

Joe DiMaggio Still Hits Well Despite Injury To Left Heel

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NEW YORK — This is the third successive year that Joe DiMaggio has come up with heel trouble.

In 1947 and again last spring he was bothered with a bone spur in his left heel. He underwent several operations. He feels that by favoring this heel he put an extra burden on his right foot and now he gets intermittent pains in his right heel.

Fortunately for the Yankee jolter—and the Yankees—DiMaggio needs little spring conditioning to get in shape. Though he seldom exerts himself during the winter, he's the kind of fellow who could get out there tomorrow and hit that long ball. He has remarkable reflexes and lives a good life for a guy whose appearances are in terrific demand.

Joe is not troubled when he's batting. It's only when running that his heel hurts. Early in January during a National Children's Cardiac Home benefit game at Flamingo Park, Miami Beach, DiMaggio gave a pre-game exhibition of hitting. Baseball's rules militated against his actual participation in the game.

He hit the ball well, hit it far and pulled just as usual to the left field fence. He overcame two important obstacles doing this. He was batting in borrowed spikes and in a batter's box that might have resembled the La Brea tar pits.

A couple of days later he shot a round of golf over the famous La Gorce course. Walking didn't bother the heel that last November sent him to the hospital for an operation. Twenty stitches were taken.

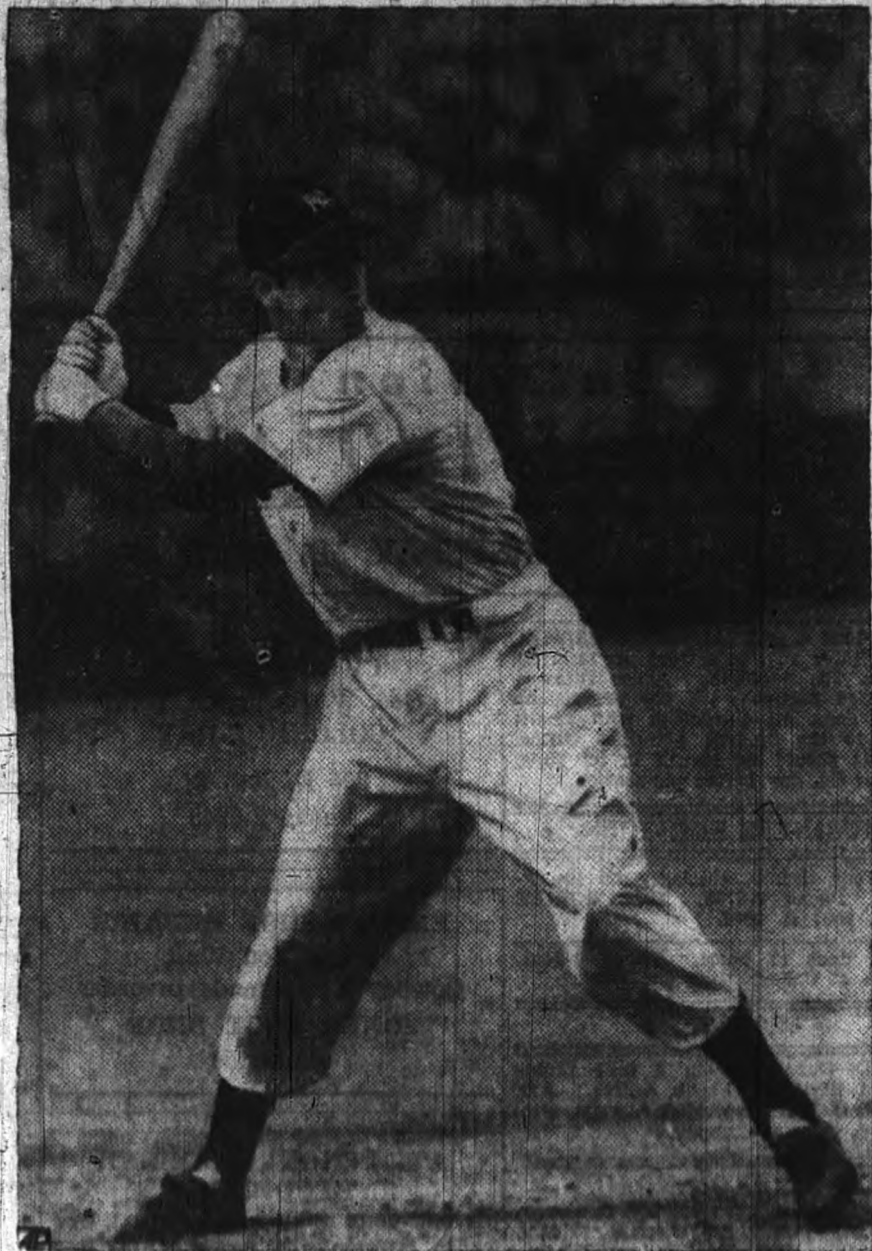
There have been some guesses about how many games DiMaggio will play this season. These are the result of Joe's recent trip to Baltimore to have his heel X-rayed following the opening day's workout at St. Petersburg.

Joe played 153 games last season. The 1947 game was the toughest he ever played. That was the game in Boston on the final Sunday. The Yankees lost their chance at the American League pennant the previous day. The final game meant little other than a chance to avenge their flag elimination defeat by the Red Sox.

DiMaggio was as crippled as any ballplayer ever was for any final game that had no bearing in the standings. Yet all he did was lash out four hits—two doubles and two singles—in five trips to the plate to drive in three runs in a 10-5 lost cause.

He had a painful charley horse in his left leg and his body was battered and bruised from a long season that began with spring training on March 1 and ended this final Sunday, October 3.

DiMaggio got every swing out of his aching body. He had used up



all his opportunities to bat in this game. When he made his final hit Manager Bucky Harris — not DiMaggio — signaled for a pinch runner. As Joe hobbled off the diamond, 31,354 Fenway Park fans stood up and cheered. It was an ovation that few Yankees ever heard. You would have to go back to the days of Ruth and Gehrig.

DiMaggio never complains about his injuries because he loves to play ball. After his recent ailment he said: "Last season the pain was so intense it affected both my legs. The calf of my right leg stiffened because in favoring the heel I was using an unnatural stride. My knee swelled. Both thighs pained me. That's what I want to avoid this year. Maybe it will clear up. I hope so."

DiMaggio's recent ailment recalls the spring of 1947 when he was missing from the St. Petersburg camp. He was in Baltimore where his left heel was mending following a bone spur operation which required 40 stitches. Larry MacPhail, then Yankee president, was in Miami trying to get his No. 1 scout, Paul Krichel, to make a deal with Connie Mack.

MacPhail and Krichel were standing beside a car belonging to another Yankee scout. It had a



Alan Anderson, Aggie varsity tennis player, works on his strong forehand preparation for the tennis match with the University of Houston here, Saturday.

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SACKIN' UP SPORTS

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Baylor Building in All Sports; Williams Clears More Than Owner

Yesterday afternoon the Baylor Bears played their sixth baseball game of the season. Stephen F. Austin, the team that is to play the Aggies on Kyle Field Saturday met the Bears four times last week with the Waco team winning all. The margin of victory in the last two games was very decisive.

Monday afternoon Hardin College was the victim of the Bruins in a game marked by a wide difference in the scores. Yesterday Baylor played the strong Oklahoma Aggie nine.

Baylor seems to be stepping out all the major college sports. First they had a good football team, that they discontinued during the war. At the end of the war they re-entered the conference race with increased vigor. Next year they are picked to field one of the leading teams in the conference.

When the Green and Gold landed the majority of the state championship basketball team of Paschal in 1945, they built a strong basketball squad in one stroke. With this team winning games, other boys still in high school decided to go to a winning school.

The Bears then started working on baseball, landing some of the outstanding prospects in the state, among them Rieley Rowe and Leroy Jarl, two fine pitchers.

Now the Grizzlies seem to be working up some sort of a track program. They do have some outstanding freshmen tracksters among whom is a boy named Alshover from Dallas.

This year the Bears have a fine freshman baseball team. In fact, the Cubs are supposed to have beaten their varsity 7-2 in an intra-squad game.

We'll probably have a chance to see this team in action against the Aggie Fish before the year is over.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the Boston Red Sox broke into the black on the ledger books for the fourth time in 16 years in 1948. This profit in the '48 season

was \$55,296 as compared with the \$15,073 loss the preceding year.

Thomas A. Yawkey, owner-president of the Red Sox, has been trying to buy a championship team for so these many years and has been letting the green stuff flow liberally in doing so.

Last year one of the Sox stars, Ted Williams, made more playing for the Boston team than the owner did in owning it. Mr. Williams salary was around \$80,000 and with no capital investment.

Such a peep!

If the Aggie track squad returns from the Ft. Worth track meet this weekend with the title in their hand, they will be deserving of a big welcome home from their backers. For the Ft. Worth meet has no university two mile event, in which the Aggies stand to come out seven points better than the Steers.

So when the Aggies go to the Cowtown get together, they will be spotting the Longhorns seven points. At Laredo, the team was limited to 20 members in all. This also threw some advantages to the Austinites.

In the Fort Worth meet the Aggies can be expected to enter all the men that might possibly gain some points. Especially is this true in the field events, where the Aggies lost out to Texas to the tune of 12 points in Laredo. They beat the Bovines by nine points in the track section of the Border Olympics.

After Ft. Worth, the teams should be on even terms with the final outcome not to be ascertained until the Conference Track meet to be held in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Freshman tracksters will be taken to Ft. Worth to compete in the freshman class. A&M has some good track fish and they should do well in Ft. Worth. But you don't win college points with high school press clippings.

Underdogs To Meet In NIT Semi-Finals Tomorrow Nite

NEW YORK, March 16 (AP)

Four outsiders who staged perhaps the greatest mass expulsion of favorites in the history of basketball will square off tomorrow night in the semifinals of the national invitation tournament.

Loyola of Chicago will meet Bradley University, and Bowling Green of Ohio will face San Francisco in an all-cinderella team line up at Madison Square Garden.

Gone are Kentucky, the nation's No. 1 college quintet acclaimed in some quarters as the best ever; defending champion St. Louis University; and the two other seeded entries — Utah, No. 3, and Western Kentucky, No. 4.

They went out in one giant sweep of the underdogs' broom in a mad race and evening quarter-final session yesterday that left huge Garden turnouts gasping for air.

Two of the survivors are clubs that got into the tournament on rain checks when the committee decided to pick an oversized field — Loyola and Bowling Green.

It was these two teams which knocked over the tournament's top-ranked powers—Kentucky and St. Louis, figured to carry an old rivalry into Saturday's final.

Loyola stunned the Kentucky Wildcats with a great surge in the final minutes, 67 to 56. Bowling Green, big and fast, man-handled a silk-smooth St. Louis 80 to 74.

To complete the rout, Bradley bowled over Western Kentucky, 55 to 38, and San Francisco, without a senior on its squad, humbled Utah, 64-63, on Frank Kusars's 35-foot one-hand shoot in the last seconds of play.

Students Eligible For Photo Contest

College photographers may enter pictures in the fourth annual Kappa Alpha Mu International Collegiate Photography Contest at the University of Missouri until April 30.

Any student enrolled in an accredited college is eligible to compete. Prints must be 8x10 or larger, and they must be mounted on Standard 16x20 photomounts.

Major prizes will be awarded in five classes: News, sports, feature, pictorial, and industrial. Those interested in additional information may write to W. J. Bell, Kappa Alpha Mu, 12 Walter Williams Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.

From Oct. 24, 1937 until Oct. 8 1944, the Washington Redskins won 11 straight games from the Philadelphia Eagles.

CWS, A Infantry Meet For Team Handball Title Today



Aaron Cohen, Aggie Fish tennis player, displays his favorite and strongest shot—a forehand crosscourt—which carried him to a double victory last week in Houston.

Varsity and Fish Swim Squads Hold Intra-team Meet Tonight

A swimming meet is on the card for tonight in P. L. Downs Natatorium at 7:30, when the Fish and Varsity squads settle the question of which is the better.

Newly elected team captain, Danny Green, will lead the Varsity into the contest, while the Fish will be led by Van Adamson and Billy Karow, whom the freshmen chose as their leaders.

Coch Adamson stated that he would have nothing to do with this meet except in the capacity of an official and that whoever won it would still be his team. This is a new experience for the swimming mentor, not having to worry about the outcome of an Aggie swimming meet.

Swim fans should be interested in the 220 and 440 yard freestyle races tonight. The last time the two squads met, there was quite a tussle between Van Adamson and Bernie Syfan for supremacy in these two events, with young Adamson coming in to win both events by a bare margin.

The backstroke race should be another good one from the fans' viewpoint. In all probability, this event will find the Varsity's Ed Kruse and Bill Sargeant, of the Fish team fighting it out for first place.

Whoever the Varsity enters in the breaststroke event will find some pretty tough competition in Billy Karow, Fish Co-Captain, who placed third in this race at the AAU meet this year.

Tech to Play Four SW Football Teams

LUBBOCK, Tex., March 16 (AP) — Texas Tech will play four members of the Southwest Conference next football season in addition to Abilene Christian College of the Texas Conference and Tulsa of the Missouri Valley.

Coach Bell Morgan announced an 11-game schedule today. It includes five Border Conference tilts.

The Tech 1949 schedule: Sept. 10—Abilene Christian at Lubbock, Sept. 17—Texas at Austin, Sept. 24—Texas A&M at San Antonio, Oct. 1—West Texas State at Lubbock, Oct. 8—Tulsa at Lubbock, Oct. 15—Baylor at Lubbock, Oct. 22—Arizona at Lubbock, Oct. 29—Rice at Houston, Nov. 5—Texas Mines at El Paso, Nov. 19—New Mexico at Albuquerque, Nov. 26—Hardin-Simmons at Lubbock.

While boxing finished its first week of matches, Chemical Warfare Company downed A Field Artillery in team handball and advanced to the finals in that sport.

This afternoon at 5 p.m. CWS will face A Infantry for the Team Handball title. Both teams were victorious in semi-final matches.

One of the fastest matches in boxing came Tuesday afternoon. Carl George of B Air Force defeated Harmon of Dorn 16 in just 35 seconds. George, a vicious one-two puncher, caught Harmon as he left his corner and pounded him for half a minute. Referee Spike White then declared a TKO.

In other results of the afternoon Jackie Miller, E Air Force, won over Deer Keelan of C Flight in an even, close bout. Both fighters were in the 139 pound class and both weren't afraid to mix the leather. Bert Littlejohn, a short boxer from E Infantry, took the judges' decision over Don Kendall of D Flight. John Hada, E Infantry, was the victor in a bout with John Vittrup, White Band, Walter Dyer, B Air Force, fell victim to Paul Lassen of E Flight.

Continuing the 139 pound decisions, tall lanky Larry Williams from B Vet outreached and outpointed Nick Nicholas of E Air Force. Another close fight found John McCall, A Cavalry, defeating Herndon Rogers of A Engineers, Tom Royder, C Field, took a TKO bout from Art Orsby of D Flight. Bob Gebert, CWS, was beat by Joe Bravenic of E Flight.

In the 149 pound class, Bernie Purkin of Ordnance took a slim decision from Gordon Bledsoe, A Infantry. Otto Yelton, QMC, took his match from Falter Whitehill, Dorn 16. Whitehill lost the first round when he swallowed his chewing gum and couldn't continue the round. Dick Battin, A Air Force, defeated Pete Deau of Ordnance in a slow-bout. Joy Springinger, tall fighter from White Band, used his height to advantage in downing Fisher of A Vet. Aggressive Harold Springfield outboxed Mitchell Macey in a lively bout. Springfield is from Ordnance Company while Macey is from White Band.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 16 (AP)—Bill Dickey, New York Yankee coach and former star catcher, is teaching the finer points of the trade to Joe Garagiola in addition to Yogi Berra.

VERO BEACH, Fla.—The hitting of rookie outfielder Cal Abrams continues to be the talk in the camp of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Abrams, a Brooklyn native, got two singles against the Philadelphia Athletics yesterday to boost his total to eight for 13, a blistering 538 pace.

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Johnny Mize, slugging New York Giant first baseman, is resting a stiff knee. Mize stumbled on the base paths recently.

ORLANDO, Fla.—Manager Joe Kubel of the Washington Senators is grooming rookie Clyde Voltmer for an outfield switch against left handed pitchers.

TUCSON, Ariz.—For a player who came along quietly on a trial basis, Roy Welton, 27-year-old Negro hurler, wasn't doing so badly today with the Cleveland Indians.

The southpaw veteran of the Negro national league yesterday hurled his second straight relief victory over the New York Giants, blanking the New Yorkers at Phoenix with one hit in the three innings he pitched.

TAMPA, Fla.—The Cincinnati Reds get another chance today to feel out the opposition they'll run into in the 1949 National League pennant race.

The Redlegs moved to Clearwater to take on Philadelphia. Yesterday they drubbed Boston's 1948 National League pennant winners, 11 to 1.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—The St. Louis Cardinals' spirits were



Jerry (Smiler) Fisher, Aggie dash man, will get the nod in the intra-squad meet tonight and in the Conference Meet this weekend.

revived today after their first victory of current exhibition games. They beat the New York Yankees, 8 to 1, yesterday.

BURBANK, Calif.—The St. Louis Browns "A" team opens a road trip into central California today, playing two games at San Francisco and two at Oakland.

The "A" team will stay here for games against the Hollywood team of the Pacific Coast league.

SARASOTA, Fla.—One of the question's plaguing Boston's Red Sox and their supporters in the American League flag chase may be answered partly today when Tex Hughson takes the mound against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Tex pitched 19 not so hot innings last season.

BRADENTON, Fla.—Boston's Barves, flogged 11-1 by the Cincinnati Reds yesterday, will oppose Detroit's Tigers under new manager Red Wolfe today.

TUCSON, Ariz.—One of the current problems of the Chicago White Sox is lack of left handed hitters.

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