

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

New Loop Should Produce Exciting Baseball Season

There is, at present, a certain amount of mild pessimism prevailing among a number of local baseball fans concerning the newly-formed Oregon-California league, in which the Craters will do their 1942 caving.

Although these tried and true paying customers are grateful that baseball of no matter what calibre, just so long as it is baseball, will be performed here this summer, they are plagued by the feeling that a four-team league cannot measure up to a circuit embracing six or eight clubs.

They opine that such a small wheel as this Oregon-California setup will not provide enough variety of competition for the Craters, that it may become tiresome watching the same three teams (Klamath Falls, Grants Pass and Dorris) play the Craters over and over again all summer.

While we grant that theoretically a six or eight-club loop is more conducive of fan interest than a four-team league because of the greater number of teams and players to be watched in action, the smaller circuit in one respect can be much more interesting.

Place four strong, evenly-matched outfits into league competition and you have a situation that any fan will grant is far more exciting from a crowd standpoint than an eight-club wheel, for example, with two or three weak teams that aren't in the class with the others.

Four strong teams in a four-team league insure stiff competition EVERY game. But in a circuit where half of the clubs are strong and the others below-par, many games are lopsided and lacking in anything thrilling.

Last year's State league furnishes a good example of what we mean. Silverton, Albany, Klamath Falls, Bend and Medford were all closely matched, and when any of these clubs tangled you were sure of a good ball game. But, Toledo, Hills Creek and Eugene were not so hot, and as a result when one of these teams met one of the stronger outfits the outcome was seldom, if ever, in doubt.

As for the Oregon-California circuit, if all four clubs turn out to be strong and nearly equal in strength, we'll have exciting baseball here every week-end, and the Craters are home. There won't be any walkaway series; the winner will have to fight for his laurels.

Fans can be certain of this much: Medford, Klamath Falls and Dorris will enter good teams. Manager Dutch Lieber of the Craters says the locals will be almost as strong, if not as strong, as they were last year, and you can rest assured that Co-Managers Ernie Bishop and Paul Bernadou of the Pelicans and Skipper-Owner Red Tolbert of the Lumberjacks will have powerful nines.

Just what Grants Pass will have is problematical, but Fred Roper is busy lining up players and the Merchants will probably be OK by May 16-17, inaugural dates for the league.

Medford is prepared to help the Merchants in fielding a strong team. Manager Lieber said the Craters would relinquish all claim on Bill Lanning, the big righthanded pitcher who's working on the contention, if Grants Pass wanted him and it was OK with Bill.

Al Fleishman, the Crater first-sacker, lives in Grants Pass, and Lieber said it was all right with him if Fleishman played with Grants Pass, although making it clear that Medford could certainly use Al, and certainly wanted him in case Grants Pass didn't.

Fights Last Night

(By Associated Press)

New York—Charles (Lulu) Costantino, 128½, New York, outpointed Harry Jeffra, 127, Baltimore (8).

Chicago—Willie Joyce, 136, Gary, Ind., outpointed Sammy Secret, 147, Pittsburgh (10).

Detroit—Benny Goldberg, Detroit featherweight, knocked out Chick Sanchez, also Detroit (7).

Pittsburgh—Fritz Zivic, 149, Pittsburgh, outpointed Maxie Berger, 146, Montreal (10).

Baltimore—Louis (Kid) Coca, 150½, Baltimore, won by technical knockout over Bobby Britton, 151½, Miami, Fla. (6).

Vaughn Corley Appointed Head Oregon Football Coach

LINE MENTOR TO SUCCEED OLIVER, HEADED FOR NAVY

Corley To Be Youngest Of Coast Loop Coaches — Warren Named Assistant.

Eugene, Ore., April 14.—(AP)—The University of Oregon named Vaughn Corley as football coach last night and became the fourth Pacific Coast conference school this year to elevate an assistant to the head mentor's job.

The university athletic board granted a leave of absence to Coach Gerald A. "Tex" Oliver, who will take a commission as lieutenant commander in the navy. Oliver's contract had a year to run.

Oliver will report at Annapolis April 20, and later is expected to be named football coach at the naval physical training station for aviation cadets at St. Mary's college, California.

Texas Tech Grad Corley, Oregon's line coach for the last three years, will be the youngest of the conference mentors—34 years. A native of Lubbock, Texas, he played football and track at Texas Tech, being graduated in 1928.

He coached at Las Cruces, N. M., high school for four years and was assistant at New Mexico State college in Las Cruces for six years.

John Warren, freshman coach, was named Corley's assistant. Both appointments are for the duration of the war only.

The three other assistants recently elevated at other schools are Jeff Cravath at Southern California, Jim Lawson at Stanford and Pest Welch at Washington.

BRAZIL TROUNCES PETE BELCASTRO IN TOP MAT MIX

Popular Pedro Brazil employed a backward body slam and press to garner the third and deciding fall after 23 minutes of his scheduled one-hour main event with Pete Belcastro at the armory last night.

The South American snapped out of apparent grogginess after a melee of unorthodox tactics to gain the fall. He had previously taken the opening fall by clinching an exchange of fist-cuffs and elbows with a terrific shoulder butt to Belcastro's mid-section and pinning the weed wildman with a body press. Brazil held his opponent's shoulders to the mat for the count as the watch ticked the 11½-minute mark.

Belcastro grabbed the second fall after 20½ minutes of fireworks. Pete unleashed himself from a hammerlock, then an arm-lock applied by Pedro, and after cuffing and kneeling Brazil to grogginess and employing a couple of body flips and choke holds, the Weed battler fastened on a pile-driver to win the fall.

Irish Jim Casey was awarded his middle event-match with Billy Marcus when Marcus, out cold from a blow to the jaw, was unable to answer the bell for the third round of the six-round match. Tug Carlson won his opening bout from Bob Kruse by the foul route in the fourth round when Kruse, bending Carlson's arm over the rope, refused to let go in spite of referee Earl Yeakley's warnings and attempts to break the hold.

The middle match, an excellent exhibition of tumbling, promised to be a clean affair until Marcus began rough tactics in the second canto. Following a bit of cuffing and hair pulling, Marcus dropped Casey with an arm-lock, then kicked him under the ropes and out of the ring. The irate Irishman unleashed a haymaker as he came back through the ropes and sent Marcus reeling backward to the mat for the fall.

Efere winning on the foul Carlson took the initial fall of the curtain-raiser in the opening stanza with a painful toe hold. Kruse conceded the fall but Carlson was forced to do the same when the Oregon applied a torturing arm lock to win the third round.

Promoter Mack Lillard announced before the main bout that ladies night would again be observed next week and that attempts were being made to arrange a match for "Sockeye" Jack MacDonald here next Monday.



BAREFOOT BOY—Gangling S. J. Folks, son of a Florida cattleman, kicked off his high-heeled ranch boots to fire top score of 279 in Southeastern Intercollegiate rifle championship at Atlanta. He's a junior at the University of Florida.

BOWLING

The Classic league ended its second-half schedule last night with Murray's Maid-Rite winning the championship with 32 wins and 13 losses. Maid-Rite and Hawkman Tire Tread, first-half champs, will bowl at 8 p.m. next Monday for the 1942 championship. Earl Reitsma was Medford's top bowler for the season with an average of 187 in 87 games, and will receive a trophy from the league. Fisher's Bakery finished second to Maid-Rite in the second-half race with 30 wins and 15 defeats, followed in order by Domestic Laundry with 22 and 23, Buick Fireballs with 21 and 24, Hawkman Tire Tread with 19 and 20 and Foster and Kleiser with 14 and 31. In game last night, Hawkman beat Maid-Rite, 2 to 1; Domestic Laundry beat Foster and Kleiser, 3 to 1 and Fisher's beat Buick Fireballs, 2 to 1.

Buick Fire Balls	Fisher's Bakery
Pruitt 519	Porterfield 585
Hodges 464	Paske 607
Davis 602	Compagnoni 592
Creal 519	Barr 538
Adair 601	Reitsma 582

Total 2750 Total 2895

Domestic Ldry. Foster & Kleiser

Green 576	Cannon 551
Gardner 621	Boone 524
Saylor 557	Rudd 434
Runtz 648	Burroughs 543
Eads 515	Semon 526

Total 2917 Total 2686

Hawkman Tire Murray's Maid-Rite

Absentee 525	Pruitt 519
Leonard 519	Hagen 526
Stark 539	Wittler 507
DeVries 556	Bell 509
Proctor 547	Sims 494

Total 2658 Total 2519

Jack Dempsey Helps Sale of War Stamps

St. Paul, April 14.—(AP)—Assisting in a war-bond sale and an auction for the Red Cross at the annual dinner of the Twin Cities Newspaper Guild, Jack Dempsey helped 650 guests buy \$56,000 worth of war bonds and stamps last night.

Before the dinner, Dempsey revealed he had applied for enlistment in the coast guard and had been offered a lieutenant's commission.

The tin container used for food is really a steel can with only 1.25 per cent tin, applied as a thin coating.

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BY NELSON BEATS HOGAN BY STROKE IN PLAYOFF DUEL

Victor Shoots Great 69 To Capture Second Masters' Title — See-Saw Match.

By Gayle Talbot Augusta, Ga., April 14.—(AP)—Byron Nelson, called by such an authority as Tommy Armour the "greatest golfer I ever saw," sported his second Masters' championship today as the winter tour came to an official end and the professionals scattered to their respective home courses to see if they still had any balls and steel-shafted clubs to sell.

The slim, red-faced sharpshooter gathered himself together after taking a nerve-shattering six on the first hole to shoot a great 69 and defeat his old Fort Worth friend, Ben Hogan, by a single stroke in yesterday's playoff for what probably will be the last Masters' tournament until after the war. They had tied at the end of the regulation 72 holes at 280 strokes apiece.

The playoff between these two iron-nerved competitors, who have been battling each other ever since they were caddies, was a corker. They are among the best shotmakers in the world today, and their private duel for the Masters' was worthy of their abilities. In the end it was Hogan, the fabulous little money winner, who was forced to bow. He has not yet won a major championship.

Nelson Rallies At the outset, it looked like a walkaway for Hogan. Nelson, still looking wobbly from the previous day, when he blew what looked like a certain victory, pushed his opening drive far into the woods on the right of the first green and was lucky to wind up with a six. When Hogan won the fourth hole with a par three to go three up it looked like it was all over.

But it proved to be only the start of a see-saw struggle that saw Nelson come back and take the lead with a sensational eagle three on the eighth hole—a lead he never relinquished. He was out in 35 to Hogan's 36, and they both blazed home in 34 as a crowd of nearly 2,500 rampaged over the fairways. If one shot could be said to have beaten Hogan toward the end of the epic match, it was when he under-clubbed on the short 16th hole and took a four to Nelson's regulation three. That did it.

When it was over and the money was split—\$1500 to Nelson, \$800 to Hogan—the announcement that three more great players of another day had been nominated for golf's hall of fame. They were Walter Travis, Jim Barnes and Tommy Armour. This fell a little flat, in view of Armour's defiant pronouncement earlier in the day that Nelson was the best man with the sticks he ever saw.

ROLLIE SCHEFTER FACES INDUCTION

Oakland, Calif., April 14.—(AP)—Pacific Coast league baseball will lose one of its executives and the army will gain a prominent private shortly in the person of Rollie Schefter, vice-president of the Portland club.

Schefter, who arrived here with the team for the series with Oakland, disclosed today he would report to his induction center in Portland next Sunday. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame and former varsity baseballer there, Schefter said he hoped to become a candidate for officers training school after completing basic training as a private.

Countless Grandmas Buried Today As Ball Season Opens

New York, April 14.—(AP)—This is the day that business men neglect their business, professional men neglect their secretaries and office boys beg off for grandmother's funeral. It's major league baseball's opening day.

Unless the weather intervenes, all 16 teams will move off together this afternoon, with something like 200,000 fans in the stands and countless others following their favorites by remote control.

Facing their first wartime season since 1918, the 67th annual National league campaign and the 42nd for the American circuit open in the most unusual setting in the history of baseball.

The war failed to interfere with the country's national sport because President Roosevelt bade the game go on. But the customers will have a hard time forgetting that the United States is at war.

Air raid precautions will be observed day and night at most of the major league parks. Signs and arrows will tell the fans which way to go to be safe from bombardment—information that might also be helpful to visiting pitchers in spaces like Yankee stadium.

Barrels of water, bins of sand and other paraphernalia unknown to ball parks in the past will be found in strategic places now. And if some clubs don't perform better than they did in spring training, they may find the customers turning to the sand piles for amusement.

The 1941 champions of both the leagues open on foreign fields. The New York Yankees, owners of the American league and world series crowns, start their drive for the sixth pennant in seven years against the Washington Senators in the nation's capital.

The Brooklyn Dodgers begin the defense of their National league title against their blood enemies, the Giants, at New York's Polo Grounds.

The Yankees, top-heavy favorites to rule the junior circuit again, open with new faces at the far corners of their infield, but with all their heavy artillery still loaded.

While the Senators waded through the grapefruit league as if they owned it, they'll be gunning for the pennant with a made-over lineup that contains more question marks than a quiz program.

BEAR CREW HEADS FOR HUSKY RACE

Berkeley, Calif., April 14.—(AP)—Thirty-one University of California oarsmen sped toward Seattle today and their big annual rowing regatta with the University of Washington Huskies on Saturday.

Before the three Bear crews trained last night Coach Carroll M. "Kay" Ebright predicted a Washington victory in the varsity race.

Five veterans are back from the Washington varsity which set a new Oakland estuary record in beating the Bears last year and then went on to win the National regatta at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

California may have an edge in size, but the Huskies have the advantage in experience.

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Ruth, Convalescing, Selects Pirates and Yanks to Win Flags

Hollywood, April 14.—(AP)—The doctor says Babe Ruth is getting along perfectly all right, but some interviewers wondered just a bit. The big fellow, recovering from pneumonia, said he liked the Pittsburgh Pirates to win the National league pennant.

"Sure, I know most of the boys are picking them fourth or fifth, but I think Frankie Frisch's boys are going to be a big surprise. Watch 'em," said the Babe, with just a trace of defiance.

Of course it was no surprise when he picked his old team, the Yankees, to repeat in the American league.

Ruth, stricken a week ago while working on a movie based on the life of the late Lou Gehrig, hopes to leave the hospital in a day or two and return to New York in another week or so.

He looked pretty good but in no condition to step in there and take his cuts. His hand, curved around the bowl of a big pipe, shook a little.

ALSAB TOUTED AS GOOD DERBY BET

Havre De Grace, Md., April 14.—(AP)—For a colt that hasn't been able to win a race this year, Alsab looked today like a mighty good bet to run away with the heavy sugar in the Kentucky derby.

Alsab went down to his fifth straight defeat in the Chesapeake trial yesterday but made such an impressive effort that many in the crowd of 12,000 immediately tabbed him as the horse to beat in the big race at Churchill Downs May 2. Trainer Sarge Swenke sent Mrs. Albert Sabath's colt postward well rested and about 75 pounds heavier than he was after the Florida campaign, in which the 1941 juvenile champion apparently went stale.

And Alsab served notice that he is on the comeback trail.

R. Sterling Clark's Colchis, which dead-heated Alsab in the Eastern Shore handicap last fall, came up with another brilliant performance yesterday to beat him by a neck in the six-furlong race run in 1:12 3-5. Colchis was not nominated for his derby.

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