

Duck Tracks

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The first month of the 1958 major league baseball season is nearing its completion with a surprise leader in the National League and a not-such-a-surprise leader in the American League.

San Francisco, home of the moved New York Giants, seems to be having a similar effect that Milwaukee had on the Braves when they moved from Boston. The Giants, picked for a sixth-place finish in the league before the season opened, have been getting stronger with each game and currently pace the NL with a 21-11 record. The defending-champion Braves are a game out with 17 wins and nine losses.

New York's Yankees are making a run-away of the American League. The perennial champions have lost only five of 24 games and lead second-place Kansas City by six-and-a-half contests, all this while Mickey Mantle hasn't yet found his batting eye and while such stars as Yogi Berra and Gil MacDougald have been missing games because of injuries. The Yankees and the Athletics are the only AL squads that have won half of their games or more.

Bob Turley's pitching for the Yankees and Willie Mays' hitting for the Giants have been the most noteworthy performances on the two clubs. Turley pitched his sixth victory of the season Sunday, a 3-0 five-hit job against the Washington Senators. Turley has four shutouts to his credit already this season and has an 0.83 earned run average. Mays sparked the Giant surge with his home runs. He hit 10 base-sweepers in eight games hiking his season total to 11, one behind the league leading total of Danny Thomas of Pittsburg.

Musial Still Hitting

One of the most satisfying sights in professional baseball: the tremendous early-season hitting of Stan Musial. "The Man," who hits only to win games, cracked out the 3000th hit of his career a week ago and hasn't let down since then. He's carrying a .476 batting average and has seven homers. At 37 he's bound to tire as the season progresses, but should he win the NL batting crown, it'll be his eighth, tying the record set by the early-season short stop great, Honts Wagner.

Here's a prediction: Robin Roberts, one-time Philadelphia Phillies ace pitcher, to make the comeback of the year in the majors. Roberts, who won 20 games in six different seasons, hit the downgrade two years ago when he had a 19-18 record. Last year it dropped to 11-22. This spring Roberts was hit often and hard by opposing sluggers, but he seems to be improving as this season continues. He was defeated in four of his first five games this year, but that final loss was a 1-0 extra-inning heart-breaker. Since then he's worked well and has won two games in a row.

Phillie manager Mayo Smith is giving Roberts more rest in between starts and it appears to be helping him. Roberts is still in his early 30's, and he still has the great control he once had. With more rest he should still be able to win more than he loses.

Pogo Pups, Phi Delts, win softball playoffs

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Two more games were scheduled yesterday in play-off series for the Intramural Softball Championship. The Pogo Pups defeated Phi Gamma Delta 7-2. Phi Delta Theta trounced Young Hall 15-4.

Pups Roll

The Pogo Pups took on the Fijis in a game on the North Field. Even though the first two innings were scoreless, the Pups broke into the scoring column in the third inning with four runs. Pitcher Max Chancellor led-off with a single to left which was followed by another single by Jack Hennon. Chancellor raced to third on an overthrow to second base. Bill Ferguson walked, Ron Beezely, Jim Carlile, John Johnson, and Bill Kotila all singled to drive in the four runs.

The Fijis got their two runs in the fourth inning when Joe Raabe doubled to center field. John Clarke stepped up to the plate and smacked a home run.

The game went scoreless for the next two innings until the Fijis began having pitching trouble. Ron Beezely hit a home

run in the top of the seventh inning, and then Jim Carlile, John Johnson, Bill Kotila, Max Chancellor and Bud Kuykendall all walked to produce three more runs. In their half of the inning the Fijis could not get any hits, so the final score was 7-2. Pitching well for the Pogo Pups was Max Chancellor who was assisted by Bud Kuykendall. Dale Powers and Roger Sherwood pitched for the Fijis.

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Phi Delts win

Phi Delta Theta whipped Young Hall on the Upper Field, 15-4. The Freshmen put up a fight for the first half of the game but succumbed to a barrage of Phi Delt hits. The first three innings saw Young getting a run in the third on three walks and a fielders choice.

The Phi Delts scored one run in the first inning and three in the third. In the first Pete King doubled and Mike Hollister batted him in with a single. Pitcher Gerry Laing got another single. In the third inning, Dale Herron walked and advanced to second on a single

by Jim Highlands. Fred Leonard also singled and then Bob Sturgis doubled scoring Herron and Highlands.

Larry Walker scored from third base after getting a single, when Carl Burnham singled, for Young Hall.

Beginning to find the hex, the Phi Delts scored four runs in the fourth inning. Mike Hollister and Clark Miller got walks while Laing singled to load the bases. Herron batted them in with a triple to left field. Jim Highlands hit Herron in with a single.

For Young in the fifth inning, Harold Hawkins, who singled, scored when Noel Leslie belted a long triple to left-center. Leslie dashed home to score when Larry Walker was thrown out at first.

The Phi Delts lowered the boom in the last half of the fifth. Pete King started off the inning with a single, and scored when Miller hit a home run. Laing singled, Herron walked, Highlands singled, and Bob Sturgis was safe on first on an error. Mike Lawler singled and King walked along with Miller.

After the storm, there was comparative quiet as the game ended. Pitching excellent ball for the winners was Gerry Laing. Trying hard and not looking bad for a while was the game loser Lou Wilshire.

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Wednesday baseball

The Wednesday emphasis in baseball is on the afternoon after that heavy arc light schedule last night. In the American league, four day games—Baltimore at Detroit, New York at Chicago, Washington at Kansas City and Boston at Cleveland. In the National league, Chicago at Pittsburgh and Los Angeles at Milwaukee in the afternoon—St. Louis at Philadelphia and San Francisco at Cincinnati at night.

Tuesday baseball

The San Francisco Giants are back in first place in the National league after beating Cincinnati 4-2, while Milwaukee bowed to Los Angeles, 6-3, in 11 innings. In other National league action, Pittsburgh thumped the Chicago Cubs, 12-3, and St. Louis blanked Philadelphia, 5-nothing. In the American league, New York rolled along at the expense of the Chicago White Sox, 5-1, Boston trimmed Cleveland, 6-1, Kansas City topped Washington, 7-3, and Baltimore bounced Detroit, 6-4.

Dusters enforced

President Warren Giles of the National league says the rule against "dusters" will be strictly enforced. Giles says that the rule itself may need some change and that possibility is being studied now. An outbreak of duster balls occurred in a Cincinnati-Milwaukee game last weekend.

Mathews injured

Braves slugger Eddie Mathews missed last night's game against the Dodgers because of an injured foot and may be sideline for

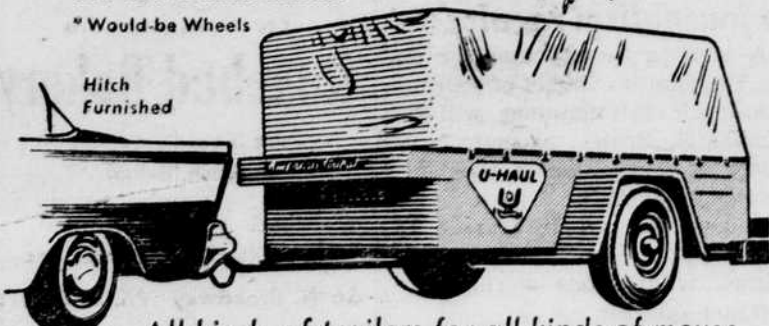
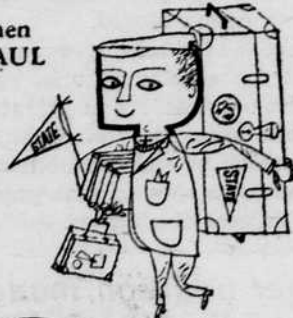
several days. Mathews suffered the injury when a foul ball hit his foot during batting practice at Cincinnati.

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