

SPORTS

CRIPPEN PITCHES
CRATERS TO FLAG
AS WPRC BEATENVeteran Hurler Yields Only
Three Hits in 6-4 Triumph
—Sullivan Hot.

Red-haired Steve Crippen turned in one of the best mound jobs of his lengthy career at the fairgrounds park Sunday afternoon to fling the Craters to a 6 to 4 victory over the Western Personnel Reassignment Center club and clinch the Medford-Camp White Baseball league championship of the locals.

The largest crowd of the season saw the veteran righthander limit the soldiers to but three hits, which were bunched in the fourth frame, along with two Crater errors, to give WPRC all their tallies. Crippen, who fanned six, pitched hitless ball in the other eight innings.

Meanwhile, paced by Homer Sullivan, who belted a triple, double and single, drove in two runs and tallied twice, himself, the Craters were collecting nine blows off Ted Bergold, WPRC southpaw.

The locals scored twice in the second, once in the fourth, twice in the seventh and once in the eighth.

Sullivan Triples

Floyd Lawson's single, Sullivan's looping triple down the right field line and Irwin's error on the throw-in gave the Craters a pair in the second, and Manager Paul Freer's walk, stolen base and Crippen's single to left added another in the fourth.

After the WPRC, playing as the home team, went into a 4 to 3 lead in their half of the fourth, the Craters bounced back in the seventh for the marginal runs without benefit of a hit.

Stanmen and Lange walked, and the former went to third as Swanson forced Lange. Swanson stole second and they both scored when D'Ambrosia dropped Lawson's pop fly back of short.

That made it 5 to 4, Craters, but just to clinch things the locals got another in the eighth on Sullivan's double to right center and Freer's single thru the middle.

A bad fourth inning spoiled Crippen's bid for a shutout. Jones, in right, dropped D'Ambrosia's fly to start things and, after Birch fanned, Pizzato singled infield and stole second. Otte singled to center scoring D'Ambrosia and Pizzato, and reached second when Stanmen failed to touch second on Brookner's force play. Lucido then tripled to left center scoring Otte and Brookner.

Fine Support
With the exception of that inning Crippen was complete master of the situation. He fanned only 25 men in the other eight heats and had them breaking their backs on his slow curve

and change-of-pace. The Crater hurler also received some fine support in spots. Second-baseman Don Wilky coming up with a great catch and Stanmen starting a double play in the sixth by stabbing Otte's liner and catching Pizzato off second.

Box score:

CRATERS		WPRC	
AB	R	AB	R
Wilky, 2b	5	0	1
Stanmen, ss	4	1	0
Lange, 3b	2	0	1
Swanson, cf	5	1	1
Lawson, lf	4	1	0
Sullivan, 1b	4	2	3
Jones, rf	4	0	1
Freer, c	4	0	1
Crippen, p	4	0	2
Totals	34	6	27

WPRC

AB	R	H	PO	A
D'Ambrosia, ss	4	1	0	4
Birch, 3b	3	0	0	2
Irwin, 2b	1	0	0	0
Pizzato, 2b	4	1	2	2
Holland, 2b	0	0	0	0
Otte, 1b	4	1	1	0
Brookner, lf	4	1	0	1
De Russo, lf	4	0	0	2
Lucido, cf	3	0	1	1
Hoag, c	3	0	0	6
Bergold, p	3	0	0	2
Totals	33	4	3	27

SCORE BY INNING

Inning	Craters	WPRC
1	0	0
2	2	0
3	0	0
4	1	0
5	0	0
6	0	0
7	2	0
8	1	0
9	0	0
Total	6	0

Errors—Stanmen, Swanson 2, Sullivan, Jones, D'Ambrosia, Birch 2, Bergold 1, Sullivan 2, Freer, Crippen 2, Lucido 2. Two-base hits—Wilky, Crippen, Sullivan. Three-base hits—Sullivan, Lucido. Stolen bases—Swanson, Freer, Swanson, Lawson, D'Ambrosia, Pizzato, Brookner, Freer. Double plays—Stanmen to Wilky, D'Ambrosia to Birch, bases on balls—Crippen 1, Bergold 5. Strike-outs—Crippen 6, Bergold 8. Wild pitches—Crippen, Bergold. Passed ball—Freer. Umpires—Drolette and Wimer. Time—2:12.

New Major Football
Circuit to Include
Honolulu After War

Philadelphia, July 24.—(U.P.)—A new major league professional football circuit spreading from Boston to Honolulu will begin operations in 1945, "war conditions permitting," franchise holders in 10 cities announced today.

The organization to be known as the "United States Football League" will be composed of eastern and western divisions with the teams traveling to all of their games by airplane.

The cities to whom franchises have been issued are Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Pittsburgh in the eastern division and Akron, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis and Honolulu in the western half.

Roland Donald Payne, Pittsburgh industrialist, who fostered the plans for the circuit, said that applications for two remaining posts had been made by Seattle, Portland, Buffalo, Detroit, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Fort Worth and Dallas, and that franchises would be issued in the near future.

The Honolulu islanders to be known as the Bears, will be coached and managed by F. J. Brickner, former St. Mary's college football player from 1931 to 1935, who later coached for the Gaels.

HAGG, ANDERSON
HAVE SLOW TIMES

Stockholm, July 24.—(U.P.)—Gunder Hagg and Arne Anderson, middle distance specialists, ran in the same relay yesterday, but not against each other in a race composed of four 1,500 meter laps at Orebro. Neither approached the world record for the distance.

Hagg, running the third lap for the Malmoe Mai club, traveled 1,400 meters in 3:48.4, the shorter distance being due to curvature of the track. Anderson ran the fourth lap for the Stockholm Hellas club, going the full 1,500 meters in 3:55. Hellas won the match with a time of 16:2, while Malmoe was second in 16:5.8.

See Mail Tribune Want Ads.

BROWNIES' SO-SO
PAGE MAY BRING
INITIAL PENNANTOther Am. League Teams
Unable to Strike Consistent
Winning Streak.

New York, July 24.—(U.P.)—Unless some team in the American league strikes a consistent winning stride soon, the so-so pace of the St. Louis Browns may be sufficient to capture the pennant at the cheapest price in the circuit's history, it became apparent today.

At the same time, the St. Louis Cardinals, playing at their present hot pace, can take the National league flag with the fastest percentage of any club since the Pittsburgh Pirates of 1909, all of which may make for a world series with the shortest priced favorite of all time.

No American league team in the past month has been able to string together enough victories to dislodge the Browns and even when the league leaders falter, there hasn't been another squad able to take advantage of the lapse. The Browns in the past month have won only 16 games while losing 14, hardly the pace to expect of a team representing the league in the world series. Yet only two clubs, the Cleveland Indians and New York Yankees have done better, each winning 18 and losing 12 in the same period, but both were too far back to close the gap.

All Divide
Little happened to alter the impasse yesterday with the three leaders, the Browns, Yankees and Red Sox dividing their double headers, while the Cleveland Indians picked up a game by winning two and taking over fourth place. The Detroit Tigers, who were temporarily menacing collapse after winning six straight, losing twice to the Philadelphia Athletics.

Cleveland called in a pair of "cripples," Jeff Heath and Mel Harder, to punctuate its victories over Washington, 4 to 3 and 9 to 5.

Vernon Stephens' bases-full homer sparked the Browns to a 9 to 3 second game victory over Boston after the Red Sox humiliated the league leaders with a 12 to 1 triumph in the opener.

The Yankees failed to gain at Chicago, winning the first 7 to 6 with five unearned runs in the third inning and losing the second 10 to 6.

Detroit dropped to fifth place with its twin trimmings at the hands of the lowly A's, 13 to 3 and 3 to 2.

The Cubs and Giants gave the record book a going over in dividing a double header, Chicago winning the first 7 to 6 and losing the second 12 to 10. Bill Nicholson, with three homers in the first and one in the second, equalled a major mark and set one in the National for homers in a double header.

The Cards moved merrily along, winning two at Boston, 3 to 2 and 5 to 2, behind their aces, Max Lanier and Mort Cooper.

Pittsburgh took over second place, drubbing the last place Brooklyn Dodgers 7 to 5 and 9 to 4.

Bucky Walters failed for the second time in a bid for his 16th victory, but the Phillies paid for the "snub" to the Cincinnati ace when Clyde Shoun held them to five hits for a 2 to 1 victory in the second game. The Phils took the opener 7 to 6.

Deaths from pedestrian accidents in Missouri during the first three months of this year increased 74 per cent compared with the same period last year.

Hitler Blames Own Officers



A bomb explosion interrupted a headquarters conference similar to one pictured here, resulted in injuries to Adolf Hitler (center foreground) and to chief of his personal staff, Gen. Alfred Jodl (second from right) and other officers. Mussolini (seen here at left) arrived shortly after the attempted assassination. Hitler, shrieking in maniac-like rage, told German people that "a small clique of criminal officers" had planted the bomb which exploded less than 7 feet from him.

Big Bill Nicholson Almost
Cinch To Retain Homer Toga

By Jack Cuddy

United Press Staff Correspondent

New York, July 24.—(U.P.)—Big Bill Nicholson, the Cubs' color-blind clouter, is making such a booming defense of his National league home run championship that the percentage now is in his favor to retain it.

Over the week end, the Maryland slugger blasted out five homers to bring his total for the season to 21, dead-locking Mel Ott of the Giants at that figure and equalling two major league records with his spurge.

Brawny, brown-haired Nicholson with a dental-ad smile said in the dressing room after yesterday's Cubs Giants double-header, "I don't know who'll win the run title this season, but whoever does will have a much larger total than the 29 with which I took it last year—probably about 40."

Two factors favor Chicago's right fielder to wind up with 40 or more four baggers. He has garnered his 21 in the Cubs' 81 games. This pace would give him 39.9 homers for 154 games. Ott, his only close competitor, made his 21 in the Giants' 87 contests—a pace that would mean 38.3 homers for 154 encounters.

Even more important, however, is the fact that Nicholson a-l-w-a-y-s hits best in the season's second half. This was particularly true during the '42 and '43 campaigns when, as the big fellow explains, "because of spring training in the north, it seemed to take me longer than usual to get thawed out." The Cubs trained again in the north this year, and Nicholson indicated yesterday that he's just about "thawed."

Although 28-year-old Bill is so color-blind that he can't tell a blonde from a brunette, his optics certainly egged the onion in yesterday's twin bill. He walked three round-trippers in the opener, the first major league turn the trick in one game this season. These, combined with the one he slugged the last time at bat on Saturday, equalled the

PELICANS SELECT
GRID, CAGE BOSS

L. Marble Cook, basketball, track and assistant football mentor at Portland's Lincoln high school last year, has been named head football and basketball coach at Klamath Falls high school to succeed Frank Ramsey, now a marine. It was announced over the week-end.

Cook, 39 years old, is a 1934 graduate of the University of Oregon and for seven years coached at Beaverton high school, where his cage teams won three league and two district titles.

HOW THEY
STAND

	American		
	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	51	41	.554
New York	46	41	.529
Boston	47	43	.522
Cleveland	46	43	.505
Detroit	45	46	.495
Chicago	41	44	.482
Washington	42	47	.472
Philadelphia	39	50	.438

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National			
St. Louis	60	24	.714
Pittsburgh	46	36	.561
Cincinnati	48	38	.558
New York	41	46	.471
Philadelphia	37	47	.440
Chicago	35	46	.432
Boston	36	50	.419
Brooklyn	35	51	.407

Pacific Coast			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	59	49	.546
San Francisco	57	51	.528
Oakland	56	52	.519
Portland	53	54	.495
Seattle	53	55	.491
Hollywood	53	56	.486
Sacramento	51	57	.472
San Diego	51	59	.464

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

ANGELS CLIMB TO
TOP OF CIRCUIT;
BEAVERS DIVIDE

By United Press

The sky-rocketing Los Angeles Angels, using the hapless San Diego Padres as a stepping stone, climbed into the driver's seat in the hot Pacific Coast league race over the week end—with some assistance from the hustling Sacramento Solons.

Long heralded as the team to beat in the league, the Angels slapped twin defeats on the Padres yesterday, 11-4 and 3-1, winning six out of seven games. Meanwhile, Manager Earl Sheely's Sacs, climbing out of the basement, won a pair from the third-place Oaklanders, 9-5 and 9-3 for a 6-3 series win.

The San Francisco Seals were staying right up in the race by trouncing the Seattle Rainiers in the northern park, winning yesterday's double-header 6-3 and 3-0. Hollywood and Portland split a double-header, the Stars grabbing the opener 6-2 but dropping the nightcap 5-0.

Games this week send Los Angeles to San Francisco, Oakland to Hollywood, Portland to Seattle and Sacramento to San Diego.

Roy Helser tossed a five-hitter for Portland in the nightcap for his shutout victory after the Stars had pounded Pieretti for 12 safe blows to take the opener. Three home runs, one each by Rutch Moran, Brooks Holder and Frank Kelleher, provided the margin of victory. The series went to the Stars, 4-3.

Yesterday's line scores:
Hollywood 6 12 2
Portland 2 6 0
Intlekofer and Younkers; Pieretti and Adams.
Hollywood 0 5 1
Portland 5 7 1
Mishasek, Hufford (5) and Hill; Helser and Norager.

FIRST PLACE BROWNS
DRAW SMALLEST CROWD

New York, July 24.—(U.P.)—The St. Louis Browns, fighting for their first American league pennant, drew the smallest crowd at any of the major league double headers yesterday, 13,759 fans attending their games, whereas the last place Brooklyn Dodgers in the National attracted a crowd of 15,715.

A total of 163,936 paid admissions was recorded in the two major leagues, with 92,081 in the American and 71,855 in the National.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 8:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

MORELLI TO FACE
CHAMPION AGAIN

Paavo Katonen and Tony Morelli will meet for the third time in as many weeks in the main event of next Thursday night's armory wrestling card. Promoter Mack Lillard announced today.

The rematch was arranged when Katonen, coast light-heavyweight champion, told Lillard that his injured eye was OK and that he wanted another crack at Morelli. Last week, Morelli opened up a cut over Katonen's eye that forced Referee Earl Yankley to halt the match and give the Floridian the decision.

Jack Lipscomb will face Herb Parks in the middle event and Milt Olson will meet in the opener a rough newcomer, Rowdy O'Doudy.

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