

# Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

### Bob Hardy Goes Over .500 Mark In Texas League

Ashland's Bob Hardy, the long and lean southpaw elboweer, may be the first native southern Oregonian to crash baseball's big time since Kenneth Williams grabbed his big bat and outfielder's glove and left the Grants Pass sand lots some 30 years ago for a long career in the place where they pay off in folding money and metropolitan headlines.

Curt Davis, now with the Brooklyn Dodgers, is regarded by many as hailing from this section, and it is true that he went to San Francisco and thence to the majors from here. But Curt really wasn't a southern Oregon boy, having come to Gold Hill from Rickreall. Hardy, in case he makes the big league grade, will carry a true southern Oregon label—and a Jackson county one at that.

That Hardy is doing very well for himself at Beaumont in the class A-1 Texas league is revealed in the last issue of the Sporting News. According to the latest Texas league pitching percentages, the Ashland postider has won 7 and lost 6 games for a mark of .538, but has appeared in a grand total of 39 contests and has hurled 135 innings. Hardy was used mainly for relief purposes earlier in the season, but of late he has been taking his regular turn on the mound.

Bob's last start, on August 30, found him blanking the third-place San Antonio club, 6 to 0, with six hits. It was a nine-inning game, the first of a doubleheader that saw Beaumont also win the nightcap, 4 to 0. In this fracas Hardy fanned two and walked two.

Six days earlier, on August 24, Hardy received credit for trimming the league-leading Houston team, 4 to 3. In this game Hardy relieved Fuchs with one out in the seventh inning, and finished the nine-frame contest, yielding but one hit and no runs. He walked one and fanned none.

Beaumont, a Detroit farm, is in second place, but has no chance to finish on top of the heap. Houston leads the loop by some 15 full games, with Beaumont and San Antonio battling it out for the runner-up position. However, Beaumont is certain to get into the Shaugnessy playoffs, among the four first-division clubs. That will mean a little extra sugar for Mr. and Mrs. Hardy.

Nobody knows, of course, whether Hardy will eventually rise to the parent Detroit team, which is currently battling Toot and nail for the American league pennant. It stands to reason, though, that Bob will be looked over at Detroit's spring training camp next year. And even if he isn't called up next spring he seems a cinch to remain in class A-1 baseball, which is only a step and a half under the major leagues.

As this is only Hardy's second season in professional ball, following three years at the University of Oregon and summer "bush" stuff in southern Oregon and in Idaho, it would seem within the realm of possibility that he might someday be up there where the fatted calf is cut.

To make it unanimous and devote this entire column to guys named Bob, we reprint a portion of a letter the M. T.'s Bob Gilstrap received the other day from Bob Smith, a local lad trying to bust into the lineup of the New York Giants of the National professional football league. Writes Bob:

"Not much to tell on football, with the exception of working so hard I haven't time to stop and figure out how I'm doing or what my chances are. Some tell me though that I may make it. The fellows are really a good class of men. They have definite plans and none of them have the false idea they can play the game forever. Most of them have played three years or more, are working on a master's degree or paying for a business. Have the irons on the fire for work in the afternoons on a newspaper. I offered my errors for nothing, but they seem to think I can get some rent money out of it ('They' being my coaches.)"

**G. PASS NAG KILLED IN STATE FAIR RACE**  
Salem, Sept. 9.—(P)—Luvor, a race horse owned by Gene Wood of Grants Pass, was killed Saturday in a jump over a fence in the last steeplechase race at the state fairgrounds.

# Piluso to Get Second Grapple Shot at Nazarian Tonight

## ERNIE VOWS TO ERASE STING OF PREVIOUS LOSS

Whitey Wahlberg, New-comer, to Meet Hagen-Nenoff, Wagner in Opener

Along about 10 o'clock tonight a goodly number of valley grapple fans and fanettes will have their answer to a question that has been uppermost in their minds ever since the match was made six days ago—can popular Ernie Piluso turn the tables on Mean Mike Nazarian, or will the awful Armenian again lambaste Ernie as he did three weeks ago?

The question will be answered in the armory ring before what Promoter Mack Lillard hopes will be close to a capacity crowd. The boys are slated to go an hour or the best two out of three falls in the main event. And if you listen to either of the principals the fracas hasn't a chance to last the limit. Both are dead certain they will bring things to a close in a hurry.

Piluso, the clever, smart, lightning-fast and colorful scientific matman, and Nazarian, the short, stocky, rather slow and rather thick-headed bad fellow, may stage the most hair-raising brawl of the year. Their first bout bordered on the sensational; this one tonight may be a regular rip-smorter, a donnybrook, a shootin' match. All signs point thataway.

**Defeat Ranks**  
Ernie Piluso is not a wrestler to forget a defeat, and especially a defeat such as he suffered at Nazarian's huge hands in their first tilt. Ernie takes deep pride in his mat labors, and like everybody in any line of endeavor he likes to win. In particular, he doesn't relish being whipped by a guy who doesn't know the difference between a legitimate half-nelson and a step-over toe hold. In short, Piluso hates to be beaten by one of the brutal characters.

To say that that previous setback Nazarian handed him ranks Piluso is putting it mildly, and Ernie has gone definitely on record as making the blunt statement he plans to get even, with interest, for that bitter loss to Nazarian. He will have the crowd behind him to a man, woman and child.

The program will start at 8:30 sharp with Steve Nenoff battling George Wagner, popular favorite, in the six-round opener. It will be Nenoff's first appearance here in over two years, when he grappled under the name of Tiger Taskoff. Nenoff is a rough, tough hombre and may prove too much for Wagner, a strict cleanie.

In the six-round center attraction, Newcomer Whitey Wahlberg of Minnesota will grapple Jack Hagen of Shreveport, La. Both are legitimate workmen.

## WEBFOOT MENTOR SELECTS HUSKIES

Seattle, Sept. 9.—(P)—Tex Oliver, University of Oregon football coach, picks Washington to win the Pacific coast conference championship, with Southern California a close second.

Arriving here by airplane yesterday from the east, Oliver said he based his prediction for a Washington victory on the showing the team made in the second half of the 1939 season.

## BOWLING SEASON BEGINS TONIGHT

Medford's 1940 bowling season will get under way at eight o'clock tonight in the Medford alleys, with six Classic league teams opening a 35-week schedule that is expected to provide the hottest competition yet seen here.

Classic loop teams entered are Studebaker Champs, Fluhrer's Breadeaters, Hawkinton Tire Tread, Murray's Maid-Rite, Zoric Cleaners, and Wardrobe Cleaners of Grants Pass.

## Battles Bulgarian Tonight



When Steve Nenoff, the brutal Bulgarian, appears in the armory grappling ring tonight for the first time in two years, he will be face to face with George Wagner (above), clean and popular matman. The pair will open a program featured by the Ernie Piluso-Mike Nazarian main event. The card will start at 8:30.

## SOL FLAG COPPED BY GRANTS PASS CARDS, PITT TIE IN GRID OPENER

Grants Pass, Sept. 9.—(P)—The Grants Pass Merchants flew the 1940 Southern Oregon baseball league pennant today beside the 1939 bunting. George Hibbard singled in the ninth inning of the play-off finale Sunday to send Relief Pitcher Lloyd Farthing home with the winning run, 5 to 4 over Crescent City, also last year's runners-up.

The first five innings saw one hit and no scores. Then five consecutive Crescent bingles and four runs drove Nig Di Sordi to the Grants Pass bench. Farthing substituted in the sixth and Deo replaced Koll for Crescent City in the seventh.

Short score: R. H. E. Crescent City ..... 4 9 0 Grants Pass ..... 5 11 2 Koll, Deo and Johnson; Di Sordi, Farthing and Woods.

## SAM SNEAD WINS ANTHRACITE OPENER

Seranton, Pa., Sept. 9.—(P)—Samuel Jackson Snead has evened his score with Byron Nelson, the Texan transplanted to Toledo, O., who knocked him out of top money in the finals of the Professional Golfers' association championships last month.

The long-driving Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa., golfer started off Nelson's threat to win the \$5,000 second annual Anthracite open golf tournament here yesterday with a 72-hole 276, two strokes below Nelson.

Snead, who succeeds Henry Picard, Hershey, Pa., won \$1200 with his card of 138-68-70—276, four under par. The PGA champion carded a 142-70-66—278 for \$750.

The U. S. open champion, Lawson Little of Bretton Woods, N. H., took third money of \$525 with a 140-69-70—279.

**Pedestrian Killed**  
Salem, Sept. 9.—(P)—Joe Holt, 47, Leadville, Colo., was killed early Sunday when struck by an automobile while he was walking on the Salem-Dallas highway three miles west of West Salem.

## CARDS, PITT TIE IN GRID OPENER

Pittsburgh, Sept. 9.—(P)—Coach Jimmy Conzelman, making the plunge from college to professional football after eight seasons at Washington university of St. Louis, at least can claim a moral victory in his first time out.

His Chicago Cardinals had to come from behind to deadlock the Pittsburgh Steelers, 7-7, in the National league campaign opener yesterday but Conzelman's crew swept most of the statistical advantages.

The Cards counted up nine first downs to only three for the Steelers, gained 110 yards rushing to 83, added 128 from passes to 84 and from all sources netted 341 to 217.

## NO POST-SEASON TILTS FOR BIG TEN IN 1940

Chicago, Sept. 9.—(P)—For another year at least post-season games are taboo for western conference football teams.

The conference faculty committee made this clear Saturday when it voted to defer action on a proposal to make the annual rose bowl game at Pasadena, Calif., on New Year's day a closed affair between the Pacific coast conference and the big ten.

### Scores Yesterday

League	Team 1	Team 2
American League	New York 9, Boston 4	
	Washington 7-0, Philadelphia 6-4	
	Cleveland 5, Chicago 4	
	Detroit 5, St. Louis 4	
	Brooklyn 7-4, New York 2-2	
	Philadelphia 2-3, Boston 1-1	
National League	Chicago 3, Cincinnati 1	
	Pittsburgh 16-3, St. Louis 14-4	
	Pacific Coast League	
	Sacramento 6-4, Seattle 4-6	
San Diego 9-3, Portland 2-4		
Hollywood 8-1, Los Angeles 4-6		
San Francisco 7-3, 93-446		
Portland 5-9, 117-312		

## FELLER'S RELIEF JOB KEEPS TEAM AT TOP OF HEAP

By Associated Press  
Nobody knows exactly who is running the Cleveland Indians, but when Bob Fellers goes out there on the mound everybody knows who's pitching, win, lose or draw.

He went to the mound at the start of the ninth yesterday with the score tied at 4-4 and hurled two scoreless stanzas (one hit, three strikeouts, one walk) before Jeff Heath doubled and scored the run that beat the Chicago White Sox 5-4 in the ninth. Feller was credited with his 24th victory.

This broke a six-game tailspin by the Indians and kept them mathematically in front of the Tigers, although the two are tied in games won and lost. The Yanks also won to stay a game behind.

Detroit battled courageously from behind again to beat the St. Louis Browns 5-4.

The Yankees overwhelmed the Red Sox 9-4 to dim Boston's pennant hopes.

The Washington Senators and Philadelphia Athletics divided a doubleheader. The Senators squeezed through a 7-6 triumph in the first game. The A's took the five-inning nightcap 4-0, scoring four runs in the fifth before darkness fell.

The Cincinnati Reds were spellbound by Vern Olsen and the Chicago Cubs captured a 3-1 decision by bunching ten hits in the first six innings against Milkman Jim Turner.

This was the cue for the Brooklyn Dodgers to take a doubleheader from the New York Giants and they did, 7-2 and 4-2.

The Pittsburgh Pirates swept a doubleheader from the St. Louis Cardinals 16-14 and 5-4 and took over third place, but the big show for St. Louis was Johnny Mize hitting three home runs in the opening tussle.

The last place Phillies turned the tables on the Boston Bees and copped a double bill 2-1 and 3-1, the first game going 12 innings as Kirby Higbe and Dick Erickson waged a pitching duel.

### HOW THEY STAND

League	W.	L.	Pct.	
American League	Cleveland	76	58	.575
	Detroit	77	57	.574
	New York	75	57	.568
	Boston	72	62	.537
	Chicago	69	63	.523
	Washington	57	77	.425
National League	St. Louis	55	50	.520
	Philadelphia	49	78	.386
	Cincinnati	84	47	.641
	Brooklyn	78	54	.591
	Pittsburgh	67	61	.523
	St. Louis	66	62	.516
Pacific Coast League	New York	65	50	.567
	Chicago	64	70	.478
	Boston	56	77	.421
	Philadelphia	43	97	.331
	Seattle	107	62	.633
	Los Angeles	95	73	.565
Oakland	91	78	.538	
San Diego	88	80	.524	
Sacramento	86	83	.503	
Hollywood	81	88	.478	
San Francisco	75	93	.446	
Portland	59	117	.312	

## Crooner Bing Crosby Brings Glamor to Amateur Tourney TWO IN ASHLAND DISCOVER THEY LACK CITIZENSHIP

By Gayle Talbot

Mamaroneck, N. Y., Sept. 9.—(P)—Glamor and romance finally have come to the national amateur golf championship in its 44th year, for Bing Crosby, himself, was among the 150 players who were digging around the winged foot club today in the first qualifying round of the title event.

Whether Bing the crooner still will be around when match play starts on Wednesday—after the 64 low qualifying scores for 36 holes have been posted—is another matter, for he belongs only to the ordinary, or garden variety of golfer. But the possibilities attached to planting an attraction like Bing in a golf tournament have been only too apparent the last three days.

The entire field practiced yesterday, but there was only one gallery. It followed Crosby from first tee to final green, where one of his more fervent feminine fans ducked out a foot and prevented Bing's approach from rolling into a trap.

Marvin (Bud) Ward of Spokane, the defending champion and a really fine golfer, shot a 63, four under par, in his final tune-up. Yet the only reason anyone saw him do it was the fact that he was playing around with our movie menace, who also comes from Spokane. Crosby, who is rather short off the tee and stabs with his putter, had a 40 coming back after going out in 43. That adds up 83.

Ward is the natural favorite to win, despite the fact that anything can happen in the course of the four 18-hole rounds of match play on Wednesday and Thursday.

In the last couple of years Ward has proved he can shoot right along with the professionals, and he came within a stroke of tying for the 1939 open championship.

However, the boy from Spokane will not lack competition. There are, besides him, nine former amateur champions in the field.

## JAPANESE CONCERNED BY PLAN TO EMBARGO OIL AND SCRAP METAL

Tokyo, Sept. 9.—(AP)—via radio)—Great concern has been aroused in Japan by a movement in the United States to place a complete embargo on shipments to Japan of oil, scrap metal and other vital raw materials, Domei, the authoritative Japanese news agency, said in a broadcast today.

Many Japanese also are alarmed over what they consider indications of impending common action by Britain and the United States in the far east.

Anxiety has intensified since the national defense council submitted to President Roosevelt proposals for an embargo on essential materials, the agency said.

Such proposals, the influential Tokyo newspaper Yomiuri commented, may prove the beginning of an American blockade of Japan.

Yomiuri said it would be madness to hope for improvement of United States-Japanese relations, since "the course of the war in Europe and the failure of Great Britain must lead the United States to an imperialistic policy."

The newspaper referred to the "conviction" in the United States that "the common enemy of America and England is Japan."

More than 98 per cent of all electricity generated by hydro-electric plants.

Oil wells today are drilled in one-fifth the time required ten years ago.

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