

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

California Loop
Having Bad Time
With No Support

This spring smart baseball men, who had witnessed the game's ups and downs for years on end, were unanimous in predicting the 1941 season would see attendance figures soar to new all-time highs in the majors and right on down through the minors to the smallest class D leagues.

They figured that increased wages in almost every field and a decrease in unemployment as the national defense program rolled into high gear would stimulate the turnstiles and send a flood of legal tender into club treasuries.

Their reasoning apparently was sound, for it did seem logical that baseball, as well as other businesses, would be benefited by all those jobs and all that extra dough in the weekly pay envelope.

But something went haywire, in at least one minor league that we know of. The majors, we understand, are drawing as expected, and we know nothing about the other minor leagues scattered throughout the country. But the California State circuit, a class C wheel formed this spring, is taking an awful beating from a financial standpoint.

Starting out as an eight-team league, it is now down to six and doubts have been expressed whether it can continue to operate. San Bernardino, backed by the Hollywood Stars of the Coast league, and Riverside, a farm club of the Cincinnati Reds, were forced to close shop because of the lack of fan support. San Berdo, was in second place when it folded, so the excuse can't be made that the team didn't draw because it wasn't winning. Incidentally, the leading hurler for the club was Rex Cecil, who pitched for Mt. Shasta City last season.

Incredible as it sounds, the Riverside club was pulling only 50 to 300 paying customers before it gave up the ghost—and that in a town of 35,000. San Bernardino was almost as bad, and Charles C. Chapman, Cincy scout, told us that a Sunday doubleheader in Stockton recently drew but 57 persons.

Chapman had no answer to the question of why the league wasn't drawing, other than to remark that San Francisco and Los Angeles papers weren't giving the circuit a great deal of publicity, and that home-town sheets were also passing out a dearth of news to the readers.

The Minnesota football team is being menaced by academics, with no less than one-fourth the squad doing plenty of worrying, along with Bernie Bierman. . . . Cappy Lee Bown of the Oregon State police was in town from Salem the other day with the prediction Tex Oliver's Webfoots would be slightly powerful come autumn. . . . I. Pickem picks Albany to repeat in the current state semi-pro tournament. . . . only other club with a chance is Silverton.

Ben Hogan, remarks Eddie Brietz, has "out-DiMaggied" DiMaggio by finishing in the money in 50 consecutive golf tournaments, or since the 1939 open at Philly. . . . right now Hogan is shooting for the PGA crown in Colorado. . . . Joe Louis wants to fight Nova in Detroit, but Lou says nay, nay.

The St. Lawrence seaway, if approved, will open a channel stretching 2,000 miles from Minnesota to the North Atlantic.

Homer by Williams Gives American Leaguers 7-5 Victory

RED SOX SLUGGER DELIVERS IN 9TH WITH 2 MATES ON

National All-Stars See Their Great Four-Run Rally 5 to 3 Lead Overcome by

By Gayle Talbot
Briggs Stadium, Detroit, July 8.—(P)—Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox smashed a terrific home run nearly to the top of the right field stands with two mates on base in the ninth inning to climax a four run rally and give the American league all stars a 7-5 victory over the National league in a thrilling battle before 34,674 fans here today.

Two were out, Joe Gordon was perched on third base and Joe DiMaggio on first when Williams caught one of Claude Passeau's Sunday pitches just right to wrap up the game. The ball hit the balustrade only about 15 feet from the top of the towering stand. The crowd swarmed on the field even before Ted had rounded third base and accompanied him in a happy parade across the plate.

When the fateful ninth began the National leaguers appeared to have their fourth victory in the classic wrapped up.

They were ahead, 5 to 3, by virtue of home runs hit in successive innings by Arky Vaughan, veteran shortstop of the Pittsburgh Pirates each with a man on base. Passeau, fourth pitcher for the National leaguers appeared to be holding the Americans well in check.

Catcher Frank Hayes, first American up in the ninth, was an easy pop-up victim, and some of the fans began moving for the exits but Ken Keltner of Cleveland, batting for the pitcher, beat out a smash to shortstop, and Lou Boudreau followed with a clean single to center. Cecil Travis worked Passeau for a walk to load the sacks and bring up Joe DiMaggio.

Joe obliged with a hard grounder to short and Keltner scored while Travis was being forced at second. Williams, who had knocked in the first run of the game in the fourth frame, worked the count to one strike and two balls and then laid into the horsehide to climax about as thrilling a tussle as the game ever produced.

Box score:
Nationals AB R H PO A
Hack, Chicago 2B 2 0 1 8 0
Lavagetto, Brklyn 3B 1 0 0 0 0
Moore, St. Louis 1B 3 0 1 0 0
Reiser, Brooklyn 1B 4 0 0 6 0
Mize, St. Louis 1B 4 1 1 8 0
McCormick, Cin. 1B 0 0 0 0 0
Nicholson, Chicago 1B 1 0 0 1 0
Elliott, Pittsburgh 1B 1 0 0 0 0
Slaughter, St. L. 1B 2 1 1 0 0
Vaughan, Pitts. 1B 4 1 3 1 2
Miller, Boston 1B 0 0 0 0 1
Frey, Cincinnati 2B 1 0 1 3 8
Herman, Brooklyn 2B 3 1 1 8 0
Owen, Brooklyn 2B 1 0 0 0 0
Lopez, Pittsburgh 2B 1 0 0 0 0
Danning, New York 2B 1 0 0 3 0
Wyatt, Brooklyn 2B 0 0 0 0 0
Ott, New York 2B 1 0 0 0 0
Derringer, Cin. 2B 0 0 0 0 1
Walters, Cincinnati 2B 1 1 0 0 0
Medwick, Brklyn 2B 1 0 0 0 0
Passeau, Chicago 2B 1 0 0 0 0

Totals 35 5 10 28 7
y—Two out when winning runs were scored.
x—Batted for Wyatt in the third.
xx—Batted for Walters in the seventh.
American AB R H PO A
Doerr, Boston 2B 3 0 0 0 0
Gordon, New York 2B 2 1 1 2 0
Travis, Washington 2B 4 1 1 2 0
J. DiMaggio, N. Y. 2B 4 3 1 1 0
Williams, Boston 1B 4 1 2 3 0
Heath, Cleveland 1B 2 0 0 1 0
D. DiMaggio, Boston 1B 0 1 1 0 0
Cronin, Boston 1B 2 0 0 3 0
Boudreau, Clev. 1B 2 0 2 0 1
York, Detroit 1B 3 0 1 6 2
Fox, Boston 1B 1 0 0 2 2
Dickey, New York 1B 3 0 1 4 2
Hayes, Philadelphia 1B 1 0 0 2 0
Feller, Cleveland 1B 0 0 0 0 1
Cullenbine, St. L. 1B 1 0 0 0 0
Lee, Chicago 1B 1 0 0 0 1

At Least the Catcher Was Protected



Catcher Ed Kearse, of Kansas City (center) well protected by his mask and other equipment, tossed a right at Lou Novikoff, former big league and coast league player, after a ribbing match in Milwaukee led to a brief fight. No one was hurt and the boys wound up by shaking hands.

Hudson, Wash. p 0 0 0 0 0
Keller, New York, ss 1 0 0 0 0
Smith, Chicago, p 0 0 0 1 0
Kettner, Cleveland, ss 1 1 1 0 0

Totals 36 7 11 27 11
x—Batted for Feller in third.
xx—Batted for Hudson in seventh.
zz—Batted for Smith in ninth.

National 000 001 220-5
American 000 101 014-7
Errors—Heath, Reiser 2; Williams 4.
Smith, Runs batted in—Williams 4.
Moore, Boudreau, Vaughan 4; DiMaggio, J. DiMaggio. Earned runs—Nationals 5, Americans 7. Two base hits—Travis, Williams, Walters. Herman, Mize, J. DiMaggio. Home runs—Vaughan 2; Williams. Sacrifice hits—Hack, Lopez. Double plays—Frey, Vaughan and Mize; York and Cronin.

Left on bases—Nationals 6; Americans 7. Base on balls—Wyatt (Williams); Walters 2 (DiMaggio, Heath); Hudson (Hack); Passeau (Travis). Struck out—By Feller 4 (Hack, Reiser, Nicholson, Ott); by Derringer 1 (Heath); by Walters 2 (Cronin, Doerr); by Hudson 1 (Moore); by Smith 2 (Reiser, Slaughter); by Passeau 3 (Keller, Williams, Fox). Hits—off Feller 1 in 3 innings; off Lee 4 in 3; off Hudson 3 in 1; off Smith 2 in 2; off Wyatt 0 in 2; off Derringer 2 in 2; off Walters 3 in 2; off Passeau 6 in 2-2-3. Winning pitcher—Smith. Losing pitcher—Passeau. Umpires—Summers (AL), Jordan (NL), Grieve (AL), and Pipetti (NL). Time—2:23. Attendance (paid) 34,674.

LEIBER TO HURL FOR CRATERS; 4 PLAYERS GO HOME

Manager Lou Sauer said today that Dutch Leiber, ex-Coast leaguer, would pitch for the State league Craters against the colored Palmer House Stars of Chicago Wednesday night at the fairgrounds park, and at the same time he announced two changes in the infield made necessary by the return to their homes of four Portland youngsters.

Leaving Medford Monday and today were Spike Johnson, first baseman; Bobby Volk, second sacker; Darrell Slater, second-string catcher and Harold Martenson, alternate third baseman. The boys, it was understood, became homesick, and couldn't find employment here.

At second base Sauer said that Cliff McLean, who has been on the sidelines for six weeks with an injured shoulder, would probably hold forth. First base will be taken care of by either Al Fleishman, Orv Hampel or

Antelope Al Lightner. The latter, signed by the Craters after being released by Salem of the WFL, will be at first if he arrives here before the game, the manager said.

Remainder of the lineup will be the same, with Frank Roelandt catching, Del Schroer, on short, Bob Churchill on third, Al Wray in left, Sauer in center and Joe Gray in right.

Fights Last Night

By the Associated Press
Chicago—Johnny Colan, 162, New York, knocked out Johnny Trotter, 170, Chicago (9).

Baltimore — Johnny Shkor, 205, Baltimore, stopped Henry Moroz, 190, New York (3).

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

PAR PROVES HARD NUT FOR GOLFERS IN PGA TOURNEY

Harry Bassler and Dutch Harrison Card 68s—Sam Snead Next With 69

By Loudon Kelly
Denver, July 8.—(P)—Cherry Hills, rolling out against a backdrop of the Rockies, still is darling most of the professional golfing clan to give it a licking in tournament play.

A field of 97 professionals teed off yesterday. Just five cracked the stubborn par 71 in the first leg of the P.G.A. tournament's 36-hole qualifying rounds for the Alex Smith diamond medal and a foothold in tomorrow's match play rounds for the 63 low scorers and defending champion Byron Nelson of Toledo.

Harry Bassler, blackhaired member of a California baseball playing family, and E. J. (Dutch) Harrison, an Arkansas built like a No. 1 iron, guided the caravan into today's second trek over the lake-trapped course with 68s.

Hogan Has 71
A stroke back was Sam Snead, the sweet swinger from Hot Springs, Va., his ailing back apparently forgotten, whose sizzling iron play earned him the starting 69.

Braced at 70 were two unknowns to most golf galleries — 27-year-old George Fazio of Philadelphia and Bill Francis, a red-headed beanpole from Hollidaysburg, Pa.

Little Ben Hogan, leading money earner of the year from Hershey, Pa., was tied at 71 with tall Henry Ransom of Fort Worth, Texas.

National open champion Craig Wood said "I couldn't seem to get going after taking a six and a five on the first two holes," but he seemed confident of bettering his first day 76.

Scores Yesterday

Western International
Spokane 5, Wenatchee 1.
Vancouver 6, Yakima 1.
Only games scheduled.
Other leagues idle.

Manager Does It Himself With 3 Circuit Smashes

Martinsville, Va., July 8.—(P)—If you want a thing well done, etc. . . . George Ferrell, manager of Martinsville in the Bi-State league, hit three home runs and a single to drive in six runs last night and give his club a 13 to 8 victory over Brother Wes Ferrell's Leaksville (N.C.) Triplets.

The win also put Martinsville back in first place in the league.

LEAGUE REDUCED TO THREE TEAMS

After much uncertainty regarding whether Rogue River was "in" or "out," the Southern Oregon Baseball league resolved itself into a three-team circuit over the week-end with the definite announcement from Bob Adler of Crescent City, loop secretary, that Rogue River had finally decided to disband for the season.

This leaves the Medford Rogues, first-half champs; Grants Pass and Crescent City to carry on the schedule, with one team drawing a bye every Sunday. The Rogues will play at Grants Pass next Sabbath.

Softball has been added to the list of entertainment events planned for the welcome home of Medford's own National Guardsmen, scheduled to arrive here today for a four-day visit en route from Camp Hunter Liggett in California to Camp Murray, Washington.

The soldier boys, members of Company A, 188th infantry and headquarters detachment, 3d battalion, will send a softball team into action tonight at the senior high school stadium against an all-star team selected from the eight-team city league. The game will start at 8 o'clock sharp.

Among the soldiers are several lads who have played here in seasons past, and the army team is expected to be one of the strongest ever to take the local field.

All told, there will be three contests tonight. In a pair of regular league tilts, Bear Creek Orchards will face Coca Cola at 7 o'clock, and Medco will clash with Rogue River Chevrolet at 9, or after the soldiers-all-star game is completed.

Softball officials said there would be no raise in admission prices.

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SILVERTON WINS IN BALL TOURNEY

Albany, July 8.—(P)—Earl Toolson, Willamette university athlete, hurled the Silverton Red Sox into the third round of the Oregon semi-pro baseball tournament last night by giving up but one hit in a 5-1 victory over Valslet.

Marine Electric of Portland, previously defeated by Silverton, kept alive its tournament hopes by squealing Forest Grove, 11-1, in a game ended in the fifth inning by mutual consent. The defeat eliminated the Grovers.

Silverton will meet the winner of tonight's game between Albany and Bend.

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