

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

Chances Slim of Player Reaching Major Loop Peak

What are the chances of a young, ambitious baseball player reaching that ultimate goal of all professionals in the national pastime—the major leagues?

Well, according to one of the country's foremost scouts, it is just—hold your breath—one chance in 10,000. Yes, the odds against any baseball player climbing into the big show are 1 to 10,000, no matter how hard he tries.

That is the opinion of Charles C. Chapman, who for years has watched diamond performers come and go in his position as Pacific Coast scout and representative of the Cincinnati Reds, 1940 world's champions. Chapman is here to conduct the annual tryout camp for youngsters between 17 and 21, which started at the high school field this morning and will continue through Saturday.

"In our series of tryout camps," the genial, keen-minded Chapman explained, "we sign to minor league contracts about one player in 50 on the average. And of those young hopefuls who sincerely desire to make baseball their profession, only one in 200 finally succeeds in making the major league grade. That means that only one player in 10,000, who tries to break into organized ball, will eventually attain the heights."

Chapman, who is a full-fledged professor of history at the University of California, hastened to make it clear that, although the odds against a prospect reaching major league status were very long, it was worth the gamble for boys sincerely desiring to make baseball their means of livelihood.

"The rewards are rich in the major leagues," Chapman said, "and if a player is careful of his money he can lay aside enough during his baseball career to make him secure for the rest of his life."

How did the Medford Craters happen to land Antelope Al Lightner, who batted .292 and set a new Western International league record for three-base hits last season while playing for the Salem Senators?

In the first place, of course, the Craters got him because Salem released him. In the second place, because his little brother, Allan (Wray) Lightner, calls Medford his home and plays left field for the locals. Allan had quite a bit to do with Big Brother Al deciding to sign with the Craters.

Antelope Al was given the pink slip by Salem, partly because of his failure to hit this year, and partly because the Senators, who aren't drawing well, decided to cut down on the

payroll. Lightner, we understand, was making considerably more than the W. I. L. average, so his release will save that much dough for the Senators. Roy Helsers' sale to the Seals was another example of the Senators tightening their financial belts; another high-salaried player is no longer on the roster, and his sale brought some \$5,000 into the coffers.

Lightner was probably the most popular player on the Salem team, even though he was not getting those base knocks, and was certainly the hustlingest. In that latter respect, he and Little Brother Allan are two of a kind, for Allan is an A-number-1 hustler, no matter what.

Here is what Ron Gemmell of the Salem Statesman said of Lightner: "The Antelope drew his pink slip for failure to produce what he was getting paid for—basehits, and the Antelope, being the kind of a guy he is, was the last to criticize the management even though he hated it like the dickens. Lightner, the hustlingest gent yet to wear Solon livery, bowed out trying his darndest, and that's about all that can be asked of a fellow."

"No one was more perturbed over his failure to hit than was the Antelope, himself. Al did about everything in the batting book in attempts to regain the swing that netted him a .292 average and a new league triple record last season, even to working out daily when the club was home, but nothing seemed to work. Not even the spectacles, which he procured as sort of a last ditch gesture."

Antelope Al played first base for the Craters against Albany last Sunday and will arrive in Medford after he straightens out his affairs in Salem. He may not be here for tomorrow night's game with Yreka, but he plans to come before the week is out.

ROY HELSER SOLD TO COAST SEALS

Salem, July 1.—(P)—Roy Helsers, Salem Senator southpaw pitcher, who has won nine games and lost one this season in Western International league competition, has been sold to the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific coast league, Howard Maple, business manager of the Salem team, announced today.

Maple did not disclose the price. As part of the deal, the Senators will obtain Charlie Schanz, San Francisco right-handed pitcher, on option.

Helsers will report to the Seals immediately, while Schanz will join the Senators Thursday night at Yakima.

Maple said that because attendance at the Salem ball park has not been as high as expected, he was forced to sell players to obtain revenue.

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9-RUN OUTBURST IN SEVENTH HEAT CLINCHES AFFAIR

Slim Crowd Sees Fireballer Routed; Reds Beat Charley Root and Cubs, 7-1

By Bill Boni
Associated Press Writer

Bob Feller's weak spot, it seems, is Sportsman's Park in St. Louis.

It's not the Browns who play there who bother him so much. It would appear, since Rapid Robert has beaten them twice in achieving his total of 16 victories. But those two triumphs came in Cleveland. By the banks of the Mississippi the fabulous Feller also has pitched against the tail-enders in two games, and each time they have shipped him to the showers.

The way they did it yesterday was horrible to behold for all but a St. Louis fan, and there were only 1,408 of them in the stands. For six innings the Browns let Feller and the Indians coast along on a 6-3 lead. Then, before Feller or the tribe could recover, they exploded for nine runs and a 12-6 victory that was Feller's first defeat in four starts and made it three straight losses for Cleveland.

The only other American league game yesterday saw the Chicago White Sox trim the Detroit Tigers, 7-6.

The Dodgers won their 10th straight from the Phillies, 9-2.

The Cardinals were nosed out, 4-3, by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The hard luck that has been dodging the Boston Braves' Manuel Salvo since he beat the Phillies on the second day of the season kept right on his heels. This time it was a fluke double by Johnny Rucker of the New York Giants—a hard grounder that bounced off Second-Baseman Carvel Rowell's head into centerfield—which drove in two of the three 12th-inning runs with which the Terrymen won, 3-0. Cliff Melton pitched six-hit ball for the winners.

In another night encounter the Cincinnati Reds teed off on "Old Man" Charlie Root for five hits and five runs in the first inning and went on to rout the Chicago Cubs, 7-1.

LEMONS, SCALZO FIGHT TONIGHT

Los Angeles, July 1.—(P)—Richie Lemos, the Mexican jumping bean, goes after Petey Scalzo's N.B.A. featherweight championship tonight in a 10-round battle offering more odd angles than a surrealist's geometric design.

The Los Angeles-born Mexican says he'll KO the New York titleholder in six rounds, no more. That despite the fact Scalzo KO'd him in eight frames here recently.

TWO TWIN BILLS WILL OPEN SEMI-PRO MEET

Albany, July 1.—(P)—A pair of doubleheaders will open the Oregon semi-pro baseball tournament here Sunday. Silverton will play Marine Electric, Portland, at 1:30 p. m.; Valsez will meet Forest Grove at 2. Albany will take on United Furniture workers, Portland, under the lights at 7:30 p. m., and Dairy Creek will meet Bend at 9.

Hat Bought
Oklahoma City.—(P)—The hat that L. F. Allmond lost in a restaurant had his name, address and phone number in it. A week later he received a letter from Columbus, O., enclosing a \$5 bill. A note said a man took the hat by mistake and he imagined it was worth about \$5. Here was the money and thanks.

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American League	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	42	26	.618
Cleveland	42	30	.583
Boston	36	30	.545
Chicago	36	32	.529
Detroit	35	36	.493
Philadelphia	32	36	.471
Washington	26	42	.382
St. Louis	24	41	.369

National League	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	47	23	.671
Brooklyn	47	23	.671
New York	37	30	.552
Cincinnati	36	33	.522
Pittsburgh	28	33	.459
Chicago	31	39	.443
Boston	24	39	.381
Philadelphia	19	49	.279

Coast league unchanged.

Fights Last Night

By the Associated Press
Providence, R. I.—Buddy Knox, 191, Dayton, Ohio, knocked out Lorenzo Pack, 194, Detroit (7).

Washington—Bob Montgomery, 136, Philadelphia, stopped Wisny Jones, 137, Louisville (5).

Johnstown, Pa.—Teddy Yarrow, 174, Monaca, Pa., outpointed Jimmy Young, 173, Scranton, Pa., (10).

Jacksonville, Fla.—Frank Porceda, 190, Jersey City, stopped Jose Fonseca, 186, Mexico (4).

San Francisco—Ray Lunny, 134, San Francisco, knocked out Eddie Marcus, 132, Los Angeles (3).

KATBALLERS PLAY 2 GAMES TONIGHT

Tonight's softball schedule at the lighted senior high school stadium will find Rogue River Chevrolet and Fluhrer's clashing at 8 o'clock, and Coca Cola meeting Gasco an hour later.

On Thursday night, Fluhrer's will play Jennings Tire in the first game and Gasco will meet Catholic Men in the second tilt. Those games will wind up softball activity until Tuesday, July 8.

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

CRIPPEN TO HURL FOR YREKA HERE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Steve Crippen, who boasts one of the hottest winning streaks in Northern California league annals, will pitch for the Yreka Miners against the State League Medford Craters in an exhibition game here Wednesday night at 8:30.

Last Sunday Crippen, former Crater, notched his seventh straight N. C. L. triumph by flinging the Miners to a 9 to 3 victory over the Weed Sons, and keeping Yreka at the top of the heap. Crip allowed six blows and fanned 11 in besting Cliff Fisk, former University of San Francisco gridiron star. In addition, the red-haired right-hander belted a triple, double and single to help the Miners' 12-hit attack.

Crippen's only defeat of the season, in any company, was suffered at the hands of the Craters here the night of May 20, when the locals registered a 7 to 4 victory when the Yreka infield came apart in the fifth inning to allow five runs to cross the plate.

Remembering that setback, Crippen is determined to get revenge by ramming the Crater bats down their collective throats tomorrow night. He is confident he can accomplish this feat, too. "I'm certain I can beat the Craters," he said. "My arm is in great shape now and I wouldn't be surprised if I shut them out."

On the other hand, the Craters are just as confident they can take the measure of the red-head again. They believe Crippen is one pitcher they can hit lustily, regardless of the fact he is unbeaten in the Northern California loop.

Manager Lou Sauer plans to start Dutch Lieber on the Crater pitching mound, with Frankie Roelandt behind the plate. The locals will workout this afternoon at 5:30.

Streamlined
Salisbury, N. C.—(P)—With the streamliner doing 80 miles an hour, the engineer suddenly saw a hand moving back and forth on his front window, like a windshield wiper. He stopped the train. On top of the engine lay a youth who said: "I guess I just wanted to get off!"

Golf's Hall of Fame May Include H. Chandler Egan

It will be interesting to the many friends of the late H. Chandler Egan, to learn that there is a movement on foot to elect him to the golf Hall of Fame, where Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen and Francis Ouimet have already been installed. In a recent issue of the Christian Science Monitor, A. Linde Fowler, golf expert and a member of the Hall of Fame nominating committee, discusses the problem in detail, his comments regarding Medford's famous sportsman and outstanding national golf star, being as follows:

"To my list of nominations for the golf Hall of Fame, which thus far has included Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen, and Francis Ouimet, the four originally named by the committee of which I was a member; and Charles E. Evans, Jr., Jerome D. Travers, and Walter J. Travis as additional personal selections, already mentioned in these columns, I would now add the names of three more amateurs, viz., H. Chandler Egan, Robert A. Gardner and Jess W. Sweetser.

"Now as for H. Chandler Egan, I doff my hat to a golfer with an extraordinary record. Here was a man whose first match play appearance in a national amateur was in 1902; who won the amateur title in 1903 and 1904; was runner-up in 1909 and who actually won his first round match in 1935 at Cleveland, at the fourth extra hole. That's only scratching the surface. As a Harvard man, he won the intercollegiate in 1902 and

32 years later, at the age of 50, he was named a member of the American Walker Cup team for the match at St. Andrews, Scotland.

Signal Honor
Why that signal honor? Well, in the national amateur of 1933 at Cincinnati all he did was to defeat Johnny Goodman, the national open champion. It was not that Goodman slumped. The open champion had a 72; Egan a 70. In 1929, at Pebble Beach, Calif., Egan's victims in the national included George Von Elm, the 1926 amateur champion; Jess Sweetser, national and British ex-champion, and Rudie Wilhelms, one of the Pacific Northwest leaders.

"Incidentally, Egan won the Pacific Northwest amateur title in 1915, '20, '23, '25 and '32 and the Western in 1902, '04 and '07. He was a long hitter, inclined to be wild, but great out of the rough."

Scores Yesterday

National League
New York 3, Boston 0.
Brooklyn 9, Philadelphia 2.
Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 3.
Cincinnati 7, Chicago 1.

American League
Chicago 7, Detroit 6.
St. Louis 12, Cleveland 6.
Only games scheduled.

Pacific Coast League
No games.

Western International
Spokane 7, Salem 5.
Tacoma 7, Vancouver 6.
Only games scheduled.

WESTERNAMATEUR HAS SMALL FIELD

Colorado Springs, July 1.—(P)—The draft and other national defense measures have ripped a tremendous gap in western amateur golf tournament ranks this year.

The field for the 42nd running of the event, beginning at peak-hemmed Broadmoor today with the first half of the 36-hole qualifying round, is by far the smallest in modern times for this meet, generally regarded as second only to the national for simon-pure linksmen.

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