

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:

Rogues, Craters Could Clash in Three-Game Set

Medford has two pretty good ball clubs, between which there exists more than a little rivalry, but as yet we haven't heard either of them issuing a challenge to the other for a game, or a series, to determine the city championship. . . . the way things stand now, such a series would be a natural, what with the Craters languishing in the cellar of the Oregon State league, generally accepted as the fastest semi-pro circuit in the state, and the Rogues ruling the roost in the Southern Oregon loop. . . .

Why don't the two clubs get together for a best two-out-of-three "serious" for the 1941 Medford title? . . . the games could be strung out over three weeks and played on Wednesday nights so as not to interfere with their regular league contests, and they should draw fine crowds. . . . that rivalry existing between the teams is no baloney, either; it's definitely there and at times has approached the sizzling stage. . . . yet there have been no challenges issued. . . . come on, boys, let's get things heated up around here and have some good, old-fashioned intra-city shootin' matches. . . .

Smoky Joe Spencer, who pitched and caught for the Craters when they operated in the Southern Oregon league two years ago, is the number one hurler for the Eugene Athletics of the State loop, and thus far has one win and no setbacks to his credit. . . . the Craters are attempting to bring Don Kirsch, second baseman, and Bill Hamel, shortstop, both of University of Oregon northern division, Coast conference champs, to Medford when school is out. . . . Bill Calvert, Webfoot catcher who'll strengthen the Craters when he arrives, is acting as go-between. Dwight Catherwood, centerfielder for the Rogues, is undoubtedly the class of all the S. O. L. outer gardeners. . . . he has been hitting like a maniac, and his fly-catching is letter perfect. . . . Tommy Harmon's football fame is expected to net the ex-Michigan thunderbolt at least 100 grand. . . . Billy Conn did show last night that he could do considerable slugging when he had to, but we are afraid that Joe Louis will prove a slightly tougher opponent than Buddy Knox. . . . when Billy and Joseph meet next month, ringside chairs will retail at \$27. . . .

The other night Pepper Martin's Sacramento Solons pulled a squeeze play with two gone and two strikes on the batter, which is gambling with a capital G. . . . the opposing infield was so astounded, naturally, that no play was made on either the runner coming in from third or the batter. . . . it's baseball like that that makes the Solons the best drawing team in the league. . . .

Cracks Eddie Brietz of the A. P.: "Last winter a lot of words were tossed about as to the respective salaries of the Messers, Bob Feller and Buck Newsom. . . . right now the chief difference appears to be that Feller is earning his." . . . Ted Williams, star outfielder of the Boston Red Sox, is feuding with the sports writers again, and Manager Joe Cronin has barred the fourth estate from the Sox clubhouse. . . .

Fights Last Night

By the Associated Press. Pittsburgh—Billy Conn, 180, Pittsburgh, stopped Buddy Knox, 190, Dayton, Ohio, (8); Harry Bobo, 202, Pittsburgh, outpointed Lee Savold, 190, Des Moines, Iowa, (10); Pat Comiskey, 216, Paterson, N. J., knocked out James J. Johnson, 186, New York, (1).

Albany, N. Y.—Vinnie Vines, 150, Schenectady, N. Y., stopped Billy Furrone, 148, Philadelphia, (7). Holyoke, Mass.—Chester Rico, 138, New York, stopped Jackie Reemes, 140, Brooklyn, (5).

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CHAMPIONS SCORE 5 RUNS IN THIRD TO CLINCH GAME

Ninth-Inning OSC Rally Is Choked Off by Begleries—Cougars Blank Huskies

By the Associated Press. Oregon reigned today as the 1941 baseball champion of the Pacific Coast conference northern division, while Washington and Washington State prepared to wrap up the season in a game strictly for fun.

Oregon clinched the title yesterday by beating Oregon State, 9 to 5, at Corvallis while Washington State blanked Washington at Pullman, 2 to 0, in the first tilt of a final two-game series.

Kirsch Homers. Two-hit pitching by Henry Bushman was the story of Washington State's victory, its first in three games against the Huskies.

A five-run outburst in the third inning, giving the Webfoots a 7-0 lead, cleared the way for the new champions' victory. Second baseman Don Kirsch added a homer to the inning's slaughter. Oregon State filled the bases in the ninth, but Nick Begleries, the Oregon chucker, turned back the threat without allowing a score. Oregon State held a 12-11 hitting edge.

The standings:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Oregon	11	4	.733
Washington	9	6	.600
O. S. C.	8	8	.500
W. S. C.	5	9	.357
Idaho	3	5	.250

SMITH TO PITCH IN WEED CONTEST

The Medford Craters will attempt to make it three straight wins over Northern California league opposition when they entertain the Weeds Sons in an exhibition game under the fairgrounds field lights Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Thus far, the Craters have beaten Yreka three times and Redding once, to gain a commanding advantage over clubs from the loop to the south.

Expected to get the Crater pitching call is young Willard Smith, who turned in that fine five-hitter to trim Redding, 2 to 1, in 10 innings last Saturday night. Manager Lou Sauer plans to give the lad plenty of work from now on to ready him for action in the State league.

Cliff Fisk will probably do the flinging for the Weed club. Wednesday night's contest with Weed will be the final tune-up tilt for the Craters prior to the invasion of the Kelo, Wash., club for a two-game series Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

The Craters will work out at the fairgrounds park at 5:30 this afternoon.

HOSTAK IN TITLE FRACAS TONIGHT

Chicago, May 27.—(AP)—Al Hostak, Seattle challenger, and rugged Tony Zale of Gary, Ind., swap punches tomorrow night for the middleweight championship (N.B.A. variety), but that attraction alone doesn't explain the big advance sale.

Many of the boxing customers who already have put \$40,000 in the till are going to see Booker Bellkwith, wicked puncher of Gary, battle Solly Krieger, Brooklyn veteran and ex-middleweight champion himself.

Krieger and the Gary youngster are scheduled to go 10 rounds in the semi-final to the title engagement.

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BUD WARD FIRES 143 TO QUALIFY

Portland, May 27.—(AP)—Rain and thunder failed to halt Bud Ward's long drives and the Spokane, Wash., ace shot a sub-par 71-72-143 to qualify for the national open tournament here yesterday.

The former national amateur champion finished 10 strokes ahead of his nearest opponent on the 144-par Portland golf club course.

New York, May 27.—(AP)—Cliff Spencer, the long-driving Washington pro who never has invaded the field of big-time golf, had his day of glory yesterday when he led all the qualifiers for the national open championship at Fort Worth, Tex., June 5, 6 and 7.

Playing over the Columbia Country club course, the 35-year-old Spencer fired rounds of 68 and 69 for a 36-hole total of 137. That not only put him four strokes ahead of the 28 other golfers in his own district, including several former prominent players, but topped the entire list of more than 1,000 who yesterday sought the 198 places available in the national tourney.

Scores Yesterday

By the Associated Press
National
Brooklyn 6, Philadelphia 4.
St. Louis 12, Chicago 11.
Cincinnati 7, Pittsburgh 3.
(Only games.)

American
Detroit 5, Cleveland 3.
(Only game scheduled.)

Exhibition
Yakima (WIL) 3, Oakland (coast) 1.
Everett (Northwest League) 5, Vancouver (WIL) 3.
Fresno (Calif. State) 8, Sacramento (coast) 3.

The levee system of the Mississippi is some 300 miles longer than the great wall of China.

Chile's death rate is 25 per 1,000, more than twice as great as the United States.

CONN TKO'S KNOX IN EIGHTH HEAT; READY FOR LOUIS

By Duke Moran
Pittsburgh, May 26.—(AP)—Billy Conn, waltzing light heavyweight champ stalking Joe Louis, points proudly to his eighth-round technical knockout triumph over Pudgy Buddy Knox, Dayton, Ohio, heavyweight, as a sample of what he "will give Joe next month."

"I've had the workout I needed now and I'm ready for the bomber," asserted Billy a few minutes after his thumping lefts and rights floored Knox three times and beat him into helplessness last night before Pittsburgh's largest fight crowd of 27,043 spectators.

Billy, weighing 180, was 10 pounds lighter than his 24-year-old opponent. He started so slowly against Knox that Promoter Mike Jacobs could be seen writhing in his ringside seat as he debated whether this was the man to face Louis.

Then, almost without warning in the fifth, Conn's flicking left suddenly became a bolt that started the Ohioan's head bobbing. Knox slipped to his knees after one of them hit him below the heart in the sixth, but got up without a count.

But the next round a series of four lefts to the head backed Buddy into a corner and a right dropped him for a nine count. He came up into a fresh storm of leather and again flopped for a toll of eight. The third time he left the canvas after a nine count found the bell ending the round. He couldn't get off his seat for the eighth.

Conn's hometown stand brought him the biggest purse of his career—a 33 1/3 per cent slice of the \$68,000 house.

HOW THEY STAND

National.	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	27	9	.750
Brooklyn	25	12	.676
New York	18	14	.563
Chicago	16	18	.471
Cincinnati	12	20	.375
Pittsburgh	12	20	.375
Boston	12	20	.375
Philadelphia	10	24	.294
American.			
Cleveland	28	13	.683
Chicago	21	14	.600
New York	20	18	.526
Boston	16	16	.500
Detroit	19	19	.500
Philadelphia	17	19	.472
Washington	14	24	.368
St. Louis	11	23	.324

(Coast unchanged.)
More than 40 tributaries of the Mississippi are navigable.

TWO HOME RUNS GIVE CARDS 12-11 VICTORY OVER CUBS; REDS WIN

By Judson Bailey (Associated Press Writer)
The only club in the National league that packs dynamite at the plate is that swashbuckling crew bossed by Billy Southworth in St. Louis.

They proved it again yesterday by chopping down the Chicago Cubs, 12-11, with two home runs in the eleventh inning.

This was the Cards' seventh straight victory.

The Brooklyn Dodgers were presented with a 6-4 triumph by the humble Phillies when

centerfielder Joe Marty dropped a fly with the bases loaded in the fifth.

The world champion Cincinnati Reds outslugged the Pittsburgh Pirates for a 7-3 decision in a night game. The Reds punched out 13 hits, including home runs by Harry Craft and Ernie Koy.

In the only American league encounter the Detroit Tigers stopped the Cleveland Indians, 5-3, with three runs in the ninth, two on Bruce Campbell's double with the bases loaded.

BABE HERMAN IS BATTING LEADER

Los Angeles, May 27.—(AP)—Babe Herman, the old major

league slugger, is carrying on in the Pacific coast league. The Hollywood outfielder took over the leadership with a 403 mark as Sacramento's Babe Adams slipped to 398 after setting the pace almost from the season's inaugural.

The Babe's right up there in home runs, too. His eight are only one less than Eddie Mayo of Los Angeles has clubbed to lead in that department. Tied with Herman at eight are Blattner and Gutteridge of Sacramento.

Completing the top five in batting are Harris of Seattle, 383, Detore of San Diego, 376, and Jennings, San Francisco, 371.

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