

Duck Tracks

By Martin Meadows

Three weeks of major league baseball have brought several interesting developments into notice to counteract what could quite easily have been a dull season due to the departure of such men as Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams. One of the main factors has been the fast starts made by teams which are normally cellar dwellers.

In the American League, the first division includes such unexpected names as Boston, Washington, and St. Louis. In the National the big surprises are furnished by Cincinnati and Chicago. However, it is doubtful if these clubs can maintain their present pace. As a matter of fact, two of them, the Browns and the Cubs, already show signs of folding.

Sox Haven't Missed Williams Yet

The Browns, boasting a rookie-dominated line-up, have lost four straight games, while the Cubs have dropped three of their last four. The league-leaders in the American, Boston's Red Sox, also were defeated twice by the Cleveland Indians.

Let us start with the junior circuit. Red Sox Manager Lou Boudreau's policy of using rookies has paid off so far, despite the retirement of veteran second baseman Bobby Doerr, and the induction into the Marines of Ted Williams. The latter has a ten-year major league batting average of .346, but his absence has not been noticed so far.

One reason for the first-place status of the Red Sox has been the performance of rookie catcher Sammy White. White was an outstanding basketball and baseball player at the University of Washington some years back. He was signed to a contract by Seattle in 1949, hit a home run on his first appearance at the plate and was immediately purchased by the Red Sox.

Cleveland Has the Pitching

After batting only .267 in 120 games for the Class A Scranton team of the Eastern League last year, it was thought that he needed another year of seasoning, but Boudreau has installed the Wenatchee youth in the first string receiver's job and has been justified by his action.

The Cleveland Indians, one game behind Boston, should be in the race to the end. Their pitching staff, one of the finest in the majors, includes three 20-game winners—Bob Feller, Early Wynn, and Mike Garcia—backed by Bob Lemon and Steve Gromek.

The New York Yankees, world champs for three straight years, got off to a poor start and were further damaged by the induction of infielder Jerry Coleman. Coleman, when he left the squad, was hitting a mere .405 and had participated in 22 double plays.

DiMaggio Wore Big Shoes

However, the Yanks undoubtedly miss Joltin' Joe DiMaggio even more. The Yankee Clipper, after patrolling center field for 13 years, decided to retire at the close of last season. During his 13 years, the Jolter compiled a .325 mark, with 361 homers, 2214 hits, and 1537 runs batted in. Twice he led the league in batting, was voted the Most Valuable Player twice, and performed in 10 World's Series.

Desperate to find a competent replacement for Joe, the Yanks Saturday traded four players, including ex-California star Jack Jensen, Archie Wilson, and Frank Shea for Irv Noren. So far the Senators, currently lodged in third spot, seem to have gotten the best of the deal. Outfielders Jensen and Wilson have collected 14 hits for 25 at bats between them, while Shea won his first start Monday.

And in the Senior Circuit—

Turning to the National League, which has not won a World's Series since the St. Louis Cards downed Boston's Red Sox in 1946, the chase seems to have resumed where it ended last year. The New York Giants, unlike last year when they lost 12 of their first 13 contests, have started fast and now lead the Brooklyn Dodgers by half a game.

Despite the loss of two such outfielders as Monte Irvin with a fractured leg, and Willie Mays, who entered the service, the Giants are rolling along behind a fine hurling corps composed of 20-game winners Larry Jansen and Sal Maglie, and Jim Hearn, Dave Koslo and Max Lanier.

Ex-Cougar Conley Is Brave Hurler

The Dodger contribution to the armed forces was Don Newcombe, who posted a 20-9 record last season. However, heavy hitting by such sluggers as Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Andy Pafko, Duke Snider and company should turn the National into a two team race as soon as Cincinnati and Chicago hit the downgrade, as they are expected to do before too long.

Incidentally, another former Northern Division athlete, Gene Conley of Washington State, seems to be a regular starter for the Boston Braves, but he has not done much as yet. Conley was chosen as minor league player of the year in 1951, but his record with the Braves this season is 0-3.

Webfoots Continue Football Sessions

Tuesday afternoon's thunder-shower washed out the University of Oregon's 17th day of spring football drills and as a result, Head Coach Len Casanova has scheduled a make-up on Friday afternoon.

The remainder of the grapefruit grid sessions will be devoted to regular workouts today, Thursday and Friday afternoons on the practice turf, plus a final scrimmage Saturday morning, probably on Hayward field. The Ducks will cap today's exercise with a short scrimmage.

Meanwhile, the head mentor, still supporting an awkward cast and brace, has no complaints, "except for the shortage of material." He is satisfied with the progress and pleased with the enthusiasm.

Cherney Downs Sigma

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The other stellar performer for the Chermites was one Neil Flanagan.

Flanagan did a good job at both importing and exporting on Tuesday afternoon as he displayed flawless fielding form and also collared three important base hits, one a two run homer.

The scoring started in the top half of the second inning when Sigma hall managed to get a run across, thanks to the dexterity of Jack Atthowe. Mr. Atthowe got on base via the base on balls route then proceeded to steal second and third base and finally, taking advantage of a lapse in the game's activity, streaked home with a run.

Cherney countered in the bottom half of the second, however when Doug Jones got on first by error, stole second base and then scored on a single by the aforementioned Neil Flanagan.

Cherney got another counter in the third stanza, but Sigma overcame the deficit in the fourth inning on base hits by Atthowe, Weatherford, and Hu. The frosh reciprocated by scoring another two in their half of the canto.

After that fourth inning the frosh were never to be headed again. Flanagan's home run and Scovil's double in the fifth helped to ice things for the winners.

For the losers Jack Weatherford was the entire show. He was a sparkplug on defense and also bore part of the batting chores admirably well. Jack Ranlett got a double and a triple in the losing effort, and Kip Shaw took the rap for the defeat.

By virtue of its victory Tuesday Cherney earned a berth in the playoffs to be held during the remainder of this week and to end on Monday of next week.

Order of 'O' Slates Meeting at Noon

There will be an Order of the 'O' meeting today at the Phi Delta Theta house, according to President Jim Livesay. Enforcement of Junior Weekend traditions will be discussed, and all members are urged to attend.

The meeting will get underway at 11:00 a.m. (PST) or 12:00 noon (DST).

Cow Short-changed

GROVE HILL, Ala. (U.P.) — Ollie Smith, a farmer near here, believes his two-fauceted cow must be the only one of her kind. The cow is equipped with only two teats instead of the standard four, Smith said.

Australian wool exports dropped nearly \$19,000,000 during the last half of 1951, compared with the same period in 1950.

Oregon To Face Idaho; Siegmund Named Starter

Coach Don Kirsch's Oregon baseball team will face the Idaho Vandals in a Northern Division contest today at Moscow.

On the mound, Kirsch will start Southpaw Don Siegmund, his number one pitcher to date. Opposing him for Coach Chuck Finley's Vandals will be righthander Dick Dodel, who hurled the Idaho club to an 8-6 victory in one of the two Oregon-Idaho tilts at Eugene.

Tuesday at Seattle the OSC Beavers topped Washington State 6-5, which keeps the Coach Ralph Coleman's Orange outfit in first place with seven victories and three losses. Today the Beavers meet Washington at Seattle.

The Ducks are currently in second place with four wins and two losses, followed by Washington with four victories and four defeats, Washington State with four wins and six losses, and Idaho with three and seven.

The Ducks play the Vandals

Billiard Tourney Scheduled for SU

A straight rail billiard tournament will be held this evening at the SU in order to determine the campus billiards champion, with the winner's name being engraved on a cup in the recreation area.

The tournament will begin at 6:30 p.m. (DST), and will consist of fourteen rounds. The highest total score will determine the winner.

All billiard players are urged to participate.

A paragraph in the Daily Texan stated, "Frank Nasur, a University of Texas student, was charged with stealing two RCA microphones worth almost \$200 from the University." When the paper couldn't locate Frank in the student directory, they called the police department. Frank was the detective who arrested the thief.

again Thursday, then move to Pullman for tilts Friday and Saturday with Washington State. Then they hit the road for Seattle in the chartered bus in time for games Monday and Tuesday with Washington. The six - games - in - seven days marathon will be the big test for Kirsch's pennant hopeful Webfoots, and the big question is whether or not the depth-shy Oregon pitching staff can stand up under the strain.

Netmen Meet Aggies

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Rose and Neer will remain in their usual one, two, three positions, but Sophomore Ron Lowell will move from fifth to fourth spot, and Don Neraas will take over the fifth position.

Neraas has been hampered lately by a bad knee, which has kept him out of singles play in the last two matches. However, he has shown enough improvement that Laurence believes he'll be ready to go against OSC.

Lowell is easily the top candidate for the most improved player on the squad, having now climbed from sixth place at the beginning of the season to fourth at the present.

Doubles will be the same for today's action, with Rose and Neer being the number one team, and Macdonald and George second.

Coach Laurence is hoping for a good turnout for this afternoon's match, as it will be the last home action of the season for the Webfoots. Friday the squad will leave for Seattle where they will take on the University of Washington's powerful tennis team in a Saturday match, which should be the Ducks' stiffest test of the season. An indication of the Huskies' strength is seen by the 7-0 licking which they recently administered to Oregon State.

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