

# Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:

**Craters, Rogues Bring Exciting Ball to Medford**

Of course it isn't major league baseball that Medford's two clubs are bringing to local fans, but nobody can deny it is interesting, hard-fought and spintangling national pastime. . . look at the close, tough contests that have been waged thus far in the young season: Craters 2, Albany 4 in 11 innings; Craters 3, Albany 4; Craters 2, Redding 1 in 10 innings; Rogues 5, Grants Pass 4 in 11 innings. . . the only two games played here this season that weren't decided by two runs or less and weren't in absolute doubt until the last man was retired, were the Craters' 7 to 4 win over Yreka, and the Rogues' 10 to 6 conquest of Crescent City yesterday.

Latest pitching percentages of the Texas league, as released in the Sporting News, gives Ashland's Bob Hardy two wins and no losses for Beaumont. . . out of action with a sore arm for a couple of weeks at the start of the season, the Lithia City southpaw is now taking his regular turn on the rubber for the Exporters. . . Rex Cecil, who humiliated Craters last year while pitching for Mt. Shasta City, is now laboring for San Bernardino of the class C California State circuit.

We would like to see Del Schroer, Crater shortstop, stop swinging for the fences and concentrate his efforts on punching out singles and getting on base. . . he is such a little fellow that he can't hope to ever develop into a distance hitter, and it's a shame that his batting average will keep him from making a name for himself in baseball. . . right now he is giving Medford ball clients shortstopping like they never saw before, his fielding beyond a doubt is as good as you can find outside the big leagues. . . if he could bring his batting average to anywhere near the same level as his fielding mark, his baseball future would indeed be shining. . . how about it, Del; wouldn't it be worth it? . . .

Al (Wray) Lightner's current batting slump must run in the family, for his brother of the W. I. L. Salem Senators, a fine hitter last year, is socking a mere .169, according to latest averages. . . but while Al hasn't yet started to club 'em like he can, his outfielding certainly hasn't suffered. . . he came up with a couple more circus captures against Redding Saturday eve. . . and speaking of sensational snafus, Al Fleischman pulled another in the same tilt. . . it was a high fly ball down the right field line, and the first sacker hauled it down almost against the fence after a run of some 200 feet, with his back to the grandstand. . .

A letter comes from Mickey Shader, proxy of the Tucson club of the Arizona-Texas league, reminding us of the Cincinnati Reds tryout camp for young ball players here July 1 through July 5. . . Mickey writes that "never before has there been such a big demand for young players," which is probably due in part to the national defense program, which is taking young men into well-paying defense industries and into the army. . . Mickey says his club is "going good and drawing fine crowds."

Steve Crippen tells us he is dicker with Paul Hoffer and expects to be playing with the Southern Oregon league Rogues in the near future. . . our apologies to Bob Fox, the Craters' ace righthanded pitcher, for tagging him with the front handle of "Pete," a name we got we know not where. . . the veteran Fred Roberts, who is slowly rounding into pitching shape and expects to be able to take his turn on the Crater mound in a couple of weeks, very much likes the looks of young Willard Smith, who hurled that fine five-hitter against Redding Saturday night. . . although Smith still is rather inexperienced, Roberts predicted he would develop into an excellent flinger and would win the Craters a lot of ball games.

Eight new traps with concrete walks have been installed at the Seaside-Gearhart Gun club at Seaside, where the Oregon State Trapshoot will be held June 19 to 22, inclusive. . . Robert W. Munger, chairman of the shoot, suggests that early reservations be made for the shooters' families, due to the demands of usual beach business at that time of

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# Craters Blanked by Bend, 2-0; Rogues Blast C. C., 10-6

the year. . . the Redding Tigers, after playing the Craters Saturday, left town immediately after the game and headed for Reno, Nev., for another week-end fracas Sunday afternoon. . . Wrestling Promoter Mack Lillard still is looking for a spot for his weekly grappling matches, while cantonment architects are occupying the armory.

## PAIRINGS GIVEN FOR PALM BEACH GOLF TOURNAMENT

Club Pro Laddie Selkirk today announced the pairings in four flights for 64 players who qualified for the annual Barker Palm Beach handicap tournament at the Rogue Valley Golf club. Eighteen-hole match play starts this week, with two matches slated to be played before next Sunday night.

Ike Staples, with a score of 73, won the low gross prize in qualifying rounds, while Jack Creager's 72 was the best low net tally. Selkirk said that pairings and results of match play would be posted in Barker's window every day during the tournament.

In the weekly competition for the highest number of score cards turned in, Hance Cleland led at the end of the first week with 17, followed by Bob Sherwood with 15 and Creager and Staples with 13 each.

The club pro expressed his appreciation to the M. and M. department store, Barker's, Mann's, S. A. Gibbs and Coca Cola for their donations of prizes for the recently-completed Perl Spring handicap tourney.

Barker tourney pairings follow:

**Championship Flight**  
Ike Staples vs. Vern Robinson, Bob Hammond vs. Sid Reaney, L. Clark vs. Bob Sherwood, Hobart Price vs. E. Tummy, G. Harrington vs. Paul Meyers, J. Creager vs. A. Littrell, Ed Simmons vs. George Roberts, T. Porter vs. Dick Wray.

**First Flight**  
C. Clay vs. L. Watson, O. Schenck vs. B. Davidson, B. Williams vs. R. Moore, A. Pruitt vs. D. Irving, F. Perl vs. B. Cady, B. Trownbridge vs. A. Laine, G. Jackson vs. J. Horner, W. Biddle vs. W. Kincaid.

**Second Flight**  
E. Nichols vs. H. Obye, J. Root vs. H. Cleland, R. B. Hammond vs. J. Jerome, M. Peirce vs. E. Kofoed, J. Barr vs. C. M. Kidd, S. Reigel vs. E. Mohr, G. Hunt vs. G. Robinson, S. Appollo vs. R. Ebel.

**Third Flight**  
S. A. Gibbs vs. Dr. Lageson, V. Rolph Sr. vs. J. Smith, Ed Drysdale vs. Dr. Bunch, F. Scheffel vs. V. Rolph Jr., R. Royer vs. R. Hubbard, E. Thorndyke vs. M. Gibbons, J. Cupp vs. R. Donelson, M. Leonard vs. J. McLennan.

## CONN MAY PUNCH IN TIFF TONIGHT

Pittsburgh, May 26.—(AP)—Threatened with the "sudden death" of his heavyweight title dreams unless he wins decisively, Billy Conn may turn slugger tonight as he seeks to smash down Buddy Knox, unsung Dayton, Ohio, boxer in a final 15-round pre-Louis "test" before a hometown crowd.

This strange transition from master boxer into fistic dynamiter became vitally necessary for Conn through an ultimatum by Mike Jacobs which virtually ordered Billy to win by a knockout or sacrifice his rights to a title crack at champion Joe Louis next month in New York.

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## HATCH TURNS IN 3-HIT PITCHING TRICK FOR ELKS

Bob Fox Bested in Tight Mound Duel — Two-Run 8th Frame Brings Victory

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Klamath Falls . . . . . 1 0 1.000
Hills Creek . . . . . 1 0 1.000
Albany . . . . . 1 0 1.000
Eugene . . . . . 1 0 1.000
Bend . . . . . 1 1 .500
Medford . . . . . 0 2 .000
Toledo . . . . . 0 2 .000

**Results Sunday**  
At Bend 2, Medford 0.  
At Hills Creek 9, Toledo 1.  
At Klamath Falls-Albany (Postponed, rain).  
Eugene, bye.

Blanked with one hit for seven innings by the steady hurling of Bob Fox, the Bend Elks broke loose in the eighth to score two runs on five blows and defeat the Medford Craters, 2 to 0, in an Oregon State league game at Bend Sunday afternoon.

Big Bill Hatch went the route for the Elks and gave the Craters only three safeties, scattered over as many innings. Fox's single in the third, Gray's blow in the fifth and Alex McDonald's two-base smash to right in the eighth were the only hits made off the southpaw's delivery.

Wally Graser, shortstop, opened Bend's big eighth frame with a double to right, and after Douglas went out Wally Kremers, catcher, singled. Tommy Hawkins, last year's Crater manager, batted for Volk, and responded with a single, and Ogden and Nehl followed with consecutive socks to clinch the contest.

### Rally Nipped

The Craters attempted to rally in their half of the ninth inning, but couldn't punch a run across the plate. With one gone, Al Fleischman walked, but was forced at second by Manager Lou Sauer. Joe Gray reached first on Graser's error, but Glenn Swanson ended the game with a bounce to Hatch.

The Craters came closest to scoring in the eighth inning, when Del Schroer reached first on an error and McDonald smacked his double. A great throw from the outfield by Volk, however, cut off Schroer at the plate.

Hatch, in applying the coat of whitewash to the Craters, fanned two and walked three. Fox gave up four bases on balls and whiffed four.

Next Wednesday night the Craters will entertain the Weed Sons in an exhibition game under the fairgrounds field lights.

Box score:

AB	R	H	PO	A
Medford	3	0	0	2
Schroer, ss	0	0	2	3
McDonald, 3b	3	0	1	0
Lightner, lf	4	0	0	0
Fleishman, 1b	2	0	14	0
Sauer, 2b	4	0	0	1
Gray, cf	4	0	1	0
Swanson, rf	4	0	2	0
Slater, c	3	0	4	1
Fox, p	3	0	1	3
Totals	30	0	34	13

Bend

AB	R	H	PO	A
Ogden, lf	4	0	1	0
Nehl, 3b	4	0	1	2
Walker, cf	4	0	1	0
Hatch, p	2	0	0	1
Gordon, 3b	3	0	0	2
Graser, ss	2	1	1	4
Douglas, 2b	3	0	0	7
Kremers, c	3	0	2	3
Volk, rf	2	0	2	1
Hawkins	1	1	0	0
Totals	28	3	6	27

\*Batted for Volk in 9th.  
Score:  
Bend . . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 2-2  
Medford . . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0-0  
Errors: Graser, Douglas; two-base hits: McDonald, Graser; sacrifices: Gordon; bases on balls: Hatch 3, Fox 4; strike-outs: Hatch 3, Fox 4.

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Portland . . . . . 20 27 .426
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## GAL COXSWAIN IS DUNKED IN RIVER

Portland, Ore., May 26.—(AP)—Reed college lost its final crew race of the season Saturday, but it was a big success so far as Coxswain Mary Russell was concerned.

The eight crew members tossed the 18-year-old sophomore from Bremerton, Wash., into the Willamette river anyway.

"Wasn't it nice of the boys," Mary smiled as she clambered out of the water. "They didn't have to do it, you know, for the coxswain is only supposed to get thrown in if the race is won."

And the judges, perhaps upset at sighting a female in the Reed shell, didn't arrive at the finishing line in time to see the Portland rowing club defeat the collegians. Their boat broke down shortly after the start and they had to hitchhike to the finish.

## TOLEDO DEFEATED BY HILLS CREEK

Eugene, May 26.—(AP)—Hills Creek drummed the Toledo Lions, 9-1, in the opening State league baseball game at Swimmers' Delight yesterday.

Hillbilly Sluggers, led by Howard Parks with three hits in four trips to the plate, collected nine safeties off Boyd Eagleson, including two triples and two doubles.

Score:  
R. H. E.  
Toledo . . . . . 1 5 0  
Hills Creek . . . . . 9 9 2  
Eagleson, L. Anderson and Hoover; B. Kelsay and G. Kelsay, Kendall.

## LOCALS SOCK 12 HITS OFF THREE C. CITY HURLERS

Paul Hess Scatters 11 Blows to Notch Second Win—Both Teams Field Well

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Crescent City . . . . . 1 1 .500
Rogue River . . . . . 0 2 .000

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At Grants Pass 9, Rogue River 2.

By virtue of their 10 to 6 win over the Crescent City Merchants, the Medford Rogues stand today at the top of the heap in the Southern Oregon league pennant race.

The game yesterday afternoon on the locals diamond was nip and tuck throughout with both sides hitting hard. Big Paul Hess was touched for 11 hits but was able to scatter them well for the victory. The California squad threw three flingers into the fray but they were greeted with 12 resounding blows by the big bats of Hoosier Hoffer's boy.

Exceptional fielding featured the game with both sides making seemingly impossible catches. Higby of the Merchants came up with a hard line drive robbing Orval Hampel of a three-base hit in right field in the third inning. For Medford Dwight Catherwood also handled his three chances in center-field with exceptional skill.

### C. C. Scores First

Crescent City was the first to draw blood as they put together three hits for one run in the first inning, with Peterson, the Merchants first sacker, batting in Whitey Matson. This was followed in the second inning when Matson in turn sent Higby home on a double following Higby's base on balls and a stolen base. However the Rogues came back in their half of the second frame when they scored four runs of two hits, two walks and one error, Patterson, Fawcett, Adams, and Hess scoring.

Again in the fourth inning the Rogues scored the same number of runs climaxed by Dwight Catherwood's triple down the left field foul line. Adams started things off when he made his second blow of the day. He was followed by Johnnie Gitzzen's fielders' choice, Gitzzen making first but forcing Adams. Cook's fly was muffed by Higby sending home the Medford second baseman. Cook scored in turn on Hoffer's single. Catherwood then delivered his triple and scored later after a single by Hampel.

Crescent City was not able to score again until the fifth stanza. Here they manufactured two runs on as many

## INFIELDER HURT AS CARDS TAKE 2 FROM PIRATES

By Gayle Talbot  
The St. Louis Cards, setting a breathless pace in the National league, open a new series against the Chicago Cubs today with a patched-up infield, the result of an injury to their sensational rookie second baseman, Frank Crespi.

Crespi suffered a fractured finger yesterday as the flying leaders were sweeping a double-header with the Pittsburgh Pirates by scores of 6 to 4 and 4 to 3, and probably will be out for a fortnight.

The Cleveland Indians went bowling merrily along to their fifth straight victory as 20,000 Sunday fans watched Bob Feller shut out the St. Louis Browns 6 to 0 and rock up his ninth victory of the year. The demon young fireballer fanned 13.

Old Lefty Grove of the Boston Red Sox inched nearer his lifetime goal of 300 victories as he notched No. 296 at the expense of the New York Yankees, 10 to 3.

The Chicago White Sox burst loose with a seven-run rally in the seventh frame at Detroit to knock Hal Newhouser from the hill and win 7 to 3.

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## RUNYAN VICTOR IN GOODALL TOURNEY

New York, May 26.—(AP)—Though he is \$1,000 richer for his victory yesterday in the fourth annual Goodall round robin, Paul Runyan will be just one of some thousand other golfers when he steps on the first tee this morning. Along with those thousand others, he'll have to fight for the right to qualify for next week's U. S. open championship at Fort Worth, Texas.

However, there isn't much doubt he can make it. Any man who can finish seven rounds on a tough golf course 23 shots over par and still beat most of the country's best pros should not find it difficult to win one of the 12 places awarded the 65 men competing in the metropolitan district sectional qualifying round.

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