

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

Craters To Try
"Ladies' Night"
For Attendance

We don't know what the reason is, whether its the rubber situation, the weather, a lack of interest in everything but the war, or a combination of those three things, but the fact remains that the 1942 Craters aren't drawing the crowds you would expect in a "boom" town such as Medford is at the present time.

The Bear Photo series last week-end, which should have packed the grandstand both games, pulled only several hundred spectators per tussle. This was just a fair showing, but much better here, most of which were staged before throngs not any larger than those of last season, the poorest from an attendance standpoint of any in the past four or five years.

In an effort to stimulate more interest in the club and baseball in general, the Medford Athletic Association will try a "ladies' night" deal for the Oregon-California loop game with Grants Pass this evening. Patterned after Wrestling Promoter Mack Lillard's occasional "ladies' nights" mat programs, every feminine fan accompanied by a paying customer, either male or female, will be admitted free.

We owe Dwight Catherwood an apology. In figuring batting averages last week, we listed the Crater left fielder as having hit 14 times in 44 trips to the plate for an average of .318.

Rechecking the box scores of all Oregon-California loop games it was discovered that Catherwood is hitting at a hefty .375 clip, on 15 blows in 40 tries.

So, to keep the record clear, we hereby increase Dwight's plate figure 57 points, which puts him in a tie with Al Wray Lightner for fourth place in the individual Crater batting race.

Baseball men have claimed, time and again, that the Pacific Coast league doesn't produce a double-A brand of ball, but a glance at the various leaders in the major leagues discloses EXCEL players are doing all right for themselves.

In the National league Dolph Camilli, former Sacramento first baseman now with Brooklyn, is in second place in the home run race, having clouted 10 round-trippers. Larry French, ex-Portland southpaw, is leading the loop with six wins and no losses.

The American league shows even more clearly that boys out of the Coast circuit are just about tops in the former wheel. Joe Gordon, ex-Oakland, is leading the league in batting, with Bobby Doerr, ex-San Diego, in second place. Ted Williams, ex-San Diego, has scored the most runs, and Dom Di Maggio, ex-Seals, is second. Williams is also leading the league in home runs.

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Grants Pass And Craters Clash In League Game Tonight

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Victory Will Put Locals Full Game Ahead of Pelicans —Tilt To Start at 8:30.

Currently leading the Oregon-California league pennant race by half a game over the Klamath Falls Pelicans, the Medford Craters will attempt to stretch the margin to a full game to night when they entertain the cellarite Grants Pass Merchants at the fairgrounds park. The tilt will start at 8:30 sharp.

Every lady accompanied by a paying fan will be admitted free, it was announced by the Medford Athletic association. Manager Dutch Lieber of the locals said that Steve Crippen, the league's leading pitcher with four runs in as many starts, would do the hurling, with Glen Swanson back of the plate.

Grants Pass, gunning for its first victory of the loop season, will have either Rusty Martin, dale, southpaw or Bob Gehring, righthander, on the rubber.

The Craters will take the field with either Lieber or Al Fleishman on first, Johnny Gizon on second, Norm Worthley on short, Don Fawcett or Jack Swaryck on third, Dwight Catherwood in left, Al Wray Lightner in center and Don Madden, the club's top hitter, in right.

Fleishman, Lieber said, was negotiating for his release from the Grants Pass team, and that if he succeeded he would be on first for the Craters.

HOW THEY STAND

By The Associated Press

Pacific Coast	W.	L.	Pct.
Sacramento	48	31	.608
Los Angeles	45	32	.584
San Diego	47	35	.573
San Francisco	37	38	.493
Seattle	38	41	.481
Oakland	37	41	.474
Hollywood	35	48	.422
Portland	28	49	.364

American	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	44	19	.698
Boston	36	25	.590
Cleveland	36	30	.545
Detroit	37	33	.529
St. Louis	31	36	.463
Chicago	25	36	.410
Philadelphia	28	42	.400
Washington	24	40	.375

National	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	44	17	.721
St. Louis	35	24	.593
Cincinnati	35	29	.547
New York	34	32	.515
Chicago	32	35	.478
Pittsburgh	30	33	.476
Boston	28	40	.412
Philadelphia	18	46	.281

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Pepper Martin Forgets To Worry and Sacs Take Lead

By Jim Hutcherson

Seattle, June 24.—(P)—Pepper Martin, having shed his baby teeth as a class AA league baseball manager, has learned to quit worrying—and his Sacramento ball club is up there on top again.

It's no novelty for the Pepper box's team to lead the Pacific Coast league. It had a 15-game margin over the field in mid-season last year, the first for the former St. Louis Cardinal star as a manager. Then, long before the year of the big rubber shortage, the Sacs lost their bounce. They collapsed in the stretch to finish behind Seattle.

"I worried all the time last year," drawled the one-time wild horse of the Oage, on his first 1942 appearance in the town that beat him out of the 1941 pennant. "Even when my team was on top, I'll bet I worried more than the rest of the managers together."

"But this year it's different. We got off to a terrible start. We couldn't hit and we were doing everything wrong. But while we were way down there in the standings (and Sacramento scraped the bottom) I never worried. I knew we had a good ball club, a good fighting club, and now it's beginning to show."

"By the end of the season," he predicted, "I think this year's team will have the best batting average. The pitching's also good this year, but it was good last year, even when the team hit its slump."

COLLEGE GOLFERS OPEN MATCH PLAY

South Bend, Ind., June 24.—(P)With the field sifted down to 64 of the top college golfers the national intercollegiate tournament today entered daily 36-hole tests of match play from which the champion will emerge Saturday after 180 holes of competition.

Poised against the field was Earl Stewart of Louisiana state university, last year's winner, medalist and driving champion. Again the 20-year-old Dallas, Tex., player, who plans to enlist in the army shortly, is dominating the meet.

Scores Yesterday

By The Associated Press
National League
Pittsburgh 2 Brooklyn 6
Cincinnati 0 New York 7
Chicago 8 Philadelphia 4

American
Philadelphia 3 Cleveland 7
Boston 6 Detroit 2
New York 6 St. Louis 5

Pacific Coast	
Oakland 2	San Francisco 3
Hollywood 6	Los Angeles 8
San Diego 6	Portland 5
Western International	
Spokane 8	Vancouver 3
Salema 2	Tacoma 3

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Ninth Inning Error By Al Wright Gives Contest To Padres

(By the Associated Press)

A fumbled grounder set the stage for a final effort by San Diego to win last night's Coast league baseball game with Portland and the Padres cashed in for a 6-5 victory.

The Beavers led by one run going into the ninth and had two men out when Al Wright, second baseman, fumbled a grounder that would have ended the inning and set the stage for the next play.

With two men on base, John Hill singled to drive in two runs and win the game.

Portland took an early lead and Ted Norbert, Beaver outfielder, belted a homer in the eighth to break a four-to-four tie which the Padres earned in the sixth.

Sam Gibson, 42-year-old pitcher for the San Francisco Seals, is setting an example for Pacific Coast league hurlers this season.

Gibson displayed his crafty wares last night as he worked over Oakland batters for a five-hitter that gave the Seals a 4 to 2 win and halted a four-game losing streak.

At Los Angeles, the Angels, showed off their league-leading batting pace by cracking out three home runs to defeat Hollywood, 8 to 6.

A postponement kept the lone leading Sacramento Solons idle at Seattle, but a double-header is set for tonight to make up for the unplayed game.

Short scores:
San Diego..... 6 12 1
Portland..... 5 10 2
Olsen, Pillette and Detore; Cohen and Mayer.

Fights Last Night

By The Associated Press
Cleveland — Melio Bettina, 187, Beacon, N. Y., outpointed Harry Bobo, 211, Pittsburgh (10); Anton Christofordis, 169, Cleveland, outpointed Johnny Colan, 175½, New York (10).
Serge Joe Muscato, 187, Buffalo, N. Y., knocked out Lem Franklin, 202, Cleveland (1); Maxie Shapiro, 133½, Brooklyn, outpointed Harry Teaney, 138, Cleveland (10); Jimmy Bivins, 176, Cleveland, outpointed Joey Maxim, 178, Cleveland (10).
Hartford, Conn.—Willie Pep, 128½, Hartford, Conn., outpointed Joey Archibald, 126, Providence, R. I. (10).
New York—Bobby Ruffin, 134½, New York, outpointed Terry Young, 135, New York (10).
Brooklyn — Sidney Walker, 138, Augusta, Ga., knocked out Guillermo Puentes, 134, Colombia, South America, (10).



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FRENCH'S RELIEF PITCHING GIVES DODGERS VICTORY

Pirates Downed, 6-2—Joe Gordon and DiMaggio Hit As Yanks Stop Browns.

By Judson Bailey

Associated Press Sports Writer
The Brooklyn Dodgers have erased virtually all question of their retaining the National league pennant, but they are giving their fans something to ponder in the way of batting and most valuable player honors.

Pete Reiser and Joe Medwick are away out in front of every one else in the league in batting and it is generally conceded that they are the two foremost candidates for recognition this year as the most valuable player in the league.

But the records would seem to show that laughing Larry French is just about as valuable as any other one man on the Dodgers. He stepped into the breach against last night in a relief role to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-2 for his sixth triumph without a defeat this year.

The New York Yankees came out of their slump by nosing out the St. Louis Browns 6-5 with a 14-hit barrage including three safeties by Joe Gordon and a like number by Joe Di Maggio.

Tigers Clawed
The Boston Red Sox smashed the Detroit Tigers into submission, 6-2.

The Cleveland Indians collected three homers in overpowering the Philadelphia Athletics 7-5.

The Cincinnati Reds, who had won 13 of their last 17 games and were hopeful of getting

Red-Faced Mize Won't Try Trick On Joost Again

New York, June 24.—(P)—Johnny Mize's most embarrassing moment:

Guarding first base for the New York Giants yesterday, Mize attempted to pull the hidden ball trick on Eddie Joost, Cincinnati infielder. Joost, however, quietly reached around Mize, swiped the ball from the first sacker's glove and tossed the pellet to the nitcher.

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within sight of the Dodgers during their eastern invasion, were rudely shut out by the New York Giants 7-0 as Bill Lohman pitched a four-hitter.

The Chicago Cubs captured a free-hitting affair from the Philadelphia Phils 8-4 although outlit 13-12. The big blow in the Bruins' assault was a three-run homer by Lou Novikoff.

North Carolina was the first state to impeach a governor—William Woods Holden in 1870.

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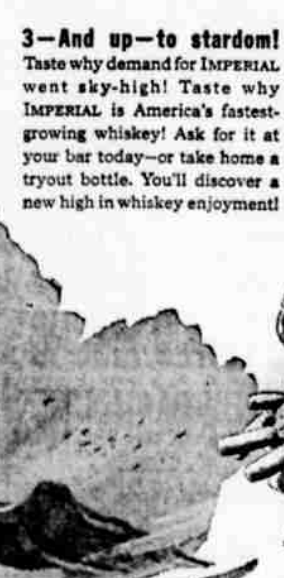
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BEAVERS THROUGH PLAYING SOLONS

Salem, June 24.—(P)—The Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast baseball league, beaten four out of five times in the past two years by the Salem Senators, won't play Salem any more, Al Lightner, sports editor of the Oregon Statesman and business manager of the Salem club, said today in his sport column.

Lightner said that after Salem beat Portland 6-5 Monday night, E. J. Scheffer, Portland owner, said:

"That's the last time we'll play you—my boys get so mad when they play you they can't play their best. They'd rather go fishing on their day off, and anyway, it just doesn't seem to be in us to beat the Salem team."

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