

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

Fast Competition Faces Johnson in Compton Quarter

There is a chance that a first full of nation-wide publicity will descend on this little old village of Medford tomorrow evening. But brother, she's a slim chance.

Racin' Ray Johnson goes to the post along about 9 p. m. Friday in the featured 400-meter gallop of the annual Compton. (Cal.) junior college invitational track and field show, and if such a thing as an athletic miracle happens to occur, returning the local speed demon the winnah, this burg will suddenly find itself on the sports map to an extent undreamed of by even the most optimistic chamber of commerce.

Understand us, we are not belittling Racin' Ray's ability as a runner over the 440-yard route. The boy is terrific, and when we say the odds against his coping that Compton quarter-mile are lousily lengthy, we do not mean to imply that he hasn't the stuff of which great sprinters are constructed. He has that, as his Medford high school record (three-time state champ, current record-holder, never defeated) will testify.

What we mean is that Rapid Raymond, rapid as he is, is almost certainly not rapid enough to raise the hopes of local fanatics that he will conquer the field in that Compton contest. Why? Well, clients, it is all a matter of competition. It is a matter of what other guys will be in there lifting them up and laying them down along with the Tiger whizz.

If our Racin' Ray were competing against only high school quarter-milers; if junior college and college laddies were barred from the affair, we would come out with the flat prediction that Mr. Johnson would get the checkered gonfalon with something to spare. We believe, and have the backing of several track experts which we aren't that Bill Bowerman's protegee can lick anything in the Pacific coast's prep circles. We ask you, can you imagine any high school 440'er showing his heels to Raymond? Nope, of course not.

But the trouble is that Racin' Ray won't be just dueling with boys yet to enter the portals of higher institutions. He'll be in there, friends, against several of the mightiest quarter-milers on this western seaboard, including gentlemen from the Pacific Coast conference's big colleges and universities. There will also be, we understand, a couple of mid-western and eastern collegians, all of which adds up to the fact that the field will be slightly tough.

Before Bill Bowerman left here by car to meet Ray in southern California, the latter having faunted there by S. P. choo-choo, he stated it was his sorrowful understanding that a fellow by the name of Grover Klemmer, hailing from the University of California, was slated to compete in the race.

Grover Klemmer, to the uninformed, happens to be quite a quarter-miler. It happened that he tore lickety-split for 440 yards last Saturday, in the Coast conference meet in the time of 46.4. It happens that 46.4 is merely the world's record for that distance, having been set by one Benjamin Eastman of Stanford several years ago. It happened, therefore, that the Golden Bear's Mr. Klemmer equaled the best time ever recorded for a couple of furlongs.

Against that sort of competition, Racin' Ray, on paper, will be in company definitely too fast for him. Raymond's best time for the quarter is 49.3, a figure he wrote against Salem high here early this spring. The spread 'twixt the best marks of Klemmer and Johnson, if our subtraction is correct, is .02.9 which, in turn represents approximately 27 theoretical yards of cinders between the pair. Klemmer out in front.

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'Texas Against Field' as National Open Gets Underway

GOLF EXPERTS OF LONE STAR STATE HEAD HUGE FIELD

Nelson Favored, Followed by Hogan, Demaret, Mangrums, Metz and Guldahl

Fort Worth, Tex., June 5. —(P)—Denny Shute, who twice has won the P.G.A. championship, made his opening bid for the 45th U. S. open golf title a strong one today by shooting a one-under-par 69, first sub-par round over the 7,005-yard Colonial club course.

Benefited by a two-under-par start on the front nine, Gene Kunes of Philadelphia posted a one-over-par 71 to take the early—very early—lead.

By William T. Rives

Fort Worth, Texas, June 5.—(P)—Golf's greatest extravaganza—the national open—started today in the cow country of Texas, the links-mad state which produced a band of professionals ranked as favorites to conquer the Colonial club course.

All records attendant to the tournament teetered as the field cautiously spread over the par 35-35-70 layout, which has had the nation's finest golfers muttering through practice rounds.

Apparently the only mark which might make a stand was the scoring record of 281 held by slope-shouldered Ralph Guldahl.

A few bold souls predicted even that would be broken. Under a steaming sun which was drying out the course, many of the players reported improved practice rounds yesterday, and only a handful of holes would give trouble to a man on his game.

Attendance Record Never before has the open been held this far south and Texans stampeded to the course. The advance ticket sales record already broken, officials freely forecast that the attendance figure would be shattered ere Saturday's finale.

Home folk declared it was Texas against the field, and only a few would say they nay. Installed as No. 1 favorite was loan Byron Nelson, former Fort Worth caddy whose string-straight game appeared made to order for the baffling course.

Close behind was Benny Hogan, another local product who is leading the Vardon trophy race and in money won this year.

Other Texans in the running were: Jimmy Demaret, who toed bags around Houston courses in early youth; the Mangrum brothers, Lloyd and Ray; Dick Metz, and Guldahl, who twice has won the title.

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get out there and battle such gents as Klemmer right down to the ribbon.

We'll see what we'll see tomorrow night, though, and lets everybody keep the old fingers crossed. Racin' Ray COULD actually win the race; stranger things have happened. Although not probable, such a feat is POSSIBLE, but we for one will be satisfied if the local speed-ball finishes in the first division.

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How Tennis Wives Spend Their Time



They spend it sitting in a front row box, watching their husbands play, if the example of these three pretty girls at the national professional tennis championships here is indicative. Left to right, Don Budge, Oakland, Calif., and his bride of a week; Mrs. Lester R. Stoen and Mrs. Fred Perry.

LISKA HURLS BEAVERS TO 6-4 VICTORY OVER PADRES; SEATTLE WINS

(By the Associated Press)

A 36-year old veteran of the Seattle pitching staff hurled and batted the Rainiers to a shut-out victory over powerful Sacramento to last night.

Hal Turpin, hero of the fray, chalked up a 2 to 0 win and delivered the blow that sent over the runs. It was the first shut-out defeat of the Coast league baseball season for Sacramento.

Nubs Kleinke pitched four-hit ball, two of the hits coming in the eighth inning on both ends of a walk and a sacrifice. It was at this point that Turpin got the hit that drove across the two runs—a clean single to center.

The Hollywood Stars made a new bid for public favor by drubbing San Francisco for the second straight night, 5 to 3.

Oakland fell into the cellar spot when Los Angeles finished a one-sided affair and marked up a 6 to 1 victory.

Portland staved off a ninth inning rally and took a second straight win over San Diego, 6 to 4. San Diego gathered 11 hits to Portland's 9, but failed to make them count.

The scores:

	R	H	E
Portland	6	9	0
San Diego	4	11	0

Liska, Gonzales (9) and Anunzio; Malman, Thomas (1), Brewer (8) and DeRose.

SPokane WAITRESSES OBTAIN WAGE BOOST

Spokane, June 5.—(P)—Margaret Leishman, secretary of the Cooks and Waiters union (AFL), said today the organization's differences with Spokane restaurant owners had been settled with the granting of a requested increase in pay.

Under the new scale, waitresses will receive \$2.50 and women cooks \$4.00 per eight-hour shift.

Uncle Sam Calls Heavy Hitter to Defense Service

Jackson, Tenn., June 5.—(P)—Baseball fans who think fate has been unkind to their favorite team might consider the customers here.

Big Newt Parker banged 17 home runs in the first 19 games for Jackson of the Kitty league, and climaxed it by walloping four in a double-header.

Next day Uncle Sam called him to the army.

BROWNS TIE CAN TO HANEY; HIRE VET LUKE SEWELL

St. Louis, June 5.—(P)—Affable Luke Sewell, veteran American league catcher and Cleveland Indians coach, stepped into the frying pan today as manager of the floundering St. Louis Browns.

He was signed to a two-year contract last night, replacing Fred Haney in a swift move aimed at improving the miserable plight of the club that was expected to be the surprise team of the junior circuit this season.

Haney had been manager since the start of the 1939 season. A change of pilots had been rumored for several days, but the announcement by President Barnes caught even newsmen by surprise. It came less than two hours after the Browns had won their second straight game from Washington to move out of the cellar into seventh place.

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St. Louis Infield Falters to Give Braves 4-2 Win — Connie Mack Honored

By Associated Press

Simply by staying in out of the wet while their chief rivals were fumbling themselves into defeat, the Brooklyn Dodgers have climbed back into the leadership of the National League.

Larry MacPhail's "boughten" wonders are a half-game in front of the St. Louis Cardinals, who dropped a 4 to 2 decision to the Boston Braves in one of the three games played in the big leagues yesterday.

The Cards' infield, regarded by many observers as the one questionable spot in an otherwise great team, committed three errors to present the Braves with the same number of unearned runs and the margin of victory. Rookie Frank Crespi made two of them at second base and Jimmy Brown bobbed up with another at third.

All the other National League contests were washed out by a general rain in the east, and only two American league games escaped the downpour.

The St. Louis Browns, playing their last game under Manager Fred Haney, walloped the unfortunate Washington Senators 7 to 4 and thereby climbed to the dizzy height of seventh place in the American league.

Under the lights at Comiskey Park last night, the Chicago White Sox observed "Connie Mack" night by walloping his Philadelphia Athletics, 6-1, behind the five-hit pitching of Thornton Lee.

A crowd of 32,659 turned out to honor Philadelphia's 78-year old manager, presenting him with a gold plaque and a watch during the pre-game ceremonies.

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

OSTROM TO HURL FOR GRANTS PASS

With Chuck Ostrom slated to do the flinging for the opposition, Manager Paul (Hoosier) Hoffard expects his Medford Rogues to face their toughest test of the season here Sunday when the Grants Pass Merchants invade the high school park for a regular Southern Oregon league contest. The game will start at 2:30.

Ostrom, slowly rounding into shape, finally hit his stride last Sunday and the result was a two-hit victory for Grants Pass over Crescent City, by a 4-2 count. Although the Rogues, undefeated in three loop starts, hold a previous win over Grants Pass and Ostrom, Manager Hoffard admits

his club may have more than a little trouble with the husky right-hander's blazing fast ball and sharp hook.

SOFTBALL CONFAB TOMORROW NIGHT

A meeting of all Medford persons interested in softball has been called for 8 p. m. Friday at the Jennings Tire company, 229 North Riverside avenue, for the purpose of discussing plans for the possible formation of a summer circuit.

Sam Jennings, who will be in charge of the confab, requests all prospective team sponsors and managers to attend.



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