

# Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

## Midget Racing Hurt by Large Number Wrecks

The saying is that no news is good news, but in the case of midget auto racing, insofar as Medford is concerned, it appears the adage is working in reverse.

Nary a word have we received in weeks and weeks from Bobby Rowe of Portland, sponsor and promoter of the "doodlebug" classics here early this summer and in some two dozen other northwest towns.

Such a lack of information might possibly be taken as meaning that all is well with the midget industry and that soon the tiny thunderbolts will be returning to screech and roar around the fairgrounds oval.

However, from various sources, mostly our newspaper exchange file, we discover that all is not only NOT well with the midget game, but that it is in a rather precarious position. Perhaps fighting for its life, in fact.

It seems that Rowe is having a difficult time keeping enough of the little cars and drivers in operation to stage a program. The machines are being wrecked and the pilots are landing in hospitals in alarming numbers, and although the Janzen Beach cards have been held regularly, those in other towns have either been eliminated entirely or have had their schedules drastically curtailed.

Not all the drivers have been seriously injured, of course, in their crackups. But some have, the latest of which occurred to Bob Anderson of Seattle. He lies critically hurt in a Vancouver, B. C. hospital, his lung punctured by a broken rib and his leg badly fractured. He received his bashing up in a mix-up with another car and driver.

Other pilots are not so unlucky when they tangle, escaping with mere broken ribs or arms or just severe bruises and shock. But, for every pilot put out of commission for even a few days, Bobby Rowe finds his list of drivers decreased. The cumulative effect of the accidents is to make it virtually impossible for Rowe to send a complete lineup of cars and drivers to the various cities where the races are supposed to be staged. Thus, many towns, like Medford, have been doing without their midget battling for the simple reason that there aren't enough cars and drivers left to produce a program.

The midgets have been filling their dates at Portland and the larger towns, but that's about all. Rowe, apparently, is conserving his machines and pilots for the real racing centers like

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# Wooden Box Belts Forest Grove 12-2 In Tourney Opener

## MEDFORD CHAMPS MOVE TO SECOND ROUND WITH WIN

Portland Firemen Next Opponents for Locals Wednesday — Corvallis Wins

Salem, Ore., Aug. 20.—(U.P.)—Last year's champions, Joe Mann of Portland, and three other district winners had been disposed of as the state softball tournament entered its second day today.

Last evening's play saw the 1939 title-holders fall 2-1 before a last inning rally of their home townsmen, the Portland Firemen. Joe Mann had gathered an unearned run in the sixth on a succession of Firemen errors.

The Medford Wooden Box nine had no trouble nailing up the Forest Grove nine, 12-2 in the final game of the night even after the Medford first baseman, Al Wray, was ejected for expressing his loud and profane opinion of the officials.

In the opening game of the evening Corvallis plastered a 17-1 victory on the hapless St. Helens Papermakers. Corvallis batsmen pounded out runs at will, hitting everything two St. Helens pitchers had to offer.

Julia Lee Wright of Portland scored an easy 3-2 win over Bend in the second game of the evening, but Bend had the satisfaction of scoring both of its runs on circuit blows, the only two hits the Portland pitcher, Ed Jossel, allowed them.

Corvallis and Julia Lee Wright will open the play in Wednesday's semi-finals, followed by the Portland Firemen and Medford.

By beating Forest Grove by a 12-2 score, Medford's Wooden Boxmen moved into the second round and will play their next game Wednesday night against the Portland Firemen, tournament favorites after their 2 to 1 upset of Joe Mann's Fuelers of Portland in last night's contest.

There will be one change in the Wooden Box lineup Wednesday night, Dick Poterfield replacing Al Wray on first base. The latter will return to Medford today to continue his job with a local service station. Joe Peccia is expected to hurl against the Portland club in Medford's next start.

## Scores Yesterday

By the Associated Press

**National**  
New York 9, Cincinnati 2.  
Boston 3, Pittsburgh 0.  
Only games.

**American**  
Boston 16, Cleveland 7.  
Only game.

**Pacific Coast**  
No games scheduled.

**Western International**  
Spokane 13-3, Salem 10-7 (first game 10 innings, second 5 innings).  
Wenatchee 10, Vancouver 4.

Portland and Vancouver, B. C. For which he can't be blamed, for there is where the attendance is heavy and the dollars roll merrily.

It appears that Bobby undertook a too ambitious program for his first season of sending the midgets into the hinterland. He had just so many cars and drivers, and when they hit the small-town tracks, many of which weren't the best in the world, crackups were inevitable. And with those crackups came injuries to the drivers and wrecked midgets.

And you don't pick off trees gently willing to risk their necks in the thundering "bugs", nor can you find classy race jobs in any old place. Replacements for battered pilots and battered midgets are hard to obtain.

So maybe we will see more races here this summer, and maybe we won't. Right now it looks like "won't" but other minor miracles have happened and perhaps Rowe will come up with one in the near future.

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## NAZARIAN KNOCKS OFF PILUSO FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT

Mean Mike Nazarian, the maddest of all mad Armenians, registered his fourth straight grappling victory in the Medford armory last night at the expense of popular Ernie Piluso, the brawl being one of the wildest seen here in a month of Mondays.

Nazarian won the match by virtue of a savage and villainous attack that Piluso was unable to cope with, although he made things more than interesting for the 14-minute duration of the fracas.

Ernie took the first fall in seven minutes with his favorite maneuver — sonnenbergs — after a mixup that saw Referee Earl Yoakley bite the dust and both wrestlers sprawled hither and yon. Piluso finally recovered and lashed out with a series of torpedo shots and Nazarian folded up for the fall.

Three minutes later Nazarian evened the score with a terrific arm-breaker and finger-bends that forced Piluso to give up. During the rest period Piluso chased Nazarian out of the ring and into the customers, causing considerable excitement.

The final fall turned into a madhouse as both grapplers slugged it out, with Nazarian finally clamping on his excruciating arm-breaker again and Piluso giving up to save the arm. During the hysterical moments of the match Timekeeper Vivian Beach suffered a cut nose when he was kicked accidentally by Nazarian's second, and all in all it was a large evening.

Wrestling without shoes, Sgt. Bob Kenaston of Gold Hill dropped a straight fall verdict to George Wagner in the opener. Referee Earl Yoakley awarded the match to Wagner in the fourth round when Kenaston refused to halt his dirty work. Wagner got the first fall in the third heat with a sonnenberg.

Fete Belcastro handed young and popular Jack Hagen his second straight setback in the middle event, clamping on a surfboard in the third round that incapacitated Hagen for the evening. The Shreveport, La. cleaner got a fall in the first round with a fine headlock, but he couldn't beat Belcastro off in the third round.

## Leaders

By the Associated Press

**American League**  
Batting—Radcliff, St. Louis, .362; Appling, Chicago, .344.  
Runs—Williams, Boston, 99; McCosky, Detroit, 92.  
Hits—Cramer, Boston, 155; Radcliff, St. Louis, 154.  
Home Runs—Foxy, Boston, 33; DiMaggio, New York, 25.  
Pitching—Newsom, Detroit, 15-2; Rowe, Detroit, 11-2.

**National League**  
Batting—Walker, Brooklyn, and Danning, New York, .327.  
Runs, Frey, Cincinnati, 86; Mize, St. Louis, 83.  
Hits—F. McCormick, Cincinnati and Herman, Chicago, 141.  
Home Runs—Mize, St. Louis, 34; Rizzo, Philadelphia, and Nicholson, Chicago, 19.  
Pitching—Fitzsimmons, Brooklyn, 12-2; Sewell, Pittsburgh, 10-3.

**Log Brakeman Killed**  
Mt. Vernon, Wash., Aug. 20.—(P)—Ben Stoop, 67, Beaverton, Ore., was fatally injured today in the collision of a Lyman Timber company logging train with a stalled "speeder." Stoop, a brakeman, was thrown from the engine as he attempted to open a valve to stop the train.

By the Associated Press

**Near Tragedy**  
Linton, Ind. (U.P.)—A game of "hide and seek" with her 21 month old daughter, Judy Kay, almost ended in tragedy for Mrs. Guy Moss of this city. She was imprisoned for more than an hour in a poorly ventilated closet when the small child accidentally locked the outside catch on the door. She finally escaped by picking the lock with a coat hanger.

## Mermaids Forsake Power For Technique, Rhythm, Timing

Seattle, Aug. 20.—(P)—One of America's foremost swimming coaches looked at the won-and-lost ledger today and said he guessed the championship era of the powerful amazons had passed.

The wee gals, said Coach Ray Daughters, whose pupils have won high onto their weights in championship trophies, have pulled to the front with technique and timing.

It was a sad observation for Daughters to make after watching that trim 15-year-old phenom, Mary Ryan of Louisville, Ky., outclass the field in the national A.A.U. women's championships at Portland.

Daughters has been a developer of the power swimmers. There were no petite lines about the famed Helene Madison, a powerful 150-pounder whom Daughters tutored to 18 world championships. Nor Olive McKean, the tall 140-pound flash who won two national championships. And the Washington Athletic club's championship relay quartet had pounds to spare.

"There's a new type of swimming," Daughters commented. "Power has taken second place. The big, strong girls like Helene have been supplanted by girls like this little Ryan Miss. Technique, stamina and perfect rhythm, timing and judging of pace have made the Louisville lady the greatest swimmer of the decade. Nearly all of the successful competitors now are small of stature."

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT—BROOKLYN FANS SHOUT FOR NEW YORK GIANTS

By Associated Press

This one is one of those rare occasions—like a total eclipse of the sun or breakfast without bacon and eggs. It marks the only time this—or any other—year when loyal Brooklyn fans will yell for, not at, the New York Giants.

The Giants, probably without meaning to, are helping their rambunctious rivals from across the east river catch up with the league-leading Cincinnati Reds. And if there's anything a Dodger fan would rather see than the Giants being "moidered" it's his own team surpassing the Reds.

Hence the tag line in every Brooklyn prayer, "and please, bless the Giants—just for this series with the Reds."

While the Dodgers were idle yesterday the Giants, with a makeshift lineup that included Mel Ott at third, and Johnny McCarthy at first, hopped on the Reds by a 9-2 count.

King Carl Hubbell screwballled the Reds into submission with a fine seven-hit performance. That left Brooklyn four games back of the Reds.

While Hubbell was making hash out of the Cincinnati Reds, Dick Erickson of the Bees was doing the same to the Pittsburgh Pirates' hopes for a first division berth. He won his ninth game of the season, 3 to 0, limiting the Bucs to nine hits and skidding them down into sixth place.

In the American league's only game, the Boston Red Sox gained their most decisive triumphs of the season over the league-leading Cleveland Indians—smashing out 14 hits for a 16-7 win.

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## RAINIER'S COAST WITH LONG LEAD; DUCKS GO SOUTH

By the Associated Press

It's hard for a ball club to keep moving at a gallop when it can win in a walk.

That may explain why the well-paid Rainiers of Seattle let Sacramento sideswipe them for four straight last week and lost a three-game Pacific Coast league series to Oakland a week earlier.

For if some of the lagging clubs have finally solved the Seattle problem, they apparently got the answer too late.

Seattle has some 33 games to play before the Shaughnessy playoff. If Brewmaster Emil G. Sick's lads win only five of the 33, or an even 100 for the season, they'll close the books with a .559 percentage. That would have won the pennant last year.

To put it another way: the second club, Los Angeles at the moment, could, in theory only, win all its remaining 32 games. The Angels would end the semester around .633, which does not match the Rainiers' present gait of .651.

So the Rainiers should not be blained if they coast a while, even against the Angels, whom they meet tonight.

Meanwhile attention fixes on the drawn battle between Sacramento and San Diego for fourth place and a spot in the playoff, with Hollywood just a couple of jumps behind.

The split week which tonight

## SOOSE TO FIGHT ZALE TOMORROW

Chicago, Aug. 20.—(P)—A "champion" without a title—that will be the strange position of Billy Soose, Farrell, Pa., midgetweight if he conquers Tony Zale of Chicago in their 10-round bout tomorrow night.

Soose already holds a decision over Ken Overlin, recognized as the middleweight titleholder in New York and California. That was an overweight bout in which the title was not at stake.

His fight with Zale also is a non-title affair. Zale is the National Boxing association's midgetweight champion.

Lawrence, Mass. Aug. 20.—(P)—Maurice (The Angel) Tillet, 275, France, defeated Rudy Stromberg, 225, Milwaukee, two straight falls.

### HOW THEY STAND

National League	W. L. Pct.		
	Cincinnati	69	41
Brooklyn	63	45	.591
New York	56	51	.523
St. Louis	54	53	.505
Chicago	57	57	.500
Pittsburgh	54	55	.495
Boston	44	66	.400
Philadelphia	37	63	.352
American League			
Cleveland	63	46	.600
Detroit	65	49	.574
Boston	63	52	.548
Chicago	53	52	.527
New York	37	53	.518
Washington	49	64	.434
St. Louis	17	69	.405
Philadelphia	43	67	.391
Coast league unchanged.			

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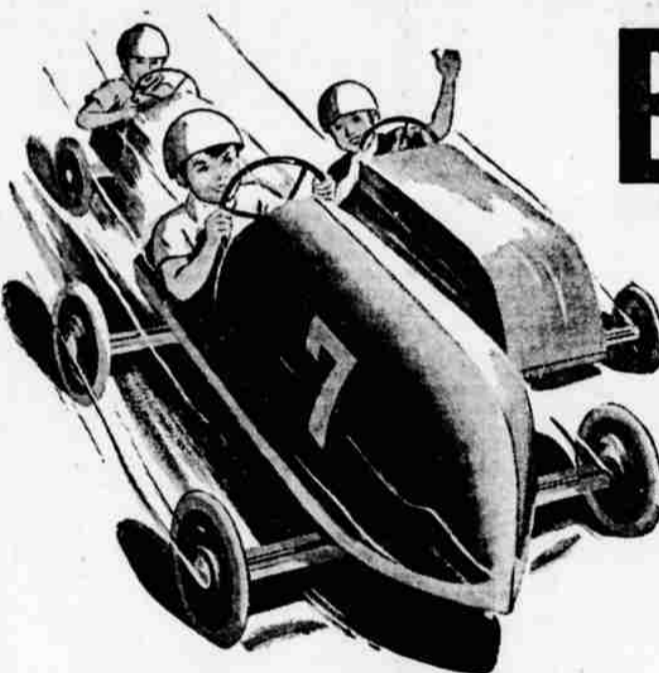
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