

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

O-C Flag Chase
Is 3-Way Fight;
Merchants Weak

Thus far the Oregon-California league pennant race, exactly one-fourth of which is history, has been strictly a three-cornered battle among the Medford Craters, Klamath Falls Pelicans and Dorris (Cal.) Lumberjacks.

The trio are deadlocked for the loop leadership, each with four wins and two losses, while the hapless Grants Pass Merchants are buried deeply in the cellar with six straight setbacks. Each of the three top clubs have beaten Grants Pass twice, while their two defeats apiece have been suffered at the hands of the other leaders.

The truth may be painful to Grants Pass supporters, but unless the Merchants do a lot of strengthening quickly they can just about be counted out of the 24-game marathon. They don't have the hitting nor the fielding to offer much contention in the championship race, and their pitching could stand some improvement.

Grants Pass is an awfully young team, being composed almost entirely of high school players, some of whom haven't even been graduated. They are a good looking bunch of boys, and enjoyed a whale of a season in prep competition, but right now can't quite hold their own with the more experienced Medford, Klamath Falls and Dorris clubs.

Local fans should get plenty of value received for their dough the coming week-end, when Red Tolbert's fast-stepping Lumberjacks come here for a two-game series Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. The series will be the second the two clubs have played, each team winning a game earlier in the season.

The veteran Clyde Carlstrom, curve-balling righthander, will probably work the first contest for Dorris, with Bob Snider, a capable lefthander, taking the mound for the visitors in the Sunday afternoon fracas. Carlstrom, in three league starts, has yet to lose a game. Like Curt Davis of "Dem Bums," he seems to be getting better with age.

Manager Dutch Lieber of the Craters has been forced to do a little infield revising, due to Alex McDonald, third baseman, leaving town for the summer. The boss has shifted Don Fawcett from second to third and put Johnny Gitzen, who played for the University of Oregon freshman team this spring, at the keystone.

Fawcett looks grand on third base. In the Grants Pass twin bill Sunday he handled 11 chances perfectly, and in the opening game had four straight assists, throwing out all three hitters in the second inning and the first man up in the third. Gitzen, in the two hits, handled his post satisfactorily and will no doubt remain there.

Before Mickey Shuler, Cincinnati Reds' scout, left town Sunday, we induced him to pick an all-time major league all-star team. Here it is:

Hal Chase, first base; Rogers Hornsby, second base; Hans Wagner, shortstop; Pie Traynor, third base; Ty Cobb, left field; Tris Speaker, centerfield; Babe Ruth, right field; Chief Meyers, catcher; and Walter Johnson, Christy Mathewson and Grover Cleveland Alexander, pitchers.

Pvt. Dick Lewis writes from Ft. Lewis that he plans to turn out for the fort's baseball team and that "I think I can hold down the shortpatch if my arm holds out. I only wish Al Lightner could be here with me."

Dick informs that Billy Sewell the great ex-Washington State grid and diamond star, is at Ft. Lewis, along with Ray Moffet, pitcher for Seattle last year; Bill Brown, pitcher with Spokane in 1941 and several other former pro and semi-pro baseballers.

Scores Yesterday

(By Associated Press)
National
Boston 1, Cincinnati 3.
(Only game.)

American
Cleveland 10, New York 11
(11 innings).
(Only game.)

Western International
Vancouver 5, Spokane 6 (10
innings).
(Only game.)

Some heroes of the U. S. Marines who have had ships named for them are: Major General Smedley D. Butler, Sergeant Major William Anthony and Major Daniel Carmick.

BRAVES DROPPED TO FIFTH PLACE BY RAGING REDS

Cincinnati Captures Six In
Row From Boston —
Derringer Flings 3-1 Win.

By Judson Bailey
(Associated Press Sports Writer)
Houdini at his best could not have turned the tables on the Boston Braves as swiftly and completely as the Cincinnati Reds performed the trick this last week-end.

Before Friday the Reds were floundering futilely in the second division of the National league and the Braves, who had been a bold second for quite a spell, still were holding determinedly to third place.

Then Casey Stengel led his band into an ambush at Cincinnati and in four days the Reds beat the Braves six times—lifting Cincinnati to third and dropping Boston to a groggy fifth.

The Reds completed their sweep yesterday with a 3-1 triumph on the three-hit hurling of big Paul Derringer.

For eight innings the right-hander had a no-hit game and the only Boston player to get on base reached first through an error in the opening inning. Derringer finally was tapped for three singles and a run in the ninth.

There was only one other game scheduled in the major leagues yesterday and in this the New York Yankees squeezed out an 11-10 decision over Cleveland when Repley Pitcher Tom Ferrick made a wild throw on Joe Gordon's sacrifice bunt with two on base in the 11th inning.

It was a suitable payoff for a game in which each club used three pitchers and the world champions made 16 hits and three errors to Cleveland's 15 hits and two miscues.

(By the Associated Press)
First place in Pacific Coast league baseball standings is the prize this week in the series between Los Angeles and Sacramento at the latter club's home park.

The Angels are on precarious ground at the top of the heap, a game ahead of the Solons and three games beyond San Diego.

Also on schedule for this week is a clash for a place in the upper division between the fourth-place Seattle club and the Seals.

Oakland meets the strong San Diego club at Lane park where civilian defense authorities are still determining whether or not the park's lights interfere with the coastal dim-out. Today's game is tentatively set for the afternoon.

The Portland Beavers move up to Hollywood where they battle the Twinks for the cellar spot.

HOW THEY STAND			
(By Associated Press)			
National			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Brooklyn	37	14	.725
St. Louis	29	20	.592
Cincinnati	28	24	.538
New York	26	26	.500
Boston	26	30	.464
Pittsburgh	23	28	.451
Chicago	23	30	.434
Philadelphia	16	38	.308

American

	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	37	12	.753
Detroit	30	26	.536
Boston	26	23	.531
Cleveland	27	23	.539
St. Louis	28	26	.519
Washington	21	31	.404
Chicago	19	31	.380
Philadelphia	21	35	.373

Pacific Coast unchanged.

CITED IN SLAYING
Portland, June 9 — (AP) — Charged with first-degree murder, Joseph C. Cochran, 37, waived preliminary hearing in municipal court yesterday and was held for the grand jury. He is accused of fatally slaying Mrs. Marie Gross, operator of a convalescent home, last week.

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BONHAM PITCHES 7 VICTORIES FOR YANKS



IT'S DONE LIKE THIS—Here's Yankee Pitcher Ernie Bonham in action in New York as he won his seventh victory of the season. Left: Ernie waits on mound for signal from the catcher. Center: The peak of his windup. Right: He gets his "fork ball" away.

Jones Hopes For Comeback In Hale American Tourney

Chicago, June 9. — (AP) — Immortal Bobby Jones, after 12 years of virtual retirement, will attempt to leap back into golfing glory in the Hale American national open next week.

Playing some of his best golf in a decade, as indicated by a par-slashing 54 holes last week-end, he's coming here to win, although he won't admit it. Observers are ready to tab him as one of the men to beat.

New golfing greats have remade the headlines since stocky Bobby collected his famous grand slam—winning the British open, U. S. amateur in succession—and announced his retirement. The Augusta masters has been his lone annual return to competition.

At his home in Atlanta last night, Jones said he would not have entered the Hale America "if it weren't for patriotic considerations."

"I felt it my duty to accept the U. S. G. A.'s invitation and wanted to aid in raising money for the U. S. O. and navy relief," he said. "My game is a little better than in the last few years, but I have no illusions of winning."

Jones is expected to arrive early next week for practice and an exhibition match Wednesday with Bob Hope.

TO TEACH RUSSIAN
Portland, June 9 — (AP) — A Russian language course at Oregon State College, the first in any Oregon school of higher education, was approved by the curricula committee of the state board of higher education yesterday.

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

14 FISH CAUGHT NEAR DAM SUNDAY

Fishing conditions in the Rogue river in the vicinity of We-Are-You Inn have improved greatly the past few days, 14 salmon averaging 20 pounds apiece being caught just below Savage Rapids dam last Sunday, it was reported by Joe Wharton of Grants Pass.

Salmon are very plentiful in all sections of the river, although the water is still a little too high and a trifle discolored from gravel cleaning operations for the cantonment, Wharton reported.

CONVICTED NAZI AGENT RAPS AMERICAN JUSTICE

Los Angeles, June 9 — (AP) — Dr. Hans Helmut Gros, convicted German agent, was sentenced today to 10 years in federal prison, and, in low, bitter tones, read a prepared statement lashing out at the quality of American justice.

His American-born wife, Frances, convicted with him, had asked probation and will receive a hearing next Monday.

Brazil has banned advertising of pharmaceutical products which contains declarations of cures signed by laymen.

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Reiser Nears Phelps In Race for Batting Lead of Senior Loop

New York, June 9. — (AP) — The American league has been having a two-man race for batting honors almost since the opening of the season and now the National league is getting some of the same.

Pete Reiser, last year's batting champion in the senior circuit, has been sprinting during the last week and today had a lustrous .365 average, close on the heels of Gordon (Babe) Phelps, Pittsburgh catcher.

Phelps has been out of action because of a spiked heel and made his first appearances in the Pirate lineup in more than a week on Sunday. He was called on to pinch hit twice and made one hit to inflate his average to .375.

On the same day Reiser made six hits. Joe Gordon of the New York Yankees, riding the crest of a 25-game batting streak, still is the American league leader with .388, 13 points ahead of Bobby Doerr of the Boston Red Sox.

The Yankees and Red Sox, between them, held seven places among the top 10 hitters in their league. Four Dodgers were among the National league leaders, but otherwise the places were well distributed with the tenth man dropping below .300 for the first time this season.

NO BEET LOSS SEEN
Portland, June 9 — (AP) — L. C. Stoll, state employment service director, predicted yesterday there would be no sugar beet drop loss in eastern Oregon. He said the labor shortage has almost been solved, and any loss will be negligible.

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Put Wooden Plug In Savage Rapids Dam

Grants Pass, June 9. — (Spl.) — Unable to raise a main gate at the Savage Rapids dam, due to a broken pipe connected with the hydraulic lift, Irrigation District Manager Reed Carter and a crew of employees replaced the gate Sunday with 13 huge pieces of lumber. The timbers were 12 inches square and 30 feet long and were slid into place above the dam until such time as the pipe can be repaired and the gate can be raised to its natural position.

Solon Condemns Route To Alaska

Washington, June 9. — (AP) — Urging immediate construction of a highway to Alaska west of the Rocky mountains and condemning the inland route road now being constructed as a "waste of millions and millions of dollars," Congressman Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.) said today the United States is in danger of losing Alaska unless a western road is built.

Canada is keeping residents of the Provinces informed of the war effort through a series of booklets titled "Canada At War", according to the Department of Commerce.

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M'DONALD WHIPS JOE CORBETT IN GRAPPLE FEATURE

Sockeye Jack McDonald disposed of Australian Joe Corbett by the margin of two falls to one in their main event wrestling match in the armory last night, but the ex-Tacoma logger had no easy time of it with his powerful opponent.

Corbett put up a whale of a battle, taking a couple of anvil flips and a press to take the third and deciding fall. Infuriated, Belcastro attacked Craig, and when Yoakley tried to separate the pair Pete turned on the referee. Finally Craig and Yoakley maneuvered Pete into a corner and took turns whacking him into submission.

In the four-round opener Chief Thunderbird and Cliff Olsen, a newcomer to southern Oregon, wrestled to a draw, each obtaining one fall. Olsen got his in the second round with a body press, and the Indian used a leg strap in the fourth to even the count.

The end came with rather abrupt suddenness. They were mauling each other around the ring when McDonald suddenly grabbed Corbett and heaved him against the ropes. As Corbett rebounded McDonald drove his shoulder into the Corbett stomach and down went Corbett. Three times Sockeye tossed Joe into the ropes, and as many times sonnenberged him as he bounced back. On the fourth time McDonald clamped on a body scissors and both rolled to the floor, where Corbett was pinned with a press.

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a working over after the contest was completed.

Craig took the first fall in the second round when Belcastro missed a dropkick and landed on his head, George immediately pinning him with a press. Pete came back to even the score in the third heat with a body press following rights and lefts to Craig's head and plenty of knees to Craig's groin.

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Chicago — Nate Bolden, 163, Chicago, knocked out Gib Jones, 163, Cincinnati (7).
Newark — Freddie Archer, 142, Newark, outpointed Norman Rubio, 142, Albany, N. Y. (10).
Pittsburgh — Tommy Yarnoz, 160, Pittsburgh, outpointed Osie (Bulldog) Harris, 161, Pittsburgh (10).

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