

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

Curt Davis Aids
'Bums' In Drive
For League Flag

When (and if) the Brooklyn Dodgers finally put the clincher on the torridly-disputed National league pennant race, the writing boys whose job it is to single out individual players as having carried more than their share of the stretch-drive load are liable to accord a portion of that honor to a long, lean, 35-year-old pitcher by the name of Curtis B. Davis.

This 185-pound flinger, who stands six feet three inches tall and possesses what most baseball men agree is the best side-arm curve ball in the loop, has been performing brilliantly for the past two months as the "beloved duma" and the St. Louis Cardinals staged one of the bitterest bunting battles in the history of the senior circuit.

Not considered a starting pitcher at the first of the season, Davis, nevertheless, has been taking his regular turn on the Brooklyn mound since the race developed into a "dog fight," and the big fellow has showed his mettle by winning more than one crucial contest. The last was yesterday, when Curt flung a six-hitter to blank the Phillies 5 to 0, and gave the Durocher men a game and a half bulge over the Cardinals.

Most local fans, especially the older ones, are pulling heart and soul for the Dodgers to win the pennant, and their choice was made because of Davis, who made hundreds of friends when he pitched here in 1927.

Curt who was signed for the San Francisco Seals by the late Court Hall, Medford's grandest baseball character, has had a varied baseball career. He is nearing the end of that career, of that there is little doubt, and it could be more than nice if he could participate in the ultimate goal of all major leaguers, the World's Series, just once before he lays aside his glove and spikes for the last time.

Davis started out with Salt Lake City in the old Utah-Idaho league in 1928, after trying out with the Seals, and his 16 and 8 pitching record and 132 strikeouts led to his recall by San Francisco for the 1929 season. That season and for the next four he was one of the reliables of Charley Graham's club, winning 17 games in each of the 1929 and 1930 seasons, 14 in 1931, 22 in 1932 and 20 in 1933.

Finally, after it began to look like he was doomed to spend the rest of his playing life in the Pacific Coast league, Davis was sold to the Philadelphia Phillies, and in his first major league season, 1934, he captured 19 games and lost 17, a remarkable record for a Philly hurler. In 1935 he won 16 and lost 14 for the Phils, and his reward finally came in May of 1936 when he was traded with Outfielder Ethan Allen to the Chicago Cubs for Chuck Klein and Pitcher Fabian Kowalik. His record for that year was 13 and

Dodgers Idle Today As Cards Face Pirates In Twin Bill

BROOKLYN HOLDS 11-2 MARGIN IN PENNANT BATTLE

Curt Davis Blanks Phils, 5-0 To Add Half-Game To Brook Lead; Tigers Win.

By Sid Feder
(Associated Press Writer)

There is a guy named Frankie Frisch in the National league, known up and down the senior circuit as "Onkel Franz."

Now Onkel Franz doesn't care much for Leo the Lip Durocher who manages the Brooklyn Dodgers. Onkel Franz said as much he was boss man of the St. Louis gas house gang and Leo the Lip was just a St. Louis hired man.

Well, Leo the Lip and his Dodgers had a game and a half edge over St. Louis this morning as the Cards moved into Pittsburgh for a four-game series with Onkel Franz's Pirates in the tightest National league race in the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

Here is the way the race sizes up today:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Games
Brooklyn	97	53	.647	4
St. Louis	94	53	.639	4

Onkel Franz, if he so desired, really could make it softer for the Cards, than he would for the Gowanus gallants, but the old flash is still playing up the hill, showing no favorites.

The Dodgers are idle today after adding a half game to their margin date. Curt Davis curve-balled the Phils into submission with a six-hit job, but it was close until the sixth inning when Frank Melton softened up and the Brooklyn poured four runs across to put the game on ice, 5 to 0.

The only other action in the National league found the New York Giants splitting a twin bill with the Boston Braves. King Carl Hubbell served a steady nine-hitter in the opener for a 5-3 decision. Phil Masi's ninth-inning two-bagger enabled the Braves to break a tie and cop the nightcap, 2-1.

One of two games on the curtailed American league card saw the 1940 champions, the Detroit Tigers, move into a fourth-place tie by moving down the Chicago White Sox, 11-0.

Johnny Niggeling blanked the succumbing beauties from Cleveland with seven hits for a 5 to 0 St. Louis victory.

Fights Last Night

By the Associated Press

North Little Rock, Ark.—Pat Comiskey, 216, Patterson, N. J., stopped Bob Sikes, 186, Pine Bluff, Ark. (6).

Tampa, Fla.—Claudio Villiar, 199, Spain, outpointed Buddy Scott, 183, Washington, D. C. (10).

Buffalo, N. Y.—Gus Dorazio, 186, Philadelphia, outpointed Clarence Jones, 189, Buffalo (12).

Denver—Rodie O'Dooley, 202, Steamboat Springs, Colo., outpointed Andy (Kid) Miller, 188, Sioux City, Iowa (6).

13, and for the Cubs in 1937, 10 wins and five losses.

In April of 1938 he figured in one of baseball's most spectacular player deals. With Pitcher Clyde Shoun and Outfielder Tuck Stainback—AND \$105,000—he was traded to the St. Louis Cardinals for the one and only Jerome (Dizzy) Dean. In two years with the Cards he proved far more valuable to his team than Dean did to the Cubs, winning 22 and losing 8 in 1938 and copping 22 and dropping 16 in 1939. Dean, in the same years, won seven and lost one in 1938 and won six and lost four in 1939.

Davis went to Brooklyn in June of 1940, along with Joe Medwick, in exchange for Pitchers Carl Doyle and Sam Nahem. Outfielder Ernie Koy, Infielder Outfielder Bert Haas and a bundle of cash, estimated at \$132,000. His record for last year, pitching for both the Cards and Dodgers, was eight wins and 11 losses, which is one reason why Durocher didn't consider him a regular starter early this campaign.

Perhaps Curt's outstanding major league performance occurred in 1934 with the Phils when he participated in 12 double plays to tie the big league record and establish a new National loop mark for pitchers taking part in double killings.



PAUSE FOR 'PAWS'—Mighty John Wyhonic, the 197-pound Alabama right guard, will probably look like this tower of strength to gridiron opponents. He was elected alternate captain, is expected to give a good account of himself this fall.

Fascination Of Air Corps Training Told By Cummings

By Fred Hampson
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

The subject matter of this shaft of type today may not be sports in the strict sense. We scanned an entertaining story from Bill Cummings, former Medford Mail Tribune reporter, and later sports editor of the Klamath Falls Herald-News, who is shortly to become a lieutenant in the U. S. army air corps. It seemed interesting enough to pass along.

Of Mather Field, Calif., where he is completing his course, Cummings writes home to the Herald:

"Situated on the flat valley floor 11 miles east of Sacramento, Mather is just beginning to emerge from the 'dust bowl' stage. Six months ago there was nothing here but an abandoned skeleton of a World War I airfield. Now there are 225 new buildings, an 800-acre surfaced landing area, several miles of paved streets, a theater, church, stores, all the facilities to house 5000 officers, cadets, student officers and enlisted men.

"Long before the scheduled completion of this new post, while barracks, mess halls and officers were still unfinished frameworks, the first aviation cadets arrived to begin their advanced training. . . they have since been commissioned lieutenants in the air corps reserve. Graduation day for my class is Sept. 26.

Starts Final Phase
"On completion of the basic course at Moffett field, with 46 classmates, I started the final phase of the air corps training here under circumstances which were anything but pleasant. In the scorching sun, beating down on a layer of gassing dust, we lived in tents, ate in tents, went to ground school in tents, took showers in tents, waited in tents along the flying line for training flights.

"But the pioneering is virtually over. Reinforced by 132 new lower-classes from Moffett, we are now housed in comfortable barracks, two men to a room.

"Midway in our training schedule, lighting equipment had not been installed, but our program was not delayed. We practiced night landings and takeoffs on a stripe outlined by 'smudge pots' of the type used on highway construction jobs.

"During the transition period we learn the characteristics of these new, heavier ships. Then we start formation flying, of which we got enough taste at basic to label it the most fascinating part. Takeoffs and landings, steep turns and spirals, climbs, glides, straight and level—all must be accomplished wing-tip to wing-tip, or in the more difficult echelon formation, wherein the planes are stacked like playing cards in a midair shuffle.

"Night Flying
"Next comes a two-hour refresher course in night flying before we're turned loose on the first night cross-country trip. I remember the first night. With course carefully plotted, I started north along a heading which I had little reason to believe would take me to my first turning point. Once there I swung southwest, picking up check points with more assurance, and finally identifying the next corner of my triangular route as the blazing lights of a town on the edge of black San Francisco bay; thence home with gas running low and the twinkling lights of Mather a welcome sight.

"It's a big change since learning to fly at Klamath airport, but on the other hand there's much that remains the same. . . the fascination is always there, whether you get it

FOUR CLUBS OPEN \$5,000 PLAYOFFS TONIGHT IN SOUTH

San Francisco, Sept. 23.—(AP)—The four top baseball clubs of the Pacific Coast league pair off in opening games of the post-season Shaughnessy playoffs tonight, with Seattle aiming for its third successive President's cup and prize money of \$5,000.

The champion Rainiers clash with four-place Hollywood on the latter's diamond, while San Diego and Sacramento battle at San Diego to decide also second place in the final standings. The two clubs tied for the runner-up spot at the end of the regular season. The contest will count in the playoffs.

After two games at Hollywood, the Rainiers and the Stars will move to Seattle to finish the seven-game series. If the weather is not favorable at Seattle, the series may be concluded at Hollywood.

San Diego and Sacramento will play three games at San Diego before shifting to the Solons' home park.

The President's cup and first prize money of \$5,000 will go to the winner of the two-week competition. The runner-up club will get \$2,500 and the other two teams \$1,250 each.

Seattle captured the league pennant for the third year in a row, winning by a four-game margin over the two second-place teams. The Rainiers defeated Los Angeles last year in the playoffs for the cup.

Sophomore Sensation to Play for Gophers Against Washington

By Tom Slier
Chicago, Sept. 23.—(AP)—The mighty Gophers of Minnesota have the brilliant Bruce Smith and 22 other lettermen with which to face their challengers this fall, but the railbirds to the north already are talking about a sophomore sensation.

Smith, versatile star, has been acclaimed the potential back of the year and the Gophers have been tabbed as the team to beat for Big Ten and national honors, but this doesn't excite the Gopher clientele. What does excite them is the daring exploits of one Herman Frickey, 190-pound newcomer.

Frickey, 21-year-old triple threat back, was all-state in his native Billings, Mont., but Minnesota fans had to see him for themselves before pouring out their superlatives.

The Gophers have at least one experienced performer for every position and two for all posts except the two halfback slots. This works out perfect for Frickey and he's slated to be the starter at right half when the Gophers oppose Washington Saturday.

HOW THEY STAND

National League

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	97	53	.647
St. Louis	94	53	.639
Cincinnati	84	64	.568
Pittsburgh	78	69	.531
New York	69	77	.473
Chicago	68	81	.456
Boston	61	89	.407
Philadelphia	41	106	.279

American League

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	98	50	.682
Boston	80	68	.541
Chicago	74	76	.493
Cleveland	73	76	.489
Detroit	73	76	.489
Washington	67	80	.456
St. Louis	67	81	.453
Philadelphia	62	87	.416

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

OREGON MERMAIDS RECEIVE HONORS

Portland, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Oregon A. A. U. officials conferred all-American honors on Brenda Helser and Nancy Merki, national women's swimming champions from Portland, at their annual meeting last night.

Miss Helser, 100-meter champion, and Miss Merki, 400- and 1500-meter title holder, received sweaters in recognition of making the 1940 Olympic swimming team.

The A. A. U. proposed changes in national rules that would enable a professional to retain amateur standing in all sports except those in which he is paid. Another proposal would permit local A. A. U. registration committees to reinstate athletes seeking amateur status.

Season Grid Tickets Still Are Available

A few choice reserved seat tickets for Medford high's 1941 football season are still available, and those desiring to purchase them were requested by Principal Leonard B. Mayfield to telephone or call in person at the high school office.

Principal Mayfield said that approximately 350 season tickets would be sold this year.

BOWLING

Classic league results last night: Hawkins' Tire Tread 2, Murray's Maid-Rite 1; Domestic Laundry 2, Foster and Kleiser 1; Bulck Fire Balls 2, Fluhrer's Bakery 1. Scores follow:

Team	Score
Hawkins' Tire Tread	155 150 152 507
Murray's Maid-Rite	148 202 163 514
D. McPadden	170 154 190 514
M. Lorne	142 248 250 640
R. DeVore	237 180 177 594

Team	Score
Domestic Laundry	882 1003 951 2836
Foster and Kleiser	210 198 177 585
B. Hagon	153 193 186 532
M. Lander	172 183 191 546
M. Bell	145 116 179 440
E. Sims	144 157 233 534

Team	Score
Bulck Fire Balls	158 160 198 516
B. Crall	215 178 171 564
H. Lester	182 180 135 497
J. Long	168 179 138 485
C. Adair	187 179 137 503

Team	Score
Fluhrer's Bakery	910 876 779 2565
Porterfield	109 164 207 581
Pauke	136 171 141 448
Bean	203 145 200 548
Barr	125 162 141 428
Ritama	199 193 139 531

Team	Score
Fluhrer's Bakery	823 835 848 2506

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Corley 123 176 140 441
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GRIDIRON SPECS.—Estis Gibson of Michigan State college at East Lansing, Mich., faces the football schedule with more ease of mind, now that he has a special pair of unbreakable glasses set in rubber frames, for game wearing.

was given as our Grange members were mourning the death of one of our brothers, Jack Conger, whose funeral was held September 17. The Grange joins in extending deepest sympathy to Sister Hilma for her loss.

H.E.C. Chairman Jessie Minnear reported the regular September H.E.C. meeting would be held at the home of Sister Eleanor Britton on Oak Grove road. A good meeting is anticipated, so members please attend.

DRAFT SOFTENED FOR SOME PUPILS

Washington, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Local draft boards received permission from selective service headquarters today to postpone the military service of college students in cases where immediate induction would cause "undue hardship."

A student, for example, might be permitted to complete a semester before being called. Officials said, however, that if a student knew in advance of enrollment that he was due for induction, he could expect no postponement.

The new procedure is applicable regardless of the course being pursued by the student.

George of Greece Arrives in London

London, Sept. 23.—(AP)—King George II of Greece arrived in London from South Africa Monday and was greeted at Euston station by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth of England, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and other cabinet ministers.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent also were in the reception party.

The Greek monarch arrived earlier at a northern port.

BRIDGE SETTLES

Portland, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Hydraulic jacks supported the western approach to the Hawthorne bridge over the Willamette river today after it was discovered the structure had settled four inches. Raised to make way for the front avenue highway project, the approach will be held by jacks until it is determined whether further settling is likely.

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MANY MULE DEER REPORTED BAGGED IN LAKE COUNTY

Lampport's reported today that four mule deer were entered in their buck contest this morning by hunters returning from Lake county, and other sources reported three more mule deer and a black tail were brought to town by successful hunters. The season opened last Saturday.

Otto C. F. Krueger of 728 West Second street, district ranger of the O. and C. administration here, and Eugene K. Peterson of Route 2, Ashland, assistant ranger, bagged a six and a four-pointer in the Silver Lake country of the Fremont national forest near Bly. One weighed 214 pounds the other 205.

Also entered in Lampport's contest were two big mule deer killed by Estis Gibson near Pine Creek and by L. J. Brown on Drews mountain near Lakeview.

H. C. Obye, Ray Mikesche and Lloyd Damon also returned to Medford from eastern Oregon with mule deer, all of them being three-pointers. They hunted in the Cox Flat area of the Fremont national forest and reported that deer were plentiful in the area.

Cordy Sunderman of 1716 East Main street brought back a nice black tail from the Applegate district Sunday night.

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