

# Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:

### Craters Getting Nifty Elbowing But No Hitting

It's funny how situations, like a woman's mind, have a habit of changing. At the start of the season everybody knew that what Medford's Craters needed more than anything else were at least two good pitchers. The batting power, it was felt, would take care of itself.

Well, as of this date, the case seems to have distinctly reversed itself. The Craters have been getting fine flinging, almost as nifty as you could ask for, but the clubbing punch at the plate has been gradually diminishing until, right now, it is near the vanishing point.

In the first two games of the season, exhibition affairs against Yreka, the locals clubbed out 13 and 18 hits, respectively. Then, against Albany in the Oregon State league opener, they dropped down to nine, and the next day in the exhibition contest against the same club, they fell to eight.

Next came the Yreka game here, and the Craters were held to five socks by Crippen and Jones. Followed the Redding 11-inning thriller and it was five belts for the locals. Then, the season's low was reached when Jim Farmer of Bend blanked the Medfords with three safeties, and Sunday the Craters managed only four hits off Glen Svetman of Kelso and won the game only because the latter walked five in the first inning and 10 all told.

With only one exception, the Craters have received excellent pitching in winning five and losing three games. Bob Fox gave Kelso seven blows, Bend six and Yreka six, and young Willard Smith came up with a five-hit beauty against Redding. Jerry Gastineau and Chuck Ostrom combined to fling a seven-hitter in one of the Albany games, and Carl Monzo yielded only five bingles against the same team in the league inaugural. In the season's first exhibition tilt, Crippen and Gastineau gave up only three hits as the Craters beat Yreka, 6 to 1, and in the next game with the Yreka's Gastineau was touched for 12. But in this fracas, the Craters pounded out 18 themselves, so Gastineau didn't have to be too hot.

In short, the Craters are currently getting top-notch elbowing from Fox and Smith, but their hitting is far below par in comparison with the brand of mound work being turned in. In our opinion, this batting slump, like Britain's war reverses thus far, isn't going to prove disastrous. We believe that John Bull will start winning a few beefs shortly, and that the Craters will start hitting. If the latter occurs, and the pitching remains as good as it has been, the club should start climbing in the State league race, although first-half pennant hopes have flown out the window.

Joe Gray, against Kelso, showed definite signs of starting to hit. His double to left-center was terrifically kissed. Lightner apparently is so worried over his slump that he is pressing, trying to hard. We would say, "Relax, Al, these things can't go on forever." Manager Lou Sauer, another potentially good stickler, has plenty of troubles right now, what with attempting to get a couple of infielders and playing second base when he is really an outfielder. Al Fleishman, who led the Hills Creek club in batting last year, can't get started. All these boys, believe us, are far better hitters than their averages to date indicate, and it only remains for them to shake off their listlessness to start the club upward.

A more serious problem than this batting slump, which probably is only temporary, appears to be the infield question. Alex McDonald, who in our opinion is the best third baseman in the State circuit, is leaving for summer school at University of Oregon, and he will be hard to replace. Alex will probably play with the Craters on their northern trips throughout the season, but whether he can manage to come back for home games is doubtful.

Then, there is that second base situation, where Manager Sauer has been holding forth only because there just wasn't anybody else to play there. Sauer's key-stone has been very passable, for that matter, but he still isn't an infielder, and playing out of position, along with his managerial worries has combined to take his mind off his hitting. The Craters need a third baseman and a second baseman, the latter so that Sauer can return to the outfield. If they don't

## ONE-RUN VICTORIES FEATURE PENNANT RACES IN MAJORS

### Cards Trim Brooks, 5-4 to Regain Top in National—Reds Beat Giants, 4-3

By Hugh S. Fullerton, Jr. (Associated Press Writer)

It was the talk of the major leagues last year that the Cincinnati Reds won 42 games by one-run margins and in doing it won the National league pennant and the world championship.

But the way things are going this season, that record may look puny before the finish. It took a total of three runs to return the St. Louis Cardinals and Cleveland Indians to first place in their respective leagues yesterday and that's just a sample of what's been going on.

To date, 21 of the Cardinals' 44 contests have been decided by single runs with the Redbirds winning 15 of them. The Indians have had seven one-run decisions in their favor and six against them in 49 games.

The Cards broke their tie with Brooklyn yesterday by beating the Dodgers 5-4. The Indians, after losing two games to the Yankees, bounced back the way they usually do when Bob Feller is pitching, whipped the Yanks 7-5 and moved back to the top.

### Detroit Loses

Some distance behind these leaders, the Reds and Boston Red Sox also moved up. The world champions turned back the New York Giants 4-3 and took fourth place in the National league by a few percentage points over the Chicago Cubs. The Red Sox, taking advantage of Philadelphia's rains, moved a half game ahead of the A's into fourth with a 9-1 triumph over Detroit.

The White Sox, after reaching the top for the first time since 1921, succumbed 8-3 to Steve Sundra and the seventh-place Washington Senators.

The Phillies aided the Reds' advance when they knocked off the Cubs for the first time this season, 3-2.

Dick Erickson gave the Boston Braves their first shutout triumph of the campaign, stopping the Pittsburgh Pirates, 2-0, with five hits.

## NICK WILLIAMS DIES; FORMER SEAL MANAGER

Palo Alto, Cal., June 3.—(AP)—Richard Lloyd "Nick" Williams, who used to pitch for Seattle and who once managed Spokane's Northwest league team, is dead.

His 30-year career in baseball ended yesterday at the age of 61 when he died in the U. S. Veterans hospital.

The former player, scout and manager pitched for Seattle in the Pacific coast league in 1904-05, later caught and played first base for the San Francisco Seals and from 1926 through 1931 he managed the Seals.

## Fights Last Night

By the Associated Press  
New York—Patsy Giovanelli, 131, Brooklyn, outpointed Matt Perfetti, 131, Amsterdam, N. Y. (8).

Newark, N. J.—Louis (Kid) Cocco, 146, New Haven, Conn., outpointed Norman Rubio, 145, Albany, N. Y. (10).

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## PROPOSAL TO LIMIT LENGTH OF TEE SHOTS RAPPED BY GOLF PRO

Atlanta, June 3.—(AP)—Gru-haired George Sargent, erstwhile U. S. open golf champion and pro at Bobby Jones' home course, sounded off today on the U. S. Golf association's proposed distance limitation, predicting:

1. It would help 25 high-powered professionals.
2. It would hinder a million dubs.

Limit the distance a golf ball can be driven, says the veteran stylist, and you limit interest in the game.

"The idea is for the benefit of about 25 pros," Sargent said. "It won't help a bit, especially when you think about the millions of dubs."

"Take Atlanta's courses right now. They are hard and players are getting a lot of distance. They are pleased about it, too."

Announcement of the proposed rule, circulated by the U. S. G. A., did not specify how much distance would be allowed, noting simply "the extent of the limitation will be determined after further study of tests made on the association's new testing machine."

Said Sargent: "I think the rules should be left alone. Just

## HOW THEY STAND

National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	32	12	.727
Brooklyn	31	13	.705
New York	21	19	.525
Cincinnati	21	24	.467
Chicago	19	22	.463
Pittsburgh	14	22	.389
Boston	14	24	.368
Philadelphia	13	29	.310

American League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	30	19	.612
Chicago	26	18	.591
New York	25	20	.556
Boston	22	19	.537
Philadelphia	23	21	.523
Detroit	23	23	.500
Washington	16	29	.356
St. Louis	13	29	.310

Coast league unchanged.

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

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## RACY BACKFIELD PREDICTED FOR DUCK GRID TEAM

By Fred Hampson (Associated Press writer)

Whatever the University of Oregon backfield may lack next autumn, it apparently will not be speed. At this juncture the Ducks promise to be of the winged species, no waddle. There is a lad named Jack Leicht who comes into varsity maturity. He is a transfer from Pasadena Junior college and, from all reports, has passed the Atherton scrutiny. He ran the 100-yard dash in 9.8 seconds and the 220 in 22 seconds. He is credited with 9.6 and 21.2 in the two dashes but either sets of times will do.

Leicht has yet to prove that he can use his speed on the gridiron, of course. Track and football require different kinds of velocity and most cinder speedballs have been too fragile for football. But there are enough exceptions to make Leicht an interesting person to speculate upon. Tex Oliver can start tutoring him with the comfortable knowledge that nobody will tackle him from behind.

Curt Mecham, Ken Crippan, Tom Roblin, Frank Boyd and Roy Dyer are other Oregon backs whose tempo is not undante. They can't break 10 flat in the 100 but they all can get about.

Then there is much-advertised Jimmy Newquist, the flash, the thunderbolt, the greased gazelle (and any other superlatives you can think of) from Camas. From the Washington neighborhood of his origin, they vow Newquist combines the best features of Grange, Wilson, Winged Mercury and Twenty-Grande. In a few unflinching as an Oregon freshman he shone brilliantly. He has been oaked by Atherton, he has added left (current figure 193 pounds) without losing speed, and has picked up confidence.

## DEFENSE PLAN HALTS NATIONAL RIFLE MEET

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## Lou Gehrig Called Out by Great Umpire After Losing Battle With Incurable Ill

New York, June 3.—(AP)—From every walk of life today came the desire to pay homage to Lou Gehrig, the great "iron horse" of baseball—the man who played 2,130 consecutive games and then for two years fought a losing fight against a rare and apparently incurable disease.

The big, handsome fellow, who for 14 years held down first base for the New York Yankees died last night from a disease described as hardening of the spinal cord which caused his muscles to shrivel.

The sports world, never one to forget its own, so flooded the Yankee office with inquiries regarding an opportunity to pay its respects that President Ed Barrow announced a change in plans for services after consultation with Mrs. Gehrig and other members of the family.

The funeral services at 9 a. m. (EST) tomorrow will be private, but the body will lie in state tonight, starting at 7 p. m., at the Christ Episcopal church in the Riverdale section of New York where Gehrig resided. Manager Joe McCarthy of the Yankees phoned that he was flying in from Detroit and President Will Harridge of the American league notified Barrow he also was enroute.

The end came 17 days before Lou would have been 38 years old and wrote finis to a fight with disease that was as dramatic and courageous as any of his exploits on the diamond.

Right up until the time he fell into a coma yesterday afternoon Gehrig never acknowledged that he was licked.

But others knew that he was waging a losing fight and when death came his wife and close relatives were gathered at the bedside.

Gehrig's place among baseball's immortals was assured a year ago when he was voted into the sport's hall of fame. Before he voluntarily withdrew from the Yankee lineup May 2, 1939, at Detroit, he set a never-approached record of playing in 2,130 consecutive championship games, 34 World series contests and countless exhibitions.

He started his streak as a pinch-hitter on June 1, 1925. The next day he replaced Wally Pipp at first base and never missed a game for 14 years.

He twice was named the most valuable player in the American league, led it in batting with .363 in 1934, set a major league record for batting in more than 100 runs a year for 13 years, set the American league mark of 134 runs batted in 1931, hit a home run with the bases loaded on 23 different times and once hit four homers in one game, feats never equaled.

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Cincinnati 4, New York 3.  
Boston 2, Pittsburgh 0.  
St. Louis 5, Brooklyn 4.  
Philadelphia 3, Chicago 2.

American League  
Cleveland 7, New York 5.  
Boston 9, Detroit 1.  
Washington 8, Chicago 3.  
(Only games.)

Coast League  
No games.

Western International  
Vancouver 2, Tacoma 0.

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

## NOTICE

Bids will be received by the undersigned for the purchase of the following real and personal property, to wit:  
Business building and lot at No. 53 2nd street, Ashland, Oregon.

Fixtures, equipment and stock of merchandise of the Davis Feed stores at 53 2nd street, Ashland, Oregon, and 1715 North Riverside, Medford, Oregon.

The stock at 53 2nd street, Ashland, inventories at about \$600.00.

The stock at 1715 North Riverside, Medford, Oregon, inventories at about \$2235.00.

Information will be furnished by the undersigned on request.

Property in Medford may be inspected Thursday, June 5, 1941, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Property in Ashland may be inspected Friday, June 6, 1941, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Bids may be submitted for either or both stocks of merchandise.

Bids may be submitted for all or any part or piece of fixtures and equipment.

All bids must be in writing and accompanied by the certified check of the bidder, payable to the undersigned, for not less than 10% of the amount bid, and must be delivered to the undersigned at the office of Kenneth G. Denman, referee in bankruptcy, Jackson County Bank Building, Medford, Oregon, not later than 10:00 a. m., Monday, June 9, 1941, at which time and place bids will be opened and considered.

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