

Duck Tracks

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This is too much. We knew the Russians invented the telephone. We knew they invented the airplane. We even concede they invented home permanents, golf tees, and television.

But now we learn that they invented baseball. According to Walter Davenport in Collier's magazine, Radio Moscow claims that a clever comrade named Abneri Doubledayski whipped up the game as a diversion for loyal party workers.

And what is more, the vulgar capitalists in the United States have corrupted the game, and are now using it for their own imperialistic aims.

"This is just a snare and a delusion of the U. S. government, say the Russians. Attendance is made compulsory in order to convince the world that the "underpaid, half-starved, ill-clad, disease-ridden, and unhoused American worker is happy."

Kill the Umpire!

This is good news for the St. Louis Browns. Now new owner Bill Veeck won't have to dream up high-pressure publicity schemes to get customers. The downtrodden masses will flock from the slums and tenements. One thing we might suggest is free beer. It would make even better propaganda material for the State Department.

And, according to the Russians, the United States does not even let people relax at the ball games. There the "exploited slaves of the rich American warmongers are forced to murder (umpires), steal (bases), die (on second) and get robbed (of base hits)."

The parentheses were added by Davenport, so the average Russian radio listener no doubt swallows all this with a shiver of horror and relief that he lives in dear old Russia. According to Radio Moscow, the average Russian worker is much too well-paid, luxuriously dressed, healthy, and comfortably housed to resort to such disgusting exhibitions as baseball, American style. Hail Stalin!

Are Russians Really Rapid?

Russians do, however, consider it good form to compete in track and field events, and of course their thinclad performers are admitted by them to be tops. Athletics are a government concern behind the Iron Curtain. It will be interesting to see how well the collective system of developing track stars compares with the free-enterprise method of U. S. colleges. For the Russians will enter the 1952 Olympic games at Helsinki, and they will get their chance to compete against the decadent North Americans. It will be hard to walk out of this meet, or use the veto power, which is one consolation for us.

Don't count on it, but several of Coach Bill Bowerman's track men are given better than average chances to be in on the fun. Bespectacled Chuck Missfeldt, who won the NCAA javelin crown last season, is perhaps the leading contender for the U. S. team. In the running for the Canadian Olympic squad are Vancouver Native Jack Hutchins and British Columbian Fred Turner. Hutchins took fifth in the NCAA 880 yard run last year for Bowerman, and Turner was third in the Pacific Coast Conference two mile run.

Other Ducks may flash improvement during the season and become darkhorse prospects; among them is dash man Bill Fell.

Returning to Missfeldt, the husky senior will enter the Willamette relays at Salem Saturday. Last season he turned in his best performance of the season there, with a throw of over 225 feet. His NCAA-winning toss was "only" 219 feet plus. But Mentor Bowerman has scant hope that his prize protege will rise to such heights Saturday. Missfeldt hasn't been able to work into top form as yet.

"I will be pleased," said Bowerman, "if Chuck can get a throw of over 200 feet."

Bowerman Picks Oregon

What did the Duck coach think about the relays? "My greatest concern," said he, "is whether or not the boys will be in shape. With the state tournament and final exam week together, followed by a week's vacation, they haven't had too much hard preparation. But I won't revise the picture until I see the meet Saturday."

Not a guy who believes in being coy, last March Bowerman allowed as how he thought the University of Oregon was going to win the 1952 Northern Division track crown, providing of course that his men perform up to par and don't slip on banana peelings or fall through holes.

Biggest track local aspirations: Up Seattle way, according to Bowerman, is the Washington team which isn't saving much, but is getting better for Duck.

"Myself, I'm an Oregon man," declared Bill.

Webfoots Win Twin Bill, 3-1, 8-0

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one of which was by his brother Arnold, Wildcat first baseman.

The Oregon second inning featured runs by Left Fielder Jim Livesay, Third Baseman Nick Schmer, First Sacker Phil Settecase, and Shaw. Livesay drew a walk to start the festivities, and then Schmer uncorked a slicker of a play which Ty Cobb would have heralded as his kind of baseball.

Schmer made motions toward bunting several times, which started the Wildcat third sacker charging in on every pitch. So Schmer stepped back quickly from a fake bunt and chopped a ground double to right, sending Livesay to third. Settecase then dropped a Texas League single to right, scoring Livesay and Schmer.

Pete Williams, Duck shortstop, and Pitcher Aune struck out, after which Shaw was safe on an error by the Wildcat third baseman and Settecase scored.

A Three-Ply Swat

Daryle Nelson was the next batter, and he flashed the form that made him all-ND as he sliced a towering triple to the bushes in right field (the games were played on the lower diamond). This blow scored Shaw, and Ron Bottler struck out to end the inning.

The two third-inning Duck runs were tallied by Joe Sugura, right fielder, and Livesay. Sugura opened with a walk, took second on a balk, and Livesay cracked out a

single to score him. Livesay worked his way to third and scored from there on a sacrifice by Pete Williams and an error by the Linfield third baseman.

Topping off Duck scoring were two runs in the fourth. Joe Sugura blasted a well-hit single to deep center and reached second on an error by the first-sacker who missed an attempted pick-off throw. Livesay came through again with a solid single to right which scored Sugura, and Livesay also came home on an error by Catcher Chuck Bafaro.

Livesay was Jimmy-on-the-spot for the Duck attack, with three for three. Nelson collected afor said triple, and Catcher Ron Bottler also slugged out a triple in the first frame.

Bowling . . .

FACULTY MIXED DOUBLES

Howard Case won 4 pts. from Joseph Ungerlider.

John Fish won 3 pts. from Nick Mihailov.

George Hopkins and E. Anderson won 3 pts. from Bob Greiner.

Dick Williams and Mrs. Louis Bellisimo won 4 pts. from E. Bruns.

Herman Gelhausen and Eldon Haines split 4 points.

High game: Gelhausen, 245.
High series: Gelhausen, 545.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today:

8:30	Pub Health Nurses	113 SU
Noon	Theta Sigma Phi	
	Ore. H. S. Speech League	
	Sect 1	110 SU
	Sect 2	111 SU
	Sect 3	112 SU
	Journ	114 SU
4:00	Exch Assembly	334 SU
	Assembly Comm	337 SU
	Vodvil Reps	214 SU
6:00	Ore H S Speech L Banq	110 SU
7:00	Child & Youth Conf	2nd Fl SU
8:00	Ore H S Speech Social	333 SU

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In 1915 an earthquake caused a Nevada mountain to grow 30 feet, says the National Geographic Society.

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The amazing height of Remington Feeny

Remington Feeny's money went to his feet. Being extremely cautious, he hid his money in his shoes so he could always keep it with him. By the time he was 48, he was nine feet tall.

Money can be used to grow on, but not necessarily by Mr. Feeny's method. For instance, more than 1,100,000 people have shown their faith in the future of the Bell Telephone System by investing their money in it. About one-fifth of them are Bell employees who bought stock through a payroll savings plan.

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