

Duck Tracks

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A development which comes as no surprise is the announced resignation of Joe Gordon as manager of the Sacramento Solons of the Pacific Coast league. Without equivocation, Gordon is the greatest baseball name in the annals of the University of Oregon.

A wire release discloses that Gordon's "dismissal would be in the best interests of all concerned." In other words he was fired. It is a baseball axiom that the manager takes the rap for a loser and by no imaginable means were the Sad Sacks anything but door-mats.

Gordon's clubs of 1951 and 1952 couldn't win for losing, but how many Sacramento clubs can? Not many. In the last decade the Senators have finished in the cellar four times; in seventh, three times; in fifth, once; and in third, twice. Thus it is not difficult to see why California's capital city is known as the "pilots' graveyard"—Earl Sheeley, Dick Bartell, Joe Orongo, Del Baker, Red Kress, Joe Marty and now, Gordon have been axed.

Par Excellence

The Flash, his playing days almost certainly behind him—he's 38—was one of the American League's finest second basemen. Gordon went up to the New York Yanks in 1937 after breaking into professional ball with the Oakland Acorns of the PCL. He was signed right off the Oregon campus after batting around the .395 mark for the 1935 Webfoots.

As a pro, Gordon never hit for an average but won his spurs on his ability to bang out that long ball and drive in a lot of runs. But his defensive play often was spectacular. Even now Gordon can come up with one of those "unconscious" stops that players ten years his junior couldn't get a glove on.

While in the majors Gordon teamed with Frankie Crosetti and Phil Rizzuto of the Yanks and Lou Boudreau of the Cleveland Indians (Boudreau is now manager of the Boston Red Sox). He still may be the top "getaway" man on the double play.

Hexes Teammates

Gordon figured in a huge player trade which sent him to the Cleveland Indians for Allie Reynolds and a wad of cash. The Yanks thought that the Flash was washed up but his last Series year with the Indians in 1948 backfired on the Bronx Bombers. That season Gordon, Boudreau and Ken Keltner and Eddie Robinson combined to give the Indians top-flight infield, both at the plate and with the gloves.

Gordon had a poor season in 1949, and in 1950 Ray Boone spelled him most of the year. Bill Veeck and Hank Greengurgh reluctantly let Gordon go, refusing to stand in his way. Both the Sactos and the Portland Beavers bid on his services but the Senators signed him for two summers at a \$22,500 per annum salary plus a \$5,000 attendance bonus clause. The Senators drew a specified amount in 1951, thanks to an early season spurt, so Gordon hauled down \$27,500 that year.

All of Sacramento's trouble is not to be blamed on Gordon. In fact, the owners, Charley Graham Jr., and Eddie Mulligan, ambitious but inexperienced, made poor deals, got the wrong players and generally drew the wrath of the fans. Gordon asked for and got Mike McCormick, Johnny Ostrowski and Danny Litwhiler this year but all of them went over the hill at once.

A Few Mistakes

The season before, Gordon, a little too easy going, held on to the worn-out Keltner at a time when personal feelings should have gone out the window. As far as managing is concerned, Gordon, a sound thinker, did an adequate job. His main fault was an inability to adopt a style of play to conform with his material. He had punch hitters like Eddie Bockman and Bob Dillinger swinging for the fences when they should have been playing for a run at a time. There was really no long-ball threat on the club until Dino Restelli was added late in July. Gordon was merely a shadow of his former self and added little to the attack.

The Sacramento skipper had led the Coast league in runs batted in (143), home runs (43) and had compiled a .299 average in 1951, but trailed off badly this year. A chronic back ache rode him most of the season and kept him on the bench much of the time.

Gordon, who got his degree from Oregon in 1939, can probably have the West Coast head scouting job for the Cleveland Indians if he wants it. The Lake frontiers were entirely satisfied with Gordon's estimation of Bill Glynn, the Sac first sacker who was sold to the Indians in mid-season.

Intramural Flashes

Kane Crushes Gamma; SAE's Edge Phi Psi's

Little Joe Tom, passing for six touchdowns and two conversions, quarterbacked Hale Kane to a 39-0 victory over Gamma hall in intramural touch football Tuesday afternoon, establishing the Hawaiians as one of the favorites for the seven-man crown.

In other games Sigma Alpha Epsilon edged Phi Kappa Psi, 9-7, Merrick toppled Sherry Ross, 13-0, Stitzer squeezed past French, 6-0, and Philadelphia House whipped the Counselors, 13-0. Three other games were decided by first downs, Campbell club winning from the League Eagles, 3-2, Beta Theta Pi downed Sigma Phi Epsilon by the same margin, and Susan Campbell defeating Alpha Hall, 3-0, after a 7-7 tie in points.

Tom Paces Hawaiians

Tom, a veteran in his fifth year at the university, hurled three touchdowns passes to Bob Muirhead and one each to Mel Streeter and Bob Fase. The fast-stepping Hawaiians added another TD on an interception and runback by Wilfred Watanabe.

A safety proved the margin of difference as Sigma Alpha Epsilon beat Phi Kappa Psi. The SAEs trailed, 7-2, however, until they crossed the goal on Bob Brittain's pass to Mike Kittredge on a fourth quarter, fourth down play. Phi Psi scored on Bob Haney's long heave to Wes Ball in the first period.

In a game marked by controversy and not-so-gentlemanly disagreement Stitzer edged French Hall on the strength of an Al (Tiny) Schneiderman to Wayne Decker forward pass. Sandy Kam set up the game-winning play, laterally to Schneiderman, who in turn tossed to Decker. French, in general dispute with the officials throughout the contest, is protesting the game.

Campbells Win

With both sides displaying defensive acumen but short on scoring punch, Campbell Club downed the League Eagles, 3-2, on first downs.

Susan Campbell's Jim Jolly intercepted an Alpha Hall pass and raced 80 yards for a touchdown to help his team post a 7-7 tie with Alpha Hall. The Campbell's added the extra tally on a pass from Stayonau to Jolly. Alpha Hall, held scoreless the first three quarters, tallied on a twenty yard pass to end Gil Lieberman, the extra point being added on a wide end run. Susan gained the win by outscoring the Alpha's on first downs, 3-0.

Merrick Hall posted a 13-0 win over Sherry Ross with Bord, Rickter and Talbert playing the lead roles.

Philadelphia House with Paul Weston, Ray Roller and Jack Burk as scorers, captured a 13-0 win over the Counselors. Weston scored the first touchdown from twenty yards out, Jack Burk making the conversion. In the second quarter Roller intercepted a Counselor

pass and raced 50 yards for the score. Although outscored, the Counselors led in first downs 4-2.

In the contest between Beta Theta Phi and Sigma Phi Epsilon neither team was able to drive further than their opponents twenty yard line. A hard fought game the entire way, the Beta's captured the win on first downs, 3-2.

Rams Fire Stydahr

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Hampton Pool succeeded Joe Stydahr as coach of the Los Angeles Rams of the National Football league. The Rams, 1951 football champions, have lost their last five games.

Albright Moved

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good from his left halfback position.

Show Well

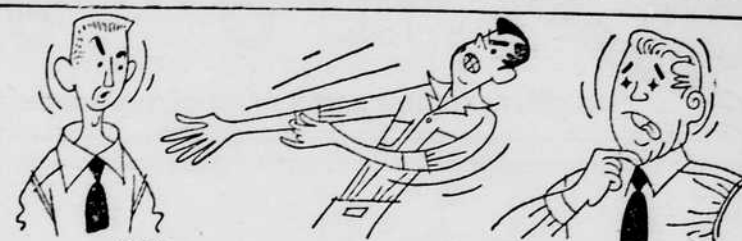
In the line, Ron Pheister, center, and Emmett Williams, guard, looked good.

A second scrimmage, concentrating on defense was held. Bill Bowerman, frosh coach, brought his first team down to run Idaho's plays against the Duck defensive eleven. The frosh, with a star-studded threesome of John Keller, Dick Pavlat, and Larry Rose were able to move for sizeable yardage against the Duck regulars.

Bob Wilcox and Pat O'Brien, are still on the injured list; Ted Anderson, Barney Holland, George Shaw, and Len Berrie, also have slight hurts. Berrie, suffered a kicked knee, and was the only one who saw no action in the scrimmage sessions.

In preparation for future tilts, line coach Vern Sterling will watch California's Bears take on Minnesota in Berkely and Mike De Lotto will watch Stanford.

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