

Duck Tracks

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All the baseball kings of the 1955 season have been crowned (or should I say beamed) but several of these hero-type athletes also qualified in the goat department.

Robin Roberts, Phillies' ace, led all pitchers with 22 victories but gave up the most earned runs: 111. The talented Roberts is a pitcher a guy can have confidence in and manager Mayo Smith left Robbie in even after the opponents had scored five or six runs. Often Robin settled down and the Phils rallied to win.

This run-making laxity qualifies Roberts for a DDD award. These leather medals are awarded to those who were tops in unenviable departments—DDD standing for Department of Dubious Distinction.

Sad Sam Earns Four

Sad Sam Jones of the Cubs is the number-one qualifier for these medals with four awards to his credit. He's tall enough to be called Long Sam but Al Capp would never hold still for it. Jones pitched the only major league no-hitter last year and wound up that effort in his own inimitable style. In the ninth he walked the first three batters—then struck out the side.

But Sad Sam has been cited for this effort, and his less praiseworthy feats were: topping both major leagues in losses with 20; in bases on balls with 185 and in hit batsmen with 14. He also tied for the National league lead in getting belted from the box with 22, along with Jim Hearn and Ruben Gomez of the Giants and Lew Burdette of Milwaukee.

Bob Lemon of Cleveland, for years one of the ace hurlers in the AL, failed to finish 26 of his 31 starts to take all honors in this department. Herb Score, rookie of the year, was charged with the most wild pitches, 12.

Miranda Top Bobbler

Shortstop Willie Miranda won the errors championship with 34 boots. I was sorry to see this, for Willie had won a dollar bet for me last year, when I was employed by the KC Athletics. After astute observation of the Baltimore shortstop in action, I wagered with Bill MacPhail, then public relations director of the Athletics, that Miranda would outslug Joe DeMaestri, the A's shortstop, whom I had also seen at the plate. Miranda, with a stupendous late-season surge, hit a clean .255 to Joe's .249.

Bill Bruton of the Braves was clearly the winner of a DDD, going hitless-at-bat 461 times. Nellie Fox led the American league with 438 unfortunate trips to the dish. The fiery Chisox second-sacker, whose bulging cheek makes dentists drool till they find out it's a wad of tobacco, was named on the senior circuit all-star nine.

Boston rivaled Chicago last year as the Windy City because lanky first baseman Norm Zauchin flailed the breeze 105 times. Jim Rivera, White Sox, and Ken Boyer, Cards, were the most honest pair, as each were caught red-footed, being thrown out stealing 17 times.

Ramos Duster King

Pedro Ramos, Senators' rookie, topped the American league in hit batsmen with 11. Camilio Pascual, another member of the Washington Cuban quintet, deserves a special award—the ATSW. This stands for: Aversion To Sammy White. In a series with the Red Sox, it seemed that every time Pascual was getting pounded, White, a fine young catcher, would step to the plate.

Camilio has a low boiling point and he planked Sammy in the ribs twice in a row. After the second occurrence, White, who could see no bullseye on his shirt, started for Pascual. The umpires prevented any unpleasantness. The next day, in relief, Pascual clouted White with another pitch to take the undisputed crowning crown with three on the same fellow in two days.

Charlie Dressen, a pillar of forbearance as Nat manager in handling his Spanish athletes, gets a DDD for lasting out the season without a nervous breakdown. Not only did he have troubles with Pascual and Ramos but Juan Delis, masquerading as a third baseman in a game against Kansas City, resembled a hockey goal-tender batting away pucks when he tried to field a grounder. Nobody told him that knocking the ball down wasn't enough, you throw the ball ovair to Meeky Vairnon at first base to get the runnair out.

When Jose Valdivielso was brought up from Charlotte to fill the shortstop gap, Chuck went up to him and said, "Me manager. Patron, boss. You, play for me, ain't you?"

Valdivielso listened and said: "Mr. Dressen, I have studied English all my life. I should be happy to communicate any instructions you have to my countrymen and I wish to say I am delighted with the opportunity of playing in the big leagues." Dressen broke into tears.

Rossless Webfoots Prep For Stanford Road Trip

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Coach Bill Borchers ran his Oregon Ducks through a rugged basketball scrimmage Tuesday afternoon in preparation for the two-game weekend series at Stanford Friday and Saturday nights. The Webfoots were cheered by the fact that veteran forward Si Bingham was back in action.

Both Bingham and Ray Bell, who has been hampered by an influenza attack which kept him out of the Idaho series last weekend, went at full speed in the lengthy workout. Guard Phil McHugh, wearing tape over the eye-cut he received at Moscow, was also in excellent shape.

The one gloomy note in the session was the condition of Jerry Ross' injured left leg. It is believed that the former Cleveland high school ace is suffering from pulled ligaments

in the knee, and he is undergoing whirlpool baths under the supervision of Trainer Bob Officer.

The fast, shifty Ross, who hit 12 field goals in 17 attempts against the Vandals before getting hurt, in all probability will miss the trip to Palo Alto. He was suited up Tuesday, with his knee heavily taped, and tried a few shots while limping noticeably.

After the series split with Idaho, Oregon possesses an 8-6 record for the year. The strong Indians have an excellent 11-2 mark and have won their last seven in a row at home. Stanford showed that it could be had, however, when the Oregon State Beavers upset them last Friday 69-59.

The Indians are led by three fine shooters, Bill Bond, Barry Brown and George Selleck. They feature a pass and cut game with a fair fast break which they spring on occasion. Selleck is an excellent jump shot and Brown a top rebounder. Gary VanGalder and Carl Isaacs will probably round out the starting five.

Coach Borchers drilled the Webfoots especially hard on combating the half court press that Stanford employs.

McHugh and Bingham were at guards, Charlie Franklin and

Bell at forwards and Max Anderson at center most of the session. The Ducks also worked hard on setting up a defense for the short but speedy Indians, who like to break all the way in for set-ups or screen and pop jump-shots.

Oregon Shooting Paces Conference

UCLA's fast-breaking Bruins continue to hold a 20 point per game lead over their nearest rival in the Pacific Coast conference scoring race while the Oregon Ducks have the best mark on shooting from the floor, according to statistics released today by the PCC Commissioner's office.

UCLA has averaged 87.8 points per game in running up four consecutive PCC victories while its nearest foe, Oregon, has averaged 67.8 and Southern California 67.5.

Oregon has achieved its position on excellent field goal shooting, having shot 42.3% on 90 field goals in 213 attempts. USC is second with 41.8%, followed by UCLA, 40.7%.

Idaho has the best shooting team from the free throw line with 69.9% on 121 points in 173 attempts. Oregon has shot 67.9% and Washington 67%.

UCLA dominates the field in rebounds with 61.8%. The Bruins have grabbed 224 rebounds to their opponents 139. Washington has a 56.3% rebound mark and Southern California 53.7%.

Washington is the top team defensively, having held opponents to 49.8 points per game. Southern California has allowed 54 and Stanford 57.3.

Washington also has held its opponents to the lowest percentage on field goal shooting, 28%, having given up but 65 field goals in 232 attempts. Stanford has allowed 32.4% and Southern California 32.9%.

Three Conference series are scheduled this weekend—Southern California-Idaho at Moscow; Washington - Oregon State at Corvallis and Oregon-Stanford at Stanford. All will be Friday and Saturday night series except at Stanford where the Saturday game will be televised regionally in the afternoon.

Santee Said Fit For Hunter Mile

BOSTON (P)—Wes Santee, the nation's No. 1 miler who has been nursing a leg injury, Tuesday was listed a definite starter for the Hunter Mile in the 67th Boston A.A. track meet Saturday at the Boston Garden.

UW Grid Hassle Returns to Action

SEATTLE (P)—Ten lettermen said Tuesday they were undecided about turning out for football at the University of Washington but 26 others, plus 13 freshmen, said they planned to seek varsity positions on the 1956 squad.

The Times polled the players shortly before an editorial in the University of Washington Daily charged Coach Johnny Cherberg had failed to restore harmony among the players and urged that he be replaced.

The editorial and the player poll were the latest rumbles from a November revolt against Cherberg. The uprising, in which the players said the coach was "tyrannical" and asked that he be fired, has failed to simmer down since the university board of regents rehired Cherberg for the 1956 season.

Last week Cherberg charged the school administration refused to let his assistants attend a meeting he held with the squad. Their absence, he said, may have led the players to believe there was disharmony on the staff. Following the meeting four freshmen from Santa Monica, Calif., said they were quitting the team.

The editorial, written by Associate Editor Bob Campbell, said Cherberg "publicly took a slap" at Athletic Director Harvey Cassill and Vice President H. P. (Dick) Everest by his statement. It urged that he be replaced "as soon as possible."

And it criticized the coach for "traveling around and making speeches" when "the real problem is here at home."

Cherberg said the Daily "has been misinformed and misinterpreted my actions. I have been working seven days a week and

many nights in the best interests of the university and its football team."

The undecided lettermen included five possible starters on next season's team — halfbacks Dean Derby and Jim Thomas and lineman Ed Sheron, Frank Nelson and Gene Pederson.

One player, tackle Gene Halllock, declined to comment. Two others, fullback Jim Harryman and end Fred Snyder, have lost scholastic eligibility and left school.

The editorial said Cherberg told the players: "If you don't want to play football, there are planes, trains and busses leaving Seattle in all directions."

Everest said the editorial would have no bearing on official policy, which was the action of the regents in rehiring Cherberg.

Democrats Again Top State Hoop Standings

By the Associated Press

Jefferson of Portland, showing promise of regaining the state class A championship it won in 1951, again was voted this week Oregon's outstanding high school basketball team.

The Democrats were the choice of 14 of the 17 sportswriters and broadcasters who balloted in the Associated Press poll.

They piled up 162 points to 149 for defending champion Eugene, which won No. 2 position for the second straight week.

Medford, state tournament runnerup last year, repeated as the No. 3 team and Franklin of Portland again was fourth.

The poll was based on games played through last Saturday night.

Lincoln of Portland, which lost to top-ranked Jefferson by a single point last week, was the only new entry in the top ten, taking over tenth place.

Albany, rated tenth last week, got only two points after suffering two losses—63-52 at the hands of North Salem and 57-55 to Bend.

Marshfield, which was sixth last week, advanced to fifth place displacing Milwaukie which dropped to seventh. South Salem was advanced one notch to sixth, five points ahead of Milwaukie.

Milton-Freewater and Beaverton tied for eighth place with 49 points each.

The poll results, with won and lost records:

	Points
1. Jefferson	11-1 162
2. Eugene	10-2 149
3. Medford	12-2 128
4. Franklin	10-2 101
5. Marshfield	8-2 81
6. South Salem	10-3 73
7. Milwaukie	8-3 68
8. Milton-Freewater	10-2 49
9. Beaverton	8-3 49
10. Lincoln	7-5 24

Others: North Salem 14, Pendleton 11, Corvallis 6, Bend 4, Grant of Portland and Klamath Falls 3, Molalla, St. Helens, Cottage Grove and Albany 2, Dallas and St. Francis of Eugene 1.

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