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Duck Tracks

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The Pacific Coast league baseball season, though just four weeks old, has shown promise of being one of the most colorful in recent history. Every team seems strengthened, competition is closer than usual, four of the teams have new managers and interest in general is way up (except for the discouraging rain).

Already the new administration of rookie league president Claire V. Goodwin has proven him an advocate of all-out hustling baseball. Five managers were docked various amounts last week for a variety of offenses involving umpires. Apparently the head men have decided to show their own peculiar brand of hustle in inspiring their teams on to the cash prizes awarded monthly for various types of hustle (according to Goodwin).

Probably the most "colorful" incident with the umpires involved the troublesome manager of the Hollywood Stars, Bobby Bargan. Perhaps irritated at his team's low standing (eighth), and perhaps aggravated by what he termed poor conduct of the game by the league's umpires, Bragan paraded eight pinch-hitters to the plate on successive pitches. The umpires were understandably annoyed, and the result was a \$50 fine for the fiery Star skipper.

Other Skippers Draw Fines

Other assessments went to Tommy Heath of San Francisco, who pushed an umpire \$50 worth; Tony Frietas of Sacramento, \$25 for delaying the game with an argument; and \$25 apiece to Oakland's Lefty O'Doul and Seattle's Freddie Hutchinson for the use of profanity.

Apart from the usual run-ins with umpires, the league's teams are arranged at present in an unpredictable order. Seattle is on top, but just a week or two ago Sacramento held the top spot. And Hollywood, current residents of the basement, will undoubtedly be in the thick of contention when anticipated help from Pittsburgh arrives.

On the semi-local baseball scene, the Portland Beavers seem to have benefited greatly from new hometown ownership, new player help and a new outlook on the pennant race. Entrenched in third place, the Portland club is in a good spot to gain on the leaders in their present series with second-division San Diego.

The addition of such performers as Bob Hall and Bill Werle on the mound, Sam Calderone behind the plate, Ed Mickelson and Artie Wilson in the infield, and Dick Whitman and Russ Sullivan in the outfield has taken what was a last-place team in 1954 and molded it into a threatening ball club.

Youngsters Help Ball Clubs

A difference which usually tends to keep Portland lower in the final standings than the other teams might be in the age of major-league purchases and optionees. Whereas the Beavers get players usually at the end of their major league careers, teams such as Hollywood and Los Angeles are consistently stocked with promising youngsters on option from the big leagues.

When the Beavers have had the younger players, they have usually shown in the final standings to more advantage. Such stars as Vic Raschi, Charley Silvera, Luis Marquez and last year's Bob Alexander helped the Beavers mightily when they were in Portland. But this year's aggregation of potential and former major leaguers is well balanced.

Whitman, the ex-Oregon outfield star, is the oldest of the group of new faces, while Calderone, Hall, Mickelson, Sullivan and Werle still might be welcome on major league rosters of the future. At any rate, new general manager Joe Ziegler has done his part to get potential stars. The Beavers, at worst, should keep out of the cellar.

9 Eye Walker Cup

NEW YORK (AP)—The nine members of the U.S. Walker Cup golf team, along with a group of officials from the U.S. Golf association will leave by ship for St. Andrews, Scotland, site of the matches, Thursday. The competition consists of four foursomes on May 20 and eight singles on May 21, all at 36 holes.

Athletics Nip Orioles To Keep Hot Streak

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Kansas City Athletics continued on their hot streak Wednesday, beating the Baltimore Orioles 6-5 for their seventh victory in the last nine games.

In other daytime major league baseball activity, the Washington Senators shaded Chicago's White Sox 5-4 in a game featured by three-run homers on each side. And the New York Giants shook up their lineup to whip the Chicago Cubs 4-3 on Whitey Lockman's home run in the 11th.

Five games were scheduled Wednesday night. In the American league, New York played at Cleveland and Boston at Detroit. In the National league, the St. Louis Cardinals played at Brooklyn, the Cincinnati Redlegs at Philadelphia and the Milwaukee Braves at Pittsburgh.

The Athletics received excellent relief pitching from Tom Gorman to beat the Orioles. Gorman protected Kansas City's one-run lead through the last three innings and received credit for the victory.

Gus Zernial's home run in the fifth provided the winning margin for Kansas City, which pounded out nine hits against

starter Harry Byrd, Jim McDonald and Ray Moore.

Vic Raschi, the ex-Yankee, starting his first game for the A's, yielded a three-run homer to Hoot Evers in the first but didn't allow a hit for the next three innings. He left for a pinch-hitter in the fourth. Alex Kellner replaced him but went out in the sixth when the Orioles scored twice to pull up to 6-5. Then Gorman came in to give up only two hits in the final three innings.

The Senators' Bob Porterfield scored his third pitching victory at Chicago although he weakened in the ninth. Chuck Stobbs came in and retired the White Sox with two men on base and one out.

Jack Harshman was Chicago's losing pitcher, giving up a home run to Jim Busby in the second and a three-run homer to Mickey Vernon in the third. The Senators picked up their fifth run off reliever Bob Keegan in the eighth on Ernie Oravez's pinch-hit single.

Bob Nieman hit a three-run homer for the White Sox in the third inning and singled home the other Chicago run in the eighth.

Manager Leo Durocher juggled the lineup of the New York Giants at the Polo Grounds, sending Foster Castleman to second in place of Davey Williams who has a bad back. Castleman hit the first home run of his major league career in the third inning with no one on base.

Slick base-running by Monte Irvin, who went back to cleanup, gave the Giants runs in the second and sixth innings. He stole second after a walk and a single and scored each time with the help of hits by Al Dark.

The Cubs scored all three runs on the Giants in the fourth on three hits, a walk, a wild pitch and a steal. Except for this one inning, Ruben Gomez pitched fine ball to record his first victory of the season. Rookie Sam Jones was the loser.

Nestor, Phi Kap, Teke, Kappa Sig Nab IM Victories

Tau Kappa Epsilon whipped Lambda Chi Alpha 11-3, Kappa Sigma edged Sigma Alpha Mu 9-7, Nestor hall bumped French hall 8-4, and Phi Kappa Sigma blanked Chi Psi 9-0 in IM softball action Wednesday.

Jim McKinney and Jack Marsh clobbered home runs in the first inning for Lambda Chi, but the Teke's came back with three-run homers by Larry Gubrud and Clyde Hawley to win the error-filled game.

Jack Murray pitched the Kappa Sig's to their first victory of the season, as the Sammie's absorbed their third loss.

It was Nestor's second win and the second loss for French. Both teams went into the game with one-one records.

While his teammates were building the lead, Phi Kap pitcher Bob Hinman was holding the Chi Psi's to three hits. Big clout of the day was Phi Kap right fielder John Winkleman's long home run with two mates aboard. Third win for the Phi Kap's it boosted them into the League IV lead.

The Stroub Frosh got their third straight win as Cherney hall forfeited for the third time, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon took their third win over Phi Gamma Delta in the same manner.

IM Schedule

Thursday
Softball

3:50 Sederstrom hall vs. Barrister Inn, north field.
Legal Eagles vs. Dorm Counselors, south field.
Phi Kappa Psi vs. Theta Chi, upper field.
4:55 Delta Upsilon vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon, north field.
Beta Theta Pi vs. Alpha Tau Omega, south field.
Delta Tau Delta vs. Phi Delta Theta, upper field.

Tennis

4:00 Alpha Tau Omega vs. Legal Eagles, courts 4, 5, 6.

Golf

Phi Kappa Sigma vs. Pi Kappa Alpha, Oakway.

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