

# Gordon Helps Indians Back On Win Path

What a difference a player makes. A month ago anyone brave enough to pick the Cleveland Indians to win the American league pennant would have been labeled a "nut" and rushed to the nearest psychopathic ward. Today that thought is wandering through the minds of many fans—and they don't all live in Cleveland.

And oddly enough, their biggest reason is not Bobby Feller, baseball's number one right hander. The guy is the former Yankee star second baseman, Bullet Joe Gordon.

In performing like a thoroughbred at his old second base post and teaming perfectly with Boudreau in the field, Gordon has set a terrific pace with his war club. At the moment, Gordon is batting well over .300, and has helped the Indians come from behind to win three of their last four games.

The 32-year-old Oregonian hammered out two home runs and a single yesterday and drove in four runs to lead the Indians to an overwhelming 16-1 victory over the St. Louis Browns. The triumph enabled the Tribe to take over the runner-up spot only a game and a half behind the league-leading Detroit Tigers who swept a doubleheader from the Chicago White Sox 10-0 and 6-1 before 45,755 fans in Chicago.

The defending champion Boston Red Sox gladdened a crowd of 32,211 hometown rosters by losing out to the Indians 7-3. Philadelphia Athletics divided a pair with Washington, winning the opener 4-0 and dropping the nightcap 5-1.

The Chicago Cubs took over the National league lead by one full game from the Boston Braves by whipping the Reds in Cincinnati twice, 6-3 and 4-3. A turnout of 51,840 saw the homecoming New York Giants hold the Braves to a split as the Polo Grounds won the first 6-1 and lost the second 11-3.

Earl Torgerson homered in the second game after fanning four times. The Philadelphia Phils handed the Brooklyn Dodgers a severe jolt by humbling them twice before a record Shibe park crowd of 40,559, 7-3 and 6-4. The double defeat dropped the Dodgers from first to third place. The St. Louis Cardinals emerged with a win and a tie in their doubleheader in Pittsburgh, winning the first in 10 innings, 10-6, and tying the second, 3-3, with the game called at the end of seven innings by the 7 p. m. Pennsylvania curfew.

**Henthorne Remains Unbeaten**  
By The Associated Press  
The undefeated Washington and Washington state college track and field squads rolled toward a bang-up collision this Saturday to decide the northern division coast conference dual meet cinder court.

Each of the schools rolled over their week-end opposition, the Huskies squelching Idaho 89-42 at Moscow and Washington state besting Oregon 80½ to 50½ on the Cougar oval.

An addition to the Husky-Cougar clash, this week-end, brings about two other traditional meetings—Oregon State vs. Oregon at Eugene, and Montana vs. Idaho at Moscow. The northern division championship meet in Seattle will close the season May 31.

Washington State swept 10 of 15 first places against Oregon but bowed to the Ducks in the matter of top performance. George Rasmussen, Oregon freshman, soared 13 feet 9½ inches to set a new meet record in the pole vault, and Dave Henthorne, another Duck freshman, paced the sprinters in both the century and furlong to remain undefeated.

Dick Armstrong and Lyle Clark tied for individual honors in the Moscow meet, Idaho's Armstrong taking both sprints and Washington's Clark dominating the hurdles. Washington's Jack Hensley continued his reign over the 880 field with a time of 1:54.2.

# Sons Slug Yreka For 16-7 Edge

An explosion for six runs in the second inning of Sunday's ball game with Yreka never left the issue in a shade of doubt, and the Klamath Sons went on to whip the Indians 16 to 7 in the Northern California league opener at the Slakiv county seat.

The Sons added another run in the third, six more in the fifth and finished off with three in the seventh frame. Floyd Shotwell tossed eight innings and was the winner. He was relieved by Frankie Miller in the ninth, when the final pair of runs for the Indians came across.

Only extra base blow of the day was a home run over the Yreka diamond's left field wall by Bill Hatfield with two aboard. That came in the fifth inning to round out the six-run spurge of that frame.

A total of 10 miscues was marked down—six for Yreka, four for the Sons, during the sloppily played contest.

The Sons may have sustained a severe blow in the fifth inning when Shortstop Dale Graham was hit by one of Pitcher Skip Crawford's deliveries and put out of action. He may have a clipped bone in his right elbow.

Klamath's arch rival in the Northern California league, the Weed Sons, also won a game yesterday, beating Mt. Shasta 12 to 6.

**YREKA INDIANS**—AB R H O A E  
Morgan, ss 3 2 2 3 2 1  
Sons, home run, Hatfield, stole 1 base  
W. Bohne, cf 3 1 3 2 0 1  
Hockaday, 2b, p 4 2 1 2 0 1  
Dunham, c 2 0 2 0 1  
Jones, rf, 2b 4 0 1 1 2 0  
Martin, 1b 3 1 0 15 1 0  
Pastera, lf 6 1 3 0 1  
Favero, p 1 0 0 0 0 0  
Fleck, rf 1 0 0 0 0 0  
Totals 37 10 27 14 6

**KLAMATH SONS**—AB R H O A E  
Brooks, 2b 4 1 2 2 4 2  
Miller, rf, p 1 1 0 0 0 0  
Pisan, lf 2 2 0 1 0 0  
Hockaday, 3b 6 2 2 3 0 0  
Golbar, 1b 6 1 1 12 0 0  
Pastera, lf, if 6 1 1 2 0 0  
Graham, ss 2 2 0 1 3 1  
Localazo, ss 3 2 1 0 2 0  
Shotwell, p 4 2 0 0 1 0  
Horn, rf 0 0 0 1 0 0  
Totals 41 16 27 14 4

**SUMMARY**—Doubles, none; triples, none; home run, Hatfield; stolen bases, Brooks, Pisan, Jones, Martin; double play, Graham to Tognoli; bases on balls, off Crawford 4, off Favero 3; struck out, Crawford 1, Favero 1; Hockaday 1, Shotwell 8; passed balls, Dunham 6, Derrah 2; losing pitcher, Crawford.

**Eugene Puts 4 In Tourney**  
EUGENE, May 12 (AP)—Eugene high track and field athletes piled up 48 point honors here Saturday to win the class A district event and qualify four men for the state tournament.

Siuslaw led class B entries to qualify seven participants, with Monhawk and Creswell each sending four and Lowell and Mapleton each one man.

Springfield qualified four in class A, Cottage Grove a similar team, while Roseburg and Myrtle Point, Elmira and North Bend each one man.

The Eugene relay team set a new district 880-yard record by racing the distance in 1:34 to clip a full second from the old mark set in 1934 by a Roseburg team.

**Junior Legion Needs 2 Coaches**  
The American Legion junior baseball program for this summer is in dire need of two coaches, according to Hal Shidder, chairman of the program this year.

An effort is being made to run four teams—Conger, Del Moro, Mills and Altamont—and so far arrangements have been made to have Ernie Bishop coach Mills and John Argetzinger do the same for Del Moro.

The coaches needed are for Altamont and Conger. Any person willing to take on the job, which will not take much time but will enable more youngsters to play baseball, should contact Hal Shidder at Hal's Sport shop on Main.

**Gaspineau Moves**  
SILVERTON, May 12 (AP)—Gerald Gaspineau, Ashland coach, has been appointed physical education director and coach at Silverton high school. He succeeds Ray Bee, who expects to remain on the faculty here.

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# Class B Entry in Seattle Bowling



This local bowling team, sponsored by the Willard hotel, will leave Wednesday to take part in the Women's Western bowling congress in Seattle. Picture shows, front to back, Ruth Milne, Bernice Britt, Dena Backes, Martha McCollum and Ethel Borden. Isabelle Milne, now living in Seattle, will roll with the team.

# Frisco Team Leads NIBC

SEATTLE, May 12 (AP)—The "300" Magazine team of San Francisco forged 230 pins out in front of the Northwestern International Bowling congress yesterday with a sparkling 3008 pins.

Three of the five team members had three-game series in the 600's. Individual scores: Jerry Varden 596, Bert Landstrom 623, Al Rossi 647, Ken Rose 598 and Bob Wild 634.

**Day Averages Even 200 Pins**  
SPOKANE, May 12 (AP)—An even 200 average gave Ned Day of West Allis, Wis., an eight-game total of 1600 pins and first place in the \$12,500 BPOE bowling classic today.

Day's total was 31 pins more than Matt Dosen, Butte, Mont., second; Dick Jacobs, Bremerton, Wash., is third with 1558.

Competition continues until May 21.

**Cleveland Wins ABC**  
LOS ANGELES, May 12 (AP)—Cleveland won its second American bowling congress team championship when the 3032 total of the Eddie and Earl Lins five stood up under the final attack by 72 teams in the national keeling classic last night.

**Training Finish**  
EUGENE, May 12 (AP)—Quarterback Norm Brocklin tossed three touchdown passes and sheared a fourth tally Saturday as the Whites defeated the Greens 26-19 in the closing intra-sound scrimmage of the Oregon spring football program.

**Varsity Passes**  
SEATTLE, May 12 (AP)—A pass-conscious varsity rolled to a 27-0 victory over the second Saturday as the University of Washington football squad wound up its spring training program. Three of the five tallies came on aerials.

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# Pelicans Will Send Up Eight

Medford high school snatched first honors in the southern Oregon district basketball tourney at Astoria Saturday, scoring 16 points to 95 for second-place Klamath, Astoria trained with 30½, Grants Pass with 35½.

The tornado qualified nine men for the state tournament and Corvallis next week-end, Klamath eight, Grants Pass three and a relay team, three district records were broken and one tied during the under meet.

Gary Daves, KUIS sophomore, leaped six feet, two inches, to establish a new high jump mark. Bill Singler of Medford cut the low hurdle record to 22.9, finishing just a shade ahead of Klamath's Bob Redkey, and the Grants pass relay team ran the 880 in 1:32.7. A field record was tied by Bill Werner of Medford, 2:01.1 for the half mile.

The first and second places in each event qualified for the state tourney. The Klamath entries will be:

High Hurdles—Bob McCabe, first. Broad Jump—Irvin Whitt, first, and Tom Edwards.

Low Hurdles—Bob Redkey, second. High Jump—Gary Daves, first. Shot put—Elwood Rose, first.

Harold Brainerd of Grants Pass will compete in both the 100 and 220-yard dashes and on the relay team. George Fullerton of Astoria again topped the mile, time 4:30.

**Fairview Faces Pelican Squad**  
Fairview and Pelican remained untopped in the city grade school class A softball tourney and will collide this afternoon at 4:30 on Modoc field. In the one-beaten bracket Riverside and Roosevelt will play at Mills field.

Saturday's games saw Mills beat Fremont 13-8. Pelican beat Riverside 6-3, and Fairview topped Roosevelt 3-3. Then in the second round Pelican beat Mills 7-3, and Riverside clipped Fremont 13-2. The second loss put Fremont out.

Mills' third game was a loss to Roosevelt, 11-4, and Mills went out.

**City Softball Action Begins**  
First league games of the men's city softball league schedule will be played this afternoon, one at Recreation field and the other on the Klamath Union high school diamond.

At Recreation the Moose team plays the Bureau of Reclamation squad, and at Modoc the play will be between the VFW and Eagles. Both games start at 6:30 sharp.

**Liquor Sales Down**  
PORTLAND, May 12 (AP)—Oregon's liquor sales are still running below last year, the state liquor control commission reported today.

April's sales were \$3,206,847—a decline of \$377,197 from April, 1946. Fewer permits were sold, too: 22,825 compared to 33,188 in the previous April.

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# ANGELS RESUME PLACE IN CHARGE OF LEAGUE

By The Associated Press  
Sparkling pitching performances dotted the Sunday scene as the Los Angeles Angels resumed, unaccompanied, to the Pacific Coast league's top rung.

With big southpaw Cliff Chambers of Bellingham turning in his seventh straight victory against no defeats in the opener, the Angels polished off Hollywood's Stars twice, 2-1 and 6-5, to go a full game ahead of San Francisco.

The Angels traded shutout wins with the San Diego Padres. Another lanky lefty, Cliff Melton, fanned 12 as he hurled San Francisco to a 3-0 decision in the first game. Then, Padre Ed Vitale shaded Jack Brewer, 1-0, as outfielder Maxie West clinched his ninth homer of the season.

The day's top duel, however, was another extra-inning thriller—this time for 15 frames—between Sacramento and Portland. The Solons reached veteran Tommy Bridges for two runs in the 15th to win 3 to 2. Bridges went all the way, while Garth Mann, the victor, pitched all but the last inning. Each fanned nine.

Earlier in the week Portland edged Sacramento, 1-0, in 20 innings. Vince Dibasi spun a two-hit shutout to give the Beavers the second game, 3-0.

The pitching wasn't so sensational in Oakland where the Oaks took Seattle twice, 6-5 and 3-2. The Oaks pulled garrison finishes in both games, scoring five runs in the ninth for the opening win and three in the last frame of the nightcap.

Short scores:  
R H E  
Sacramento 1-1st, 2-15th 3 12 0  
Portland 1-7th, 1-15th 2 6 5  
Mann, Halcone (15) and Moore, Fitzgerald (15); Bridges and Muratore (15 innings.)

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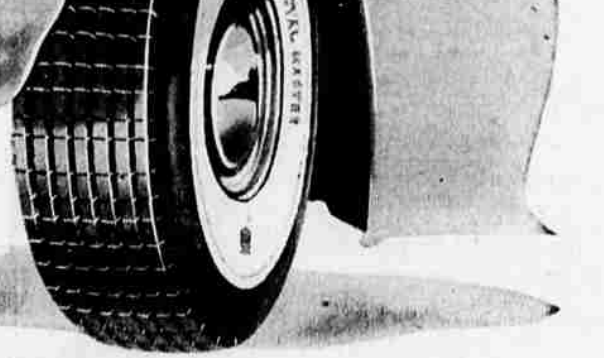
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