

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

Owens Shoulders
Entire Blame For
Mishap In Series

That famous physical blunder of Mickey Owens in the fourth game of last year's world series, when the Dodger catcher missed a third strike to enable the Yankees to defeat the Brooklyn and go on to win the series next day, was Mickey's fault and nobody else's.

Many fans and baseball writers have claimed that special police, rushing onto the field in the belief the game was over, obstructed Owens' retrieval of the ball and throw to first base, but writing in last week's Collier's Mickey absolves the cops of all blame and says it was nobody's fault but his own.

"I should have caught the ball," Owens wrote in his article. "It was low, inside and right at Tommy Henrich's shoe tops. I simply held my glove wrong." Continuing, Mickey explained:

"From the moment I missed Hugh Casey's pitch in that fourth game of the series, with two out in the ninth, three strikes on the batter and nothing to do but celebrate because the score was Dodgers 4, Yankees 3, I was a marked man. Five minutes after that strike slipped by the Yankees had us 7 to 4; they were over the hill to the championship 24 hours later. And it was my fault.

"I have no excuse for failing to catch that ball. Hugh Casey threw it, and it should have been my greatest victory. He'd been pitching the greatest ball of his life. We had the Yankees hog-tied as the ninth inning began.

"Hugh breezed through the first two batters. He wasn't even afraid of Henrich, although we knew that Tommy is a clutch hitter. We knew that the pressure was on Tommy. He had to hit the ball for a clean drive, or curtains. So we determined not to give him any piece of the ball, but to put it where he would be compelled to swing, swing and swing.

"Casey's great curve made this easy. The ball would come roaring up to the plate and then break away. Henrich was out-smarted on two strikes, but managed to work the count to three and two.

"And then came the third strike. I signaled for a low, inside curve, figuring that Henrich was so deep in the hole he would swing at anything. The ball shot toward the plate, then suddenly broke away and down, fooling Henrich, who swung and missed. It certainly fooled me too. It had the wickedest in-shoot I've ever seen. My glove was placed too near my body; that's how the ball got away. It was all my fault. Henrich raced toward first. I dashed madly to retrieve the ball.

"Many fans believe that the special police, who thought that the game was over and who ran out of the field boxes and dugouts to protect the players, obstructed my quick throw to catch Henrich. This is not true. Henrich got to the bag too soon for me.

"I thought I heard some boos. I imagined I was even prepared for a lynching bee. But I had nothing to worry about. Dodger fans not only understood how I felt but they told me so. When I came to bat the next afternoon they cheered me as if I was the series hero. And more than 5,000 fans in every state in the union rained letters down on me, wonderful letters of advice, encouragement and faith."

The Medford Craters will definitely do without the services this season of Frankie Roelandt, the great young catcher who led the club in hitting last year. Roelandt, a senior in a Portland high school, wrote Manager Dutch Lieber the other day that he had decided to stay in Portland and play with the Portland fire department team managed by Ray Brooks.

Roelandt, who said he planned to attend Oregon State college next year, expressed his deep gratitude for the way he was treated by Medford citizens last summer, and thanked Lieber for the help and coaching he gave him.

Medford high's tracksters didn't enter the Hayward relay this year because of finances and travel difficulties, but a meet record the Tigers set up in 1939 withstood the assault of this season's competing teams.

Eugene high copped the 440-yard relay in 46.2, considerably over the 45.1 mark the 1939 Bengals established.

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

Popular Pedro Brazil Faces Pete Belcastro in Top Match

FURIOUS BATTLE IS EXPECTED IN TONIGHT'S CLASH

Marcus and Casey Mix In Middle Event — Kruse Opens Against Carlson.

Medford's favorite, Pedro Brazil, and Weed's wildman, Pete Belcastro, will climb through the ropes at the armory tonight to headline Promoter Mack Lillard's weekly wrestling program. They will grapple one hour if, in the meantime, one or the other doesn't obtain two falls or become incapacitated, a likely occurrence.

Supplementing this main event expected to develop into one of the fastest and most furious things yet seen here, will be Billy Marcus and Irish Jim Casey in the six-round semi-windup, and Tug Carlson versus Bob Kruse, the Oswego broccoli grower, in the four-round curtain lifter.

Dislikes Pedro All Hades usually breaks loose when Belcastro swings into action, and tonight's top struggle is a cinch to prove no exception. Belcastro has several times expressed his dislike of the good-looking South American heavyweight champion and it is an open secret that he intends to do everything in his power to snap Brazil's sensational winning string.

When Belcastro really cuts loose his opponent is in for plenty of grief, but Brazil isn't worrying. Pedro, though a clean wrestler, is enough of a realist to know the only way to whip a tough guy like Belcastro is to fire the dirty stuff right back at him, and he'll do it this evening.

It will be ladies night again, with all feminine fans accompanied by a purchaser of a ringside or reserved seat duet being given a free similar ticket.

CRATERS CAPTURE PRACTICE CLASH

The Medford Craters staged their first practice game of the season at the fairgrounds park Sunday afternoon, pounding out an 18 to 4 victory over a CCC team before several hundred dyed-in-the-wool fans who wanted to get a look-see at Manager Dutch Lieber's Oregon-California league entry.

Steve Crispin hurled the first four frames of the seven-inning contest and yielded two runs, three hits and gave up the same number of tallies. Neither Crater pitcher opened up.

The Craters did considerable slugging, with Glen Swanson, playing third in the absence of Alex McDonald, belting two doubles and two singles in five trips.

An Oregon-California league meeting was held at Klamath Falls Saturday night, at which time representatives of the four clubs adopted Wilson's Pacific Coast league ball as the official O. S. loop spheroid. It was announced that Wilson would donate a trophy for the pennant winning team.

Representing Medford at the confab was E. E. McKinney, league secretary, who made the trip to Klamath with Dom Provest of Ashland, loop president.

PORTLANDER COPS PING PONG TITLE

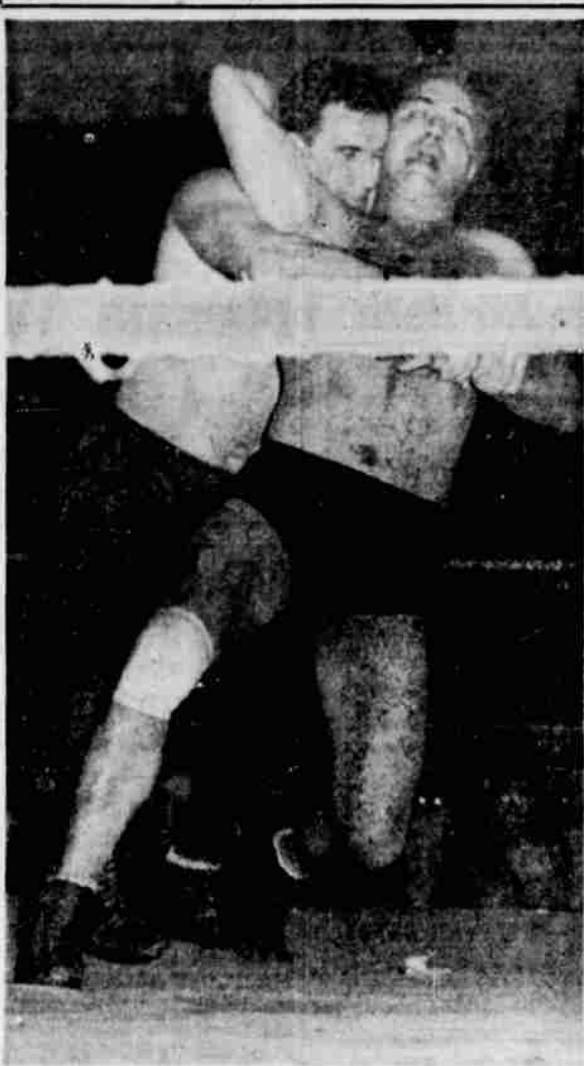
Victoria, B. C., April 13.—(P)—The British Columbia table tennis singles title has been captured by Hal Philian of Portland, already Oregon State, Portland and Pacific coast champion.

Philian won the new title Saturday night when he defeated Wilmot Brown Cave of Victoria, 21-15, 14-21, 21-18, 21-18. He then teamed up with Bob Hage, also of Portland, and won the men's doubles title in a four-game match with Vic Tully and Bill Cotton of Victoria.

The junior singles title was taken by Howard Wease, Portland while Joy Payne of Victoria won the women's single match. Miss Payne and Ruth Payne, also of Victoria, then won the women's doubles crown.

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With this reverse headlock Pedro Brazil (front) is attempting to flip Jim Casey to the mat in a recent Klamath Falls wrestling match. Both will be seen in action on tonight's armory program, Brazil facing Pete Belcastro and Casey clashing with Billy Marcus.

TURPIN PITCHES NO-HIT CONTEST; BEAVERS DIVIDE

By the Associated Press
Hal Turpin pitched a full nine-inning baseball game yesterday without allowing a hit and it began to look as though the Seattle Rainiers had settled into a pennant groove. In two weeks of play they've lost only one Pacific Coast league decision—and won six.

Turpin, in putting together his no-hitter, allowed only one San Diego player to reach first—a ninth inning walk—and forced pinch hitter Bill Salkeld, next last player up, to fly the final out. Seattle won, 2 to 0.

The Rainiers continued to prove they have the best pitching in the league by winning the seven-inning nightcap, 3 to 0, behind Rookie Carl Fisher's two-hitter and pushing the Padres further into the cellar. They closed out the series five games to one.

Portland split a doubleheader with Los Angeles, dumping the Angelinos from second to third place in league standings. Los Angeles took the opener, 3-4, with a ninth inning run.

In the nightcap, Los Angeles took a first inning lead with two runs, but Portland scored six times in the fourth frame while holding the Angels scoreless after their opening flurry. The final count stayed at 6-2.

Oakland was the only other coast league team to sweep a Sunday double header, dumping San Francisco from third to sixth place, 7 to 1, and 3 to 0. The Oaks jumped from fifth place to the runner-up spot, three games behind Seattle.

Hollywood and Sacramento divided a twin bill, the Stars winning the opener, 8 to 1, and dropping the nightcap, 2 to 7.

Yesterday's scores:
(First game) R. H. E.
Portland 4 9 0
Los Angeles 3 5 1
Speece, Schafer (9) and Leovich; Mallory and Todd.

2nd game, 7 ins. R. H. E.
Portland 3 8 0
Los Angeles 3 6 1
Liska and Castro; Heusser, Davis, Dobernic and Campbell.

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DAVIDSON WINNER OF PERL TOURNEY WITH CARD OF 136

Leland Clark Shoots Net 138 to Take Second—Bob Sherwood Third.

William P. (Bill) Davidson, Medford salesman, captured the annual John A. and Frank Perl 36-hole medal spring handicap tournament at the Rogue Valley Golf club Sunday by putting together rounds of 78 and 80 for a gross 158 which, with his handicap of 22, gave him a net 136 to finish two strokes in front of Leland Clark.

Davidson's victory gives him possession for a year of the handsome Perl trophy, won last year by George Harrington who finished fourth in the 1942 tourney with a net score of 143.

Clark carded two 71's for a gross 142, his 4 handicap giving him a net 138, one stroke better than Bob Sherwood's net 139 created by rounds of 77 and 88 for a gross 165. Sherwood's handicap is 24.

Harrington's gross score was 147 on rounds of 75 and 72, his 4 handicap giving him a net 143 for fourth place. Eddie Simmons, a 4-handicap player, finished fifth with a net 144 on gross rounds of 74-74 and three strokes behind at 147 was Charles Clay, who shot 80-89 with a 22 handicap.

Dick Wray's net 149 on rounds of 84-85 with a 20 handicap gave him seventh place, and one stroke behind was Bob Hammond with an 81-77 for a gross 158 and a net 150.

Bernie Williams captured ninth place with a net 151 after shooting 89-90 with a 28 handicap, and Cedric Reaney wound up in tenth position with a net 152 on rounds of 86-86 less his 20 handicap.

SOLDIER SKIERS WIN FOUR FIRSTS

Paradise Valley, Rainier National Park, Wash., April 13.—(P)—Uncle Sam's mountain troops grabbed four of the first six places in the eighth running of the Silver Skis open here Sunday but it remained for a Seattle fireman to take first place.

Deeply tanned Matt Broze of the Seattle ski club, who had to switch shifts with a fellow fireman in order to get to the mountain, set a fire of his own on the perilous 3.16 mile downhill course in the fine time of four minutes, 57 seconds.

He was only a few seconds over the course record of 4:51.4 set by Peter Radacher of Austria in 1939, and had it not been for the only spill he took on the way, he might have equalled or bettered the present mark.

TEACHER LEADER DIES
Portland, April 13.—(P)—Miss Birdine Merrill, 64, president of the Oregon State Teachers' association in 1939 and member of the Portland school system since 1904 died yesterday.



From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

RUMMAGING through my desk the other day, I came across some snapshots of friends of mine made back in 1933.

If you don't think time flies... If you don't think this world ever changes... you ought to look at the women's hats and dresses in those pictures taken 9 years ago! Wow!

It gave me quite a start... and then it set me to thinking... and rememberin'! Lots of things sure happened in 1933. A new administration in Washington... the turning point of the depression... and the coming of Repeal.

I remember the re-legalization of beer. It came before Repeal, when Congress amended the old Volstead Act to allow legal sale of "2.2" beer.

What talk and arguments they had in those days! One argument I remember well... was that beer would do a lot to help bring back prosperity. I wondered at the time whether that argument could be proved.

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Bosses Radiate Confidence On Eve Major Loop Opening

By Austin Bealmear

New York, April 13.—(P)—If all the hopes, desires and predictions are fulfilled this year for managers of major league baseball teams, the first divisions of both the circuits are going to be a little crowded.

On the eve of the start of the pennant campaigns, not a single manager could be found today who was willing to admit that his club wasn't tagged for an upper berth at the end of the five-and-a-half months' jaunt.

Half of them, if the weather doesn't interfere, are due for a setback tomorrow when all 16 teams are scheduled to break from the barrier together in the first wartime season in 24 years.

The lineup sends New York to Washington, Philadelphia to Boston, St. Louis to Chicago and Cleveland to Detroit in the American league, while the National league will find Brooklyn at New York, Boston at Philadelphia, Pittsburgh at Cincinnati and Chicago at St. Louis.

The war shared honors with the pennant prospects as the principal topics of conversation in comments collected by the Associated Press from the pilots of the various teams.

From 24-year-old Lou Boudreau, who begins his assignment as manager of the Cleveland Indians, to 79-year-old Connie Mack, ready for his 49th season as a skipper and his 42nd with the Philadelphia Athletics, the club leaders agree, that baseball is in for a big year in spite of the war.

Most of them believe that the conflict will have some effect on the play of the teams, varying as the season progresses and the draft makes further inroads on the personnel, but none expects business at the gates to decline.

Few dared to pick a winner in the National league, but American league managers, with the exception of Joe McCarthy, think the New York Yankees are the boys to beat.

Connie Mack, who declined to confirm or deny what they are saying about his Athletics, picked the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox to run one-two in the American league but warned that the Chicago White Sox have hidden strength that might put them on top.

HOW THEY STAND

Pacific Coast League			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Seattle	6	1	.857
Oakland	6	4	.600
Los Angeles	4	3	.571
Hollywood	6	5	.545
Portland	5	6	.455
San Francisco	3	4	.429
Sacramento	3	5	.375
San Diego	3	8	.273

Salem Opens Spring Drills Shy Hurlers

Salem, April 13.—(P)—Still woefully short of pitchers, the Salem Senators of the Western International baseball league opened their spring training here yesterday.

Business Manager Howard Maple said he had hopes of picking up some hurlers from Coast league clubs. The Senators make their first home appearance May 5.

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OHSAA Approves Grid Playoff Next Season; Mayfield Gets Post

Portland, April 13.—(P)—An Oregon high school football championship playoff will be held the first week-end of December this year, Troy Walker, secretary of the State High School Activities Association, announced today.

He said delegates to the annual convention amended the constitution to permit the playoff, which was tried in 1940 but dropped last year.

Walker added that the board of control at its next meeting would draw up a plan by which finalists for the playoff would be selected. Portland schools will not compete.

Leonard Mayfield, Medford high school principal, was elected a board of control member, replacing Lynn Parr, Marshfield.

FOUR WIL CLUBS BEGAN APRIL 25

Tacoma, April 13.—(P)—Western International baseball league officials are preparing to open the 1942 season April 25 with teams from Vancouver, B. C., Spokane, Salem and Tacoma making up the league's roster, Robert T. Abel, W. I. L. prexy, announced today.

Abel said representatives of the four teams had met in Tacoma and made tentative arrangements for the season's schedule, which will be announced at an early date.

Service teams of the northwest will be given consideration with exhibition games planned for the benefit of service relief funds, Abel said.

Portland Sawmill Damaged by Blaze

Portland, April 13.—(P)—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed part of the West Oregon Lumber company here yesterday. Owner A. E. McIntosh estimated loss at \$100,000.

Damage was limited to the head rigging room where logs are hauled from the Willamette river for sawing.

The mill had been idle for 24 hours, but Fire Investigator William Goetz said there was no indication of sabotage.

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