

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

Craters Hit Hard But Can't Match Pelican Slugging

Regardless of the general impression you received in watching the Crater kids torpedoes twice by those Klamath Falls Pelicans over the week-end, it must be admitted they did do some pretty heavy clouting on their own behalf. The trouble was that Klamath Falls clubbed considerably harder, thereby scoring more runs, thereby winning both games, 13 to 7 and 12 to 7.

The locals made 10 hits Saturday night, three of them doubles (Sauer, Johnson, Wray) and one of them a triple (Johnson), and that batting attack, ordinarily, would have been sufficient to return a victory. In Sunday's tilt, the Craters hit safely 11 times, with Schroer socking a triple, and Sauer and Volk doubles. This show of plate strength should have been enough to win, but again the Pelicans managed to hit much oftener and take the verdict.

As we see it, the trouble was that the Craters, who had been getting fine pitching until Klamath hit town, suddenly found themselves against a club their hurlers couldn't cope with. Those Pelicans, now tied with Albany for the league lead, have the stoutest-clouting crew of any outfit we have yet seen.

The major pain-in-the-neck to the locals was Paul Crapo, Klamath first baseman. In Saturday's tussle he hit a triple, double and two singles in six trips, and in Sunday's game he continued his savage slugging with three doubles for five. Thus, in the two-game set, all Crapo did was belt seven hits in 11 times at the plate, four of them doubles and one triple. Crapo, incidentally, has received an offer from the Salem Senators of the Western International league, but plans to turn it down to continue working for Copco in Klamath Falls.

Although the number of fights I. Pickem has picked correctly can be counted on the fingers of one hand, the guy is going to try again. . . he selects William Conn to lift the Louis heavyweight crown tomorrow night by virtue of a 15-round decision. . . but no more wagering, brothers. . . we understand that Racine Ray Johnson has just about made up his mind on Southern California, and aren't you the lucky fellow, Dean Cromwell? . . . Albany's defeat by Bend Sunday was the first State league loss for the Oaks since Medford's Craters beat Glen Elliott here way last summer. . .

Shortstop Del Schroer of the Craters, who couldn't hit at the start of the season, has collected seven blows in his last 11 official trips to the plate in three games, and a couple of them have been three-base wallops. . . those rampaging Pelicans are in town again tomorrow night for an exhibition game, and everybody keep their fingers crossed. . .

For the benefit of several skeptical fans, a dropped fly which should have been caught is an error, regardless of what happens to the batter afterwards. . . the rules say: "An error shall be given for each misplay which prolongs the time at bat of a batsman or prolongs the life of the base-runner or allows a base-runner to make one or more bases when perfect play would have insured his being put out." . . . To Earl Jones of Ashland rural route 2, box 100: Nope, Joe Louis has never been defeated nor lost his title since he won it from Jimmy Braddock. . . in fact, no heavyweight champion has dropped his crown and regained it. . . Louis was knocked out by Max Schmeling, right enough, but that was before he became champion. . .

Louis 2-1 Favorite Over Billy Conn in Wednesday Fight

22 WRITERS LIKE TITLEHOLDER. 11 PICK CHALLENGER

Fighters Plan Rest Today for 15-Round Tiff; Weigh-In at Noon Tomorrow

Radio station KUIN, Grants Pass, 1340 kilocycles, will broadcast a blow-by-blow description of the Louis-Conn fight through the facilities of the Mutual Broadcasting system. The fight is scheduled to go on the air at 8 p. m. Wednesday, Pacific standard time.

By Gayle Talbot

New York, June 17.—(AP)—Their training completed, brash Billy Conn and big Joe Louis were scheduled to take things mutually easy today, merely fiddling around and resting up in preparation for tomorrow night's championship battle at the Polo grounds. Billy, who surrendered his 175-pound title for a crack at Louis' untitled crown, limbered up in one of this city's smaller gymnasiums, while the negro champion remained at the cool of his training camp at Greenwood lake. They will weigh in tomorrow noon at the offices of the athletic commission.

Those who for a living have to look at all the tussles, like Joe Louis over Billy Conn in tomorrow night's doings at the Polo grounds, but the surprise of their voting today was that the Brown Bomber was only a 2 to 1 choice.

An Associated Press poll of the fight writers gathering for Joe's 18th defense of the heavyweight crown showed that of 33 casting ballots, 11 picked Conn and 22 rode along with the head man.

Buildup Amazing
The buildup for this bout has been an amazing thing. Last summer, when Conn and his fidegety little manager, Johnny Ray, first began talking about fighting Joe Louis, they were good for many a hearty laugh around fight headquarters here. The boys asked Johnny if he were serious about wanting to get Billy killed.

Then Mike Jacobs became personally attached to the handsome boy from Pittsburgh. Billy, frequently Mike's house guest, must have convinced the crusty old promoter, who usually is about as sentimental as a bill collector, that he might whip Louis. At any rate, here is Conn about to fight the man-killer—and Billy isn't a bit better qualified than he was a year ago.

Maybe he was ready a year ago, as he said he was, and maybe he will prove it tomorrow night. This reviewer merely is trying to point out that Conn still is a light-heavyweight, and that he has not scored a victory over any fighter of the caliber of Lou Nova, Max or Buddy Baer or even Abe Simon in gaining this shot at the championship.

Scores Yesterday

American League
New York 6, Cleveland 4.
Washington 3, Detroit 1.
(Only two games.)

National League
New York 5, Cincinnati 0.
Chicago 4, Philadelphia 1.
(Only two games.)

Pacific Coast League
Teams traveling.
Series open tonight:
Los Angeles at Seattle.
San Francisco at Portland.
Sacramento at Oakland.
San Diego at Hollywood.
Western International
Yakima 6, Vancouver 5 (10 innings).
San Francisco 3, Salem 5 (exhibition game).

HOW THEY STAND

	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	39	18	.684
Brooklyn	36	19	.655
Cincinnati	29	27	.518
New York	27	27	.500
Chicago	27	28	.491
Pittsburgh	21	26	.447
Boston	18	32	.360
Philadelphia	17	37	.313

	W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	36	23	.610
New York	33	22	.600
Boston	29	22	.569
Chicago	29	26	.527
Detroit	30	27	.526
Philadelphia	26	29	.473
St. Louis	18	34	.346
Washington	19	37	.339

PASTOR DECISIVE VICTOR IN BOUT

Washington, June 17.—(AP)—Bob Pastor, hopeful of bouncing back as a heavyweight headliner, showed enough power to outpoint Buddy Scott of Washington decisively in a 10-rounder here last night.

Some 2,500 spectators watched Pastor belt Scott almost at will for nine rounds of the bout. Buddy was practically out on his feet at the end.

Pastor went to the canvas in the fifth—the only knock down of the bout—when Scott connected with a short right to the head. That round was the only one credited to Buddy.

Pastor weighed 179½, Scott 181.

SALICA RETAINS BANTAM DIADEM

Philadelphia, June 17.—(AP)—Crafty, ring-wise Lou Salica of Brooklyn still is bantamweight champion of the world because he had a plan and stuck to it.

On the verge of losing his 118-pound title to Philadelphia's Tommy Forte for the second time in six months, he came from behind last night to gain a unanimous 15-round decision over the challenger before 14,500 at Shibe Park.

BAKED SALMON FEED AT C. P. THURSDAY

Central Point, June 17.—(Spl.) The Central Point Sportsmen's club and the Civic club will serve their third annual baked salmon dinner at the Grange hall Thursday night at 7 o'clock. Ladies of the Civic club will prepare and serve the dinner, to which the public is cordially invited.

Tickets for the affair may be obtained at Ross and Ross here, or from Aubrey Norris in Medford.

NEW TRACK MENTOR IS NAMED BY BEND HIGH

Bend, June 17.—(AP)—Track coach at Bend high school next year will be Claude Cook, Adrian high mentor for the past two years, Howard W. George, city superintendent, announced today.

Cook, who replaces Joe Huston, now Roosevelt high coach in Portland, will be assistant in other sports.

ROLLING YANKEES CUT CLEVELAND'S LEAD TO ONE GAME

By Judson Bailey
Associated Press Writer
The New York Yankees have a psychological edge over their rivals whenever they get rolling high and handsome in their present manner.

In winning their eighth consecutive game yesterday they appeared to overawe the Cleveland Indians—and this should be a danger signal for the rest of the American league. In their days of glory the Yankees always had two strikes on every foe before they ever sauntered onto the field and they now

look as if they are spellbinding the opposition again this season.

The Bombers didn't outpitch the Indians and they didn't outpitch them yesterday, but they won, 6-4, and cut Cleveland's first-place margin to a single game.

The Washington Senators downed the Detroit Tigers, 3-1 in the only other American league game.

In the national league the New York Giants shut out the Cincinnati Reds, 6-0, on the three-hit hurling of Bill Lohrmann and the wildness of John Vander Meer and Gene (Junior) Thompson.

The Chicago Cubs cuffed the Phillies, 3-1, with a fielding show in which Babe Dahlgren, their new first baseman, played an important part. He handled a dozen chances and participated in three double plays, two of which were routed by home plate. He also made a hit and got two walks at the plate.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

Four Teams Open Softball Season at Stadium Tonight

Barring rain, the Medford Softball association will launch its 1941 season at the senior high school field tonight with four of the eight teams swinging into action in two games, both of which will be played on a diamond set in the center of the field directly in front of the grandstand.

Catholic Men and Medco will open the program at 8 o'clock, this tilt to be followed by the clash between Jennings Tire company and Coca Cola, which has replaced Timber Products in the eight-club loop. Thursday night the four other teams will inaugurate their schedule, with Gasco meeting Fluhrer's Bakery and Bear Creek facing Rogue River Chevrolet.

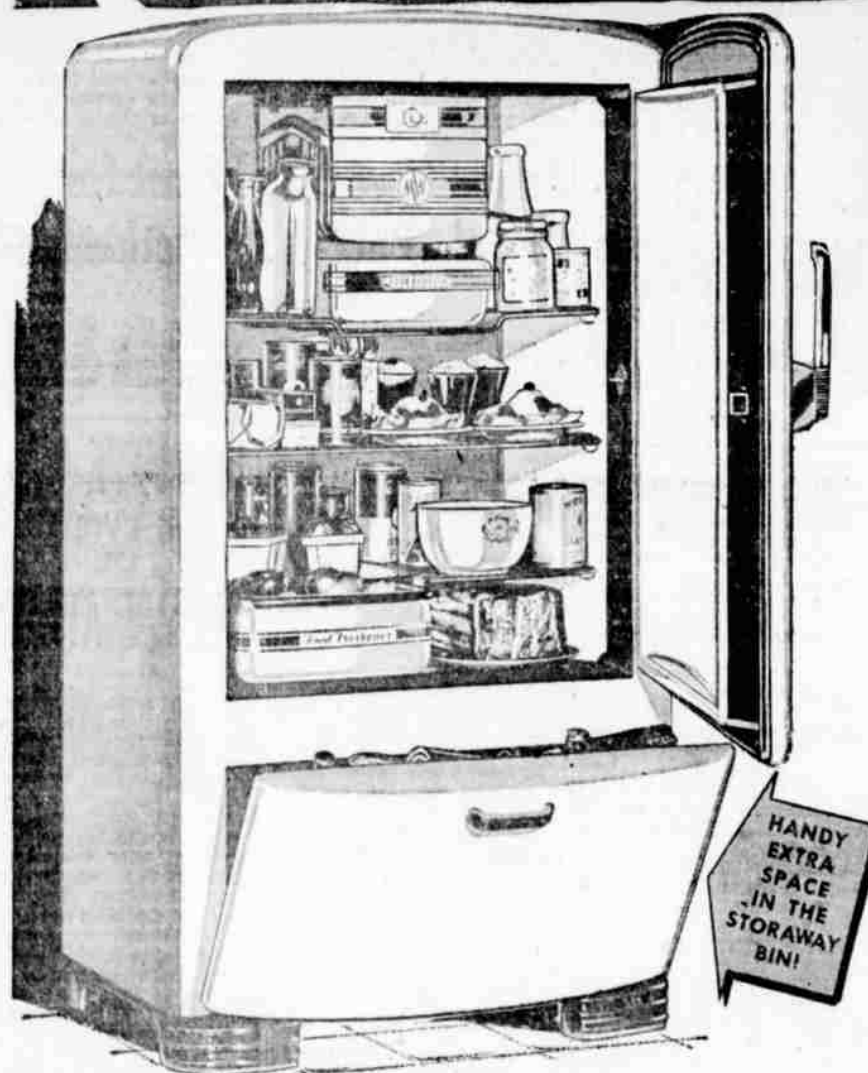
Team managers are as follows: Gasco, Jack Boyle; Bear Creek, Heinie Bohl; Fluhrer's, Jerry Trill; Medco, Lloyd Kirchner; Catholic Men, Ray Lewis; Jennings Tire, Ray Singler; Rogue River Chevrolet, Bob Kincaid.

COAST TRACKMEN HEAVILY FAVORED

Los Angeles, June 17.—(AP)—Invaders from the midwest were expected to shine in individual feats of speed and strength, but track and field stars of the Pacific coast conference were heavily favored to defeat the pick of the Big Ten in their annual dual clash tonight.

The meet, coming as a final tuneup for the N.C.A.A. championships this weekend at Palo Alto, shaped up as the greatest dual engagement of the 1941 season and one likely to produce record-breaking performances. Outstanding marks were predicted in the one mile relay, discus throw and high jump. The relay figured to be a battle between quartets of the University of California and University of Southern California.

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