninth the handicap stroke enabled Trowbridge to halve the hole, but on the 14th stroke failed to help him.

Clay, in winning the title, fired a gross 80 over the 18 holes, while Trowbridge's medal card was 81.

In the morning, Trowbridge won his way into the finals with a 3 and 2 victory over Dick Wray.

Their medal scores: Trowbridge—5 4 6 3 5 5 4 5—43 Clay—5 4 4 3 5 5 4 5—39 In: Trowbridge—3 5 3 4 7 5 4 5—84 Clay—4 5 4 5 5 5 4 4 5—80

MEYERS, ROBINSON IN BLIND BOGEY VICTORY

Gain Robinson and Paul Meyers split honors in Sunday's blind bogey tournament at the Rogue Valley Golf club, each winning four balls with net 70's. Bogey number was 70.

Other prize winners were Tod Porter, for low net; C. B. Collins for high net and Ike Staples for low gross.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WILL MEET THIS EVE

Weekly meeting of the board of directors of the Medford Athletic association will be held in the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at 8 o'clock tonight. President C. H. Davis requests all directors to be present.

the seventh to clinch things.

A glance at the box score reveals that Patterson had a perfect night with 4-4-4, including a triple; Peterson ditto with 2-4-2, McDonald four blows in five trips, including a double; Al Wray three hits in four trips and Manager Hawkins three socks in five attempts, with four runs batted in.

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American League.

W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	48	30 .615
Detroit	46	30 .605
Boston	44	33 .571
New York	41	34 .547
Chicago	34	39 .466
Philadelphia	31	46 .403
St. Louis	33	49 .402
Washington	43	48 .400

National League.

W.	L.	Pct.
Cincinnati	50	24 .676
Brooklyn	47	26 .644
New York	42	31 .575
Chicago	41	40 .506
Pittsburgh	31	41 .431
St. Louis	31	41 .431
Boston	27	43 .386
Philadelphia	25	48 .342

Pacific Coast League.

W.	L.	Pct.
Seattle	68	36 .654
Oakland	64	46 .582
Los Angeles	56	51 .523
San Diego	54	54 .500
Hollywood	51	58 .468
San Francisco	49	57 .462
Sacramento	51	60 .459
Portland	36	67 .350

H. CREEK UPSETS CRATERS, 3 TO 2, IN NINTH INNING

Medford had a chance to vault back to a lead tie but tripped over—of all things—Hills Creek, a team that has been in the cellar long enough to claim squatter's sovereignty.

Oregon State League

W.	L.	Pct.
Albany	7	3 .700
Silverton	7	3 .700
Eugene	7	3 .700
Medford	6	4 .600
Bend	6	4 .600
Jack-Jill	4	6 .400
Babes	2	8 .200
Hills Creek	1	9 .100

Week-End Results
Medford 7-2, Hills Creek 2-3.
Albany 8-2, Silverton 1-4.
Eugene 2-6, Babes 0-0.
Bend 9-7, Jack-Jill 1-4.

JENKINS, HENRY MEET WEDNESDAY

New York, July 15.—(AP)—A negro poet fights a former army mule skinner. That's the prize ring's offering for the month—and there's no title in sight for either of the fighters!

Seldom has fistiana pitted two such extremes as Henry Armstrong, the cultured colored man who is the welterweight king, and Lew Jenkins, the Texas thin man who rules the lightweight division.

But for all their apparent differences, they have one thing in common—the pound for pound ability to fight better than anybody else their size, and so it is pronounced that their 12-pound Wednesday night meeting will lure some 40,000 fans to the Polo Grounds.

BUD WARD TAKES WESTERN AMATEUR

Minneapolis, July 15.—(AP)—Bud Ward of Spokane, national amateur champion, today has the western amateur crown tucked away as a further demonstration of his skill, but he still is far from satisfied with his play.

In fact Ward, who defeated George Victor, 22-year-old Chicagoan, 2 and 1, in a sensational 36-hole match that ended the 41st annual western amateur event at the Minneapolis Gold club Sunday, is on his way back home today to get some rest and do some "practicing, and more practicing."

Ward, after being three down at the end of 18 holes to Victor's superior play, put on a brilliant show for a big gallery as he won on the final 18 by shooting two eagles, five birdies, four pars and six bogies to be three under par for 17 holes.

Those six bogies are the reason Ward is going to do some practice.

ROSEBURG SCORES 4 TO 2 WIN OVER MEDFORD JUNIORS

Inability to hit in the pinches cost the Medford American Legion Juniors a 4 to 2 defeat at the hands of the Roseburg juniors yesterday, and set the stage for a double-header at Roseburg next Sunday. The locals, because of yesterday's setback, must take both ends of next Sunday's twin bill to win the district championship.

Miller and Robertson: Fredericks and Moe.

Score:	R.	H.	E.
Albany	2	7	0
Silverton	4	8	0

PORTLAND GIRLS WIN COAST SWIM TOURNEY; BRENDA HELSER STARS

Los Angeles, July 15.—(AP)—One American record was broken and the Multnomah girls' team of Portland, Ore., and the men's aggregation of the Los Angeles Athletic club walked away with point-scoring honors in the Pacific coast swimming and diving championships here yesterday.

Sam Spiegel of the Los Angeles A. C. swam the 100-meter breaststroke in 1 minute 14 seconds for the best individual performance. The Multnomahs, boasting such stars as national champion Brenda Helsler and Nancy Merki, ran up 55 points, the Los Angeles club scored 17 and the Aero club of Portland 11.

Comely Miss Helsler captured the 200-meter free style in 2 minutes 32.1 seconds, and anchored the winning Multnomah medley relay team to victory, while Nancy Merki won the 400-meter swim in the fast time of 5 minutes 44 seconds.

The Multnomah girls won three first and added two relay victories to the list to dominate the meet.

NO GRAPPLE TONIGHT; NEXT PROGRAM JULY 22

The Medford armory, home of Promoter Mack Lillard's wrestlers, will be dark tonight as the bone-benders and muscle-manglers await the next program here next Monday evening, July 22.

Although Lillard hasn't yet announced the lineup for next week's card, he said that Dangerous Danny McShane would definitely appear, along with other outstanding grapplers.

DAVIDS TRIM BABES; STOPPED BY MONARCHS

Portland, July 15.—(AP)—The touring House of David baseball club won and lost week-end games in Portland. The whiskered players defeated the Portland Babes of the Oregon State league, 9-3 Saturday night but lost to another barnstorming club, the colored Kansas City Monarchs, 1-0, Sunday.

Weather
Northern California: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; overcast on coast; scattered afternoon thunderstorms in high mountains; no change in temperature; gentle changeable wind off coast.

14 Frames Keep Pen Baseballers Out After Hours

Walla Walla, Wash., July 15.—(AP)—The Washington state penitentiary baseball team, playing outside the walls for the first time in 23 years, was late returning last night, but prison officials weren't alarmed.

The ball game went 14 innings and the Walla Walla Joycees finally won 3-2. The game was for the benefit of the war relief fund.

FARLEY SYNDICATE MAY BUY YANKEES

Chicago, July 15.—(AP)—Attorney Jeremiah T. Mahoney of New York said today that he expected the New York Yankee baseball club would be sold by the Jacob Ruppert estate to a syndicate headed by Postmaster General James A. Farley "within two weeks at a price of \$4,000,000."

Scores Yesterday

American League
Washington 8, Cleveland 5 (11 innings).
Philadelphia 8-5, Detroit 2-2.
Boston 5-7, St. Louis 4-3 (first game 11 innings, second 7).
New York 4, Chicago 0.

National League
Chicago 6-0, New York 5-2.
Pittsburgh 6-0, Brooklyn 2-2.
Cincinnati 3-7, Philadelphia 2-1.
St. Louis 8-2, Boston 7-1.

Pacific Coast League
Seattle 7-10, San Francisco 6-0 (first game 14 innings).
Oakland 11-5, Sacramento 4-0.
Hollywood 3-4, Portland 2-8.
Los Angeles 4-10, San Diego 3-6.

EX-BELGIAN PREMIER COMING TO AMERICA

Lisbon, July 15.—(AP)—Former Premier Paul Van Zeeland of Belgium, departing by Clipper today for the United States, said he hoped to clarify the situation of the Belgian government.

"I hope to get some information in the United States where, it seems, they are better informed than elsewhere," he added.

TRIO NEGOTIATE SALMON WATERS

Pendleton, Ore., July 15.—(AP)—Harold Dobyns of Pendleton and Woodis Hindman, Prince Helrich and George Godfrey of Eugene have negotiated at least part of their dash down the salmon river of Idaho in small boats, said a card received here from Dobyns, as follows:

"Somewhere in the fastnesses of the Salmon River Country, July 12, noon.—We have arrived at Sulphur Falls after one of the wildest and roughest rides any man ever too. So far our trip has been without serious mishap. Only one hole in my boat and darned lucky. The scenery is beautiful. The river is absolutely full of salmon and trout. Am sending this note by saddle horse. Spent two hours lining our boats through the falls here."

WORLD'S TALLEST MAN, 8 FEET, 9.5 INCHES, DIES FROM INFECTION

Manistee, Mich., July 15.—(AP)—Robert Wadlow, 22, believed the world's tallest man—8 feet 9½ inches "died here early today from complications following a foot infection.

Wadlow, who was making a professional appearance as the "world's tallest man," at the national forest festival here, suffered an infection in his left ankle less than a fortnight ago.

The youthful giant's condition grew steadily worse, and physicians gave him a blood transfusion yesterday and performed a minor operation on his foot last night. His temperature all of yesterday was reported as "never lower than 106."

A child of normal size at birth, Wadlow weighed 491 pounds while making his last public appearance. Medical men said his great height resulted from over-activity of the pituitary gland.

BLY FIRE RAZES FOUR DWELLINGS

Klamath Falls, Ore., July 15.—(AP)—Four dwellings in the town of Bly, 50 miles east of Klamath Falls on the Lakeview highway, were destroyed Sunday by fire.

The fire started in a garage owned by Capt. J. Rohner, Bly CCC camp commander. The blaze threatened to spread to a schoolhouse and the Methodist church, but a bucket brigade saved the structures.

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