

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:

Softball Losing Popularity With Paying Customers

The ominous reports issuing from Klamath Falls and Salem, concerning the dwindling popularity of softball, leads us to wonder if the game, perhaps, isn't slowly becoming passe as a major sport in Oregon.

Klamath Falls, for the past several years one of the state's best-drawing towns for softball was forced to halt its season two weeks before the scheduled closing because of a sharp decline in patronage.

Salem, probably THE hottest softball city in Oregon, reported the annual state tournament suffered a net loss this season of \$200. It was the first time in the tourney's history that receipts failed to exceed expenses.

Medford, also a fine softball village in 1938 and 1939, didn't do so well this year. E. H. Hedrick hasn't yet made a check of what business was done, but it is no secret that the game here failed to make money. In fact, a small loss was probably incurred.

It looks like Fred Zimmerman of the Salem Capital Journal might be right when he remarks, "Softball has reached a crisis in its young life and next year may tell the story; whether it is to survive as a sport for spectators or return to the playground whence it had its origin."

Medford's Bob Smith, when he left here to report to the New York pro grid Giants, weighed a nice 212 pounds . . . now, after a couple of weeks of drilling, he is down to 188 and still taking it off, he writes in a letter to his brother, Johnny . . . Bob is inclined to believe he will make good with the "Jints," although he reports that no lineup has been chosen by his coaches as yet . . .

None of Medford high's football players are in danger of missing a year of competition because they belong to the national guards, because none of them do . . . the lone loss to national defense business was Ralph Coggins, a 205-pound tackle prospect, who joined the regular army . . . so that's one thing Bill Bowerman doesn't have to worry about . . .

At Grants Pass high, Coach Loren Tuttle is afraid one of his ace ball-carriers, Bud Jerke, will be called with the guards . . . Kenneth Williams, Jr., son of the famous big league ball player, will turn out for a backfield spot on this year's Cave-man eleven . . . Ellsworth Vines, the tennis star, believes he can win the national amateur golf crown in two years.

Buch Buchwach, writing in the Eugene Register-Guard the other day, really put the people of Albany on the par for not raising the necessary \$1,500 to send the Alcoa-Oaks, northwest semi-pro champions, to the national tourney at Wichita . . . Moose Clabaugh, now umpiring in the Western International league, receipted for a minor pop-bottle shower the night after calling one the home guard didn't like . . .

Billy Reinhart, who tutored Joe Gordon at University of Oregon, says that the current Yankee second-baseman is due to become one of the all-time baseball greats . . . the Yanks have made a pull hitter out of Gordon, Reinhart said, with the result he is belting in more runs than ever before . . .

Discontinue Trains
Portland, Ore., Aug. 29.—(P)—Two of the four passenger trains on the Astoria-Portland-Seaside run will be discontinued about mid-September because of operating losses, the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway company announced today.

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

SWIM

DRINKING WATER...

The water in this pool is changing constantly and is chlorinated to meet state requirements.

MERRICK'S

1 P. M. to 9:45 P. M.

Grants Pass Merchants Invade Crater Lair 8:30 Tonight

BILL LANNING TO OPPOSE FARTHING IN MOUND BATTLE

Exhibition Series Stands at One Tilt Apiece — Merchants Have Power Hitters

Unless all signs are awry, a spiffy elbowing duel will be staged when the State league Medford Craters and the Southern Oregon league Grants Pass Merchants collide under the lights at the fairgrounds park tonight at 8:30.

Big Bill Lanning, with two weeks of rest behind him, will do the Crater flinging against his old teammates, Lloyd Farthing, 20-year-old righthander with speed, control and a fine bender, will start on the Grants Pass hillcock. Farthing beat Crescent City last Sunday, 5 to 2, to square the Southern Oregon league playoff series.

Both clubs will go all out in an attempt to finish on top, as their exhibition series now stands at one game apiece. In the first tilt Grants Pass tripped the locals, 8 to 3, but the Craters came back to edge out a 3 to 2 victory and deadlock the set. Tonight's contest will be for blood.

The Merchants, first-half champions of the S. O. L. and probable 1940 pennant winners, will take the field with three regulars batting far over 300. George Erickson, outfielder, leads the club with a terrific .481; Joe Gray is belting the ball at a .466 clip, and Gordon Howerton, third baseman, is socking .385.

The invaders will probably line up with Woods catching, Clark on first, Earl Carrillo on second, George Hibbard on short, Howerton on third, Erickson in left, Gray in center and Chuck Ostrom in right. Carrillo, from Junction City, played with the Eugene State league club early in the season.

The Craters will take the field with their regular lineup, and although they haven't played for two weeks Manager Tommy Hawkins said the team was in fine shape for the clash.

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BEAVERS MANAGE TO GET ONE HIT

By The Associated Press

The Pacific coast league did not lack for standout pitching last night, even though its brightest star, Kewpie Dick Barrett of Seattle, came a cropper in trying for his 23rd victory.

Instead Barrett took his fifth defeat, 6 to 4, at the hands of San Diego, and the pitching job of the night, if not the season, was turned in at Portland, where obscure George Munger of Sacramento gave just one hit to beat the Beavers 7 to 0.

For seven innings Munger mowed down Beavers like a machine, only two got on base, through errors. The Senator hurler was at the threshold of fame when the eighth inning Beaver Rookie Bob Bergstrom lined into right field for a single.

Los Angeles made it two straight over Oakland, 3 to 1. Hollywood massacred seventh-place San Francisco, 19 to 3.

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HOW THEY STAND

National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Cincinnati	75	44	.630
Brooklyn	67	51	.568
St. Louis	62	56	.525
New York	62	56	.525
Pittsburgh	61	58	.513
Chicago	62	62	.500
Boston	48	72	.400
Philadelphia	39	77	.336

American League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	72	50	.590
Detroit	69	53	.566
New York	65	54	.546
Boston	66	58	.532
Chicago	63	57	.525
Washington	52	68	.433
St. Louis	51	73	.411
Philadelphia	46	71	.393

Pacific Coast League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Seattle	101	55	.647
Los Angeles	85	69	.552
Oakland	84	71	.542
San Diego	80	74	.519
Sacramento	77	79	.493
Hollywood	76	79	.490
San Francisco	69	85	.448
Portland	47	107	.305

Scores Yesterday

By The Associated Press

National League

Pittsburgh 5-5, Philadelphia 0-2.

New York 5, St. Louis 2.

Boston 8, Chicago 3.

Brooklyn at Cincinnati, rain.

American League

Chicago 3, Boston 2.

Other games, rained out.

Pacific Coast League

San Diego 6, Seattle 4.

Los Angeles 3, Oakland 1.

Sacramento 7, Portland 0.

Hollywood 19, San Francisco 3.

Western International

Vancouver 6, Yakima 5.

Salem 9-5, Wenatchee 3-7.

Pioneer League

Ogden 10, Idaho Falls 5.

Twin Falls 4, Salt Lake 2.

Pocatello 12, Boise 9.

DYKES CREDITED WITH FINE WORK OF CHICAGO SOX

By Sid Feder

AP Sports Writer

The only thing missing when Jimmy (do it with mirrors) Dykes opened his new bowling and soda emporium in Philadelphia the other night was for the International Society of Magicians to step up and present him with an engraved card as an honorary member.

If ever a fellow rated it for reaching into hats and pulling out all sorts of surprises, to the red-faced confusion of most of the American league's first division, Jimmy is the lad.

He's been doing it for years, too, out there with his Chicago White Sox. Right now, he's winding up his sixth full season as boss of the Sox, and he stands a good chance to finish in the first division for the fourth time. He's only a game away as a result of his 3-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox yesterday in the only American league to get by the rain.

Over in the National league, the pennant race became a seven-team affair yesterday, to the surprise of no one. The Phillies, who never had a chance anyway, dropped both ends of a doubleheader to some excellent elbowing by Pittsburgh pitchers Truett Sewell and Joe Bowman, and were eliminated mathematically from the flag chase. Sewell tossed a three-hitter in the opener for a 5-0 win, and Bowman came back with a six-hitter for a 5-2 decision.

The New York Giants climbed back into a tie for third place by trouncing the St. Louis Cardinals, 5-2, largely on homers by Jojo Moore and Tony Cuccinello. Dick Erickson's steady twirling gave the Boston Bees an 8-3 edge over the Chicago Cubs, dropping the Cubs into sixth place. The loop's two pace-setters, Cincinnati and Brooklyn, were rained out.

PITTSBURGH BUYS SOUTHPAW WILKIE

Chicago, Aug. 29.—(P)—Western conference athletic directors were reported today to have approved a proposal to permit Big Ten football champions to compete in Rose Bowl games against title winners of the Pacific coast conference.

The directors, who are holding their midsummer meeting here, were said to have decided to recommend that the Big Ten faculty committee approve such an arrangement.

RICE STAR NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR PRO BALL

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 29.—(P)—Ernie Lain, the pudgy half-back whose brilliant work in the Rice Institute backfield made him a football headline for three seasons, failed to make the grade with the Washington Redskins of the national professional football league.

Lain was one of six men lopped from the squad of 45 today by Coach Ray Flaherty as the Redskins wound up their pre-season training program and entrained for Milwaukee, Wis., to meet the Green Bay Packers Monday in an exhibition tilt.

Gibraltar has been a British possession since 1773.

Greenwich observatory, in England, was founded in 1675.

Athens, Greece, got its name from the patron goddess, Athene.

The first modern olympiad took place at Athens, Greece, in 1896.

Toledo collected \$10,809 in gambling fines alone.

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'Frisco Clubber Looms as Local Golf Tourney Threat

Another out-of-town title contender loomed before local shot-makers today when Cy Donaldson of San Francisco, a 2-handicap man, placed his name on the entry list for the annual Southern Oregon-Northern California tournament starting Friday morning at the Rogue Valley Golf club.

Donaldson, who won't arrive here until Saturday morning, will be seeded into the championship flight of 32. He was unable to be here Friday to fire his qualifying round and officials of the tournament agreed to waive that necessity.

Leland Clark, local star, said of Donaldson that "he is a definite threat, even on a strange course." Clark related that Donaldson shot a three-under-par 69 on the Grants Pass course a couple of weeks ago, and was four under regulation figures at Eureka the same week.

Nine more out-of-town golfers were registered for the tournament to noon today. They were N. D. Looker and Thurston Lindball of Yreka, Cal., F. Sneed of Redding, Cal., Hugh McKinney of Callahan, Cal., Denny Hull of North Bend, Al Davis of Marshfield, Harold Johnson of Grants Pass and Bill Allen and Edmund Dewes of Ashland.

Along with the "foreigners" were the following local clubbers: Eugene Thorndike, George Patterson, Jack Bierma, Lucien Clement and Bert Orr. All told, 42 had entered the tournament and Manager George Robertson said he expected the number to jump to about 100 as 18-hole qualifying play opens tomorrow morning.

Five more entrants qualified yesterday. Harold Johnson shot an 85, Thurston Lindball a 95, George Patterson an 83, Bert Orr an 80 and Louie Blythe an 86. Several golfers were expected to qualify this afternoon.

Medford's Eddie Simmons, tourney champion the last two years, will shoot 18 holes in the morning to compete for medalist honors. As last season's titleholder Simmons does not have to qualify for match play. Simmons has one leg on the Larry Schade trophy, which was put up last year after Eddie gained permanent possession of the first Schade cup by his 1938 victory, his third. All told, Simmons has won the championship four times.

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looking for a break tonight—a break in the deadlock existing between the Collegians and the professional champions after six all star meetings.

The 1940 crop of college all stars and Green Bay, the professional champions, clash in the seventh annual charity game at Soldier field tonight, with a record crowd of 85,000 expected to watch the battle for an edge in the series.

Since 1934, when the series was started by the Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc., the collegians and the pros each have won two games, lost two and tied two.

There will be prizes, donated by the Rogue Valley club, for winners and runners-up in all flights, for winners and runners-up in all consolation flights, for the winner of the driving contest, and for low medalist. Marshfield's Dick Hanen, a pre-tourney favorite, was last year's medalist with a 71.

Following qualifying rounds tomorrow, the golfers will start 18-hole match play Saturday in all flights. Quarter finals and semi-finals will be played Sunday and the finals Monday, Labor Day.

The popular Calcutta pool will be held at the clubhouse at 6 p. m. Friday.

O'CONNELL NAMED CORVALLIS COACH

Forrest L. (Skeet) O'Connell, for the last four years athletic coach at Ashland high school, has been named basketball coach at Corvallis high school to succeed Hub Tuttle, who resigned to join the U. S. navy air force, according to a press report.

O'Connell, a former Oregon State college basketball star, resigned his Ashland post last spring following a casaba season that saw his Grizzlies win their second district 9 championship under his leadership.

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PROS, ALL-STARS COLLIDE TONIGHT

Chicago, Aug. 29.—(P)—Two of the nation's greatest collections of football stars will be

FLEMING IN FINE BIG LOOP DEBUT

Boston, Aug. 29.—(P)—Bill Fleming, who came from the Pacific Coast league recently, didn't win his ball game but he made an impression on the Boston fans when he engaged in a sparkling mound duel yesterday with Bill Dietrich of the Chicago White Sox.

The White Sox beat the Boston Red Sox 3-2.

Fleming gave up only five hits in the seven innings he worked before giving way to a pinch hitter. Fleming yielded all his hits in the second inning, good for two runs.

EXAMS FOR GRID UMPES SLATED FOR SEPT. 14

Principal Leonard Mayfield of Medford high school announced today that the annual examinations for football officials would be held in the school Saturday afternoon, September 14.

All local men planning to officiate at grid games this fall were requested to take the exam.

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