MARION LONE MEMBER OF SQUAD TO AVOID INJURY JINX

But All Expect to Be Hale and Strong

to Grab Swag Next Year; Browns Top 1940 Mark in Victories



r. LOUIS, Mo.—The tired Cardinals went home secure in the knowledge that they gave their best under conditions that would have wrecked the morale of nearly any other team. Some of them may have wished they had the last three weeks of the season

to play over. They would have done certain things differently. Some probably regretted they had played truant to those vitamin B-1 tablets that were given such a play earlier in the season. Yet, secondplace money isn't so bad, and then there is 1942, with most of the boys who fought the pitched battle with the Dodgers coming back to share in what they expect will

be the top money-for sure. In the face of injuries that saw one or more regular members of Bill Southworth's

WEEK SEPT. 22 TO CLOSE OF SEASON

troupe out of scrvice all but 23 days of the roaring campaign, the Cardinals provided the real surprise of the season. They were picked by 262 members of the Baseball Writers' Association, in a poll conductd by THE SPORTING News last April, to nevertheless. nish third. It was the consensus of the ribes that Cincinnati would repeat for

ther ahead of or on the heels of the feat. odgers, clinging on for dear life, despite juries that caused every regular to lose ne, with the exception of Slats Marion. neir pennant chances were not reduced a mathematical nothing until the afteron of September 25, in Pittsburgh, when ey bowed to the Pirates while the Dodglives, for the eighteenth time.

nd while the Cardinals are reflecting sect. what-might-have-been, they may as put a red check after the names of ant St. Louisans and ex-Cards, with es, perhaps, who helped to knock out of this year's big money. There hat man Leo Durocher, former Redwho ran the Dodgers, and who lives Looic. There were Pete Reiser and edwick, other Mound City residents. here were Mickey Owen and Curt former Cards.

liends of the Past, but Foes Now ig farther, Bill McKechnie, Frankie and Jimmie Wilson, other erstwhile did the Cards nothing but dirt when ping was toughest. . . . Ken Heintzelof the Pirates, who blanked Souths crew in the last series in Pitts-, is a Greater St. Louisan. So is Bob fing, who hit a pinch-homer with the loaded to snatch a game away from Gordon Went to First Base Cards in the final series with the

at Sportsman's Park. there was a lot of sabotaging by led friends and neighbors. And that's made it a true-run race—the baseball

thworth, confident to the last knockthat the Cards would win out, took philosophically. He complimented his ers on their great try. "There never a gamer bunch of fellows," said Billy Kid. "They gave me all they had, ry last one of them."

filly did not cry about the tough k that followed his team all season. tead, he sent Durocher a wire complinting him on his pennant success and shing him luck in the World's Series. resident Sam Breadon said he was proud the way his players went down to the ish line. "I think it was one of the eatest fights a Cardinal team ever put declared the club president. "With

ize, Walker Cooper and Jimmy Brown to keep mum about his plans until he ere laid up simultaneously. They were had lured Gordon into the fold.

racked up in such a manner as to keep rig tradition than had Dahlgren." im out of service, save for a few pinchitting jobs, for the remainder of the the club said, "Play first," so Joe went out eason. Not long after Slaughter was and got a drugstore mitt and pre-empted jurt. Terry Moore was hit on the head the terrain on which had trod the great by a pitched ball.

Mize Goes Out Again

ampaign. Two weeks before the schedule chance had flown again. nded. Mize was hurt again.

etween May 4 and May 18, when all reg- he forgot he was at first base and the lars were in workable shape. There was mitt also gave him some trouble. But nother period of seven games, July 27 to he went at it with grim determination. ugust 3, and another period of four days, When he came to the Yanks he was a Red Sox. ugust 6 to 10.

In the division of the second-place money, Tony Lazzeri. all shares will go to 22 players, in addion to Manager Southworth, Coaches Mike Back to Keystone for Joe onzalez and Buzzy Wares, Trainer Doc Veaver and Road Secretary Leo Ward, Sam sahem and Steve Mesner, who were with he club part of the season, were voted oung lefty, one-third of a share. Floyd Pep) Young, dropped two weeks before atkeman, clubhouse attendant, was cut to last in the American League. for \$300 and the batboy, Arthur Peters,

The Browns' fight for sixth place connued right down to the final day of the ason, and ended in a tie with Wash- second, Frankie Crosetti replaced Rizigton, despite the fact that Luke Sewell's zuto, and Johnny Sturm left the shadows self from early years. When he was only would not have made. am finished with a higher percentage behind again, to play first base. wins than did the sixth placers of last | That Gordon was the pivot of this Yangive a number of youngsters.

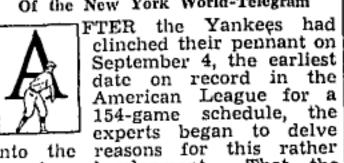
owns bumped into Bob Feller at his to master in the minors. aples as publicity director of the Cards. running, and you have a ball player,

Trigger Gordon of Bombers, Going Back to Second, Put Pennant Click in Infield That Floundered at First

Helped to Steady Sturm and Rizzuto as Rookies

Yank Machine Began to Move When Flash Was Returned to Keystone, After His Brief Experiment at Initial Bag

By DANIEL M. DANIEL Of the New York World-Telegram



into the reasons for this rather amazing development. That the Bombers were going to win became apparent early in July. That they might achieve the mathematical cer-tainty earlier than any previous pennant winner in their circuit also was recognized as a probability. But when the figures stood before the dopcsters and they were confronted with the accomplished fact, they were astonished.

"The Yankees did this thing, of course, with the help of the collapsing Indians, e pennant, followed by the Dodgers and because of the power of Joe DiMaggio, en the Cards, who rated just above and the impetus they gained from his record batting streak of 56 games," was But from the very start, the Cards were the first explanation of the New York

> "The Bombers were helped by Joe Di-Maggio, but where would they have been without Phil Rizzuto, the Rookie of the Year, and the best all-round shortstop in the league?" was a sane-enough query.

"You can't overlook the great comebacks of Lefty Gomez, Bill Dickey and Red were upsetting their loving cousins, the Rolfe and the good work of Red Ruffing," suggested another member of the literary

> And so it went. Evidence piled on evidence, and when all the dope had been assembled, it was discovered that Joe Mc-Carthy had won his fifth pennant in six years because he had put together the best club in the league, and one of the really great teams among the greats of New York history.

The writer does not want to take away from Joe DiMaggio one iota of credit for his achievements, one jot or tittle of encomium for his significant role in the seizing of this 1941 championship.

But behind the scenes stands a tremendous reason for the New York triumph-Joseph Lowell Gordon, the greatest second baseman in the major leagues, the pivot of the Bombers.

After Sale of Dahlgren

ET us retrace things a bit. When the Yankees assembled for training at St. Petersburg, Fla., last February and March, Johnny Sturm, who had hit a fair .312 for Kansas City in the American Association, reported for a more or less tentative try at the first-base job. The first baseman of record on the Bombers was Babe Dahlgren. But he was a holdout. It so turned out that Dahlgren never reported. The very day his signed contract was received by Ed Barrow, Dahlgren was sold to the Boston Braves, who ultimately got their \$12,000 back by letting him go to the Cubs. And a grand bargain he was for the Bruins, as he has done well enough for them to prompt Jimmie Wilson to ignore the re-

thrown on the market this winter. When the Yankees sold Dahlgren, Joe kind of breaks, we'll take them next McCarthy announced Sturm was the new first baseman. But the writers snickered. at one stage of the race, Catcher Walker They couldn't see it. Your correspondent oper, Second Baseman Frank Crespi and guessed that Gordon was to be turned into est Baseman Johnny Mize were out of a first baseman. But Joe had not yet e lineup at the same time. Later on, signed his contract and McCarthy had

port that Cardinal Johnny Mize will be

ined subsequently by Pitcher Morton | Then the scheme was sprung on the writers. Gerald Priddy was the new When the last of these casualties return- second baseman of the Yankees and Gord, Enos Slaughter, star right fielder, don would play first, "more in the Geh-

Gordon did not relish the shift. But Iron Horse.

Priddy, who had come up from Kansas At other times, Johnny Hopp suffered a City with Rizzuto, took over at second. piked hand and Gus Mancuso had leg trou- There it was. The new infield of the le. A few days after the season opened, 1941 Bombers, with two rookies from Kanitcher Clyde Shoun sprained an ankle and sas City. John Sturm, first baseman by his threw him off stride for much of the trade, moved back into the shadows. His

Gordon took his new duties with avid-There was only one stretch of 12 games, ity. Nothing startling in his form, Often shortstop, and Joe McCarthy soon con-So hats off to the Cards for a great fight verted him into a second sacker, shipping nd to the fellows who filled in so courage- him to Newark to master the intricacies usly when the going was at its worst! of that job, so he could succeed the great

-and Yanks Begin to Move

OE went along in great shape in Dahlgren's shoes. But there was trouble. wo-thirds of a share, and Howard Pollet. Priddy could not get started. Rizzuto seemed to suffer from his pal's troubles. And your correspondent was he lefthanded, he'd be right up there for used with Gordon came in handy with ne season ended, was given \$150; Butch certain The Flea did not have enough arm the home-run championship. He is a Rizzuto. The Flea also became overawed.

> In the first weeks of the race, Priddy was sent to the bench, Gordon returned to

in who was notching his twenty-fifth pennant-winning elegance. He gave to for tumbling on the gymnastic team. He will wander to his left, he will move fast cided that second-basing was the in- that and when the Dodger Special roared cide the issue. . . . Mel Jones, business around .277, and had belied in 86 runs,

nes formerly was in the publicity de- This writer has had considerable corrtment. . . Staples has taken a Mis- respondence for the last two years with figured the American League was full of Gordon is quite a homebody. There is a writers call him Flash. Call him what limb from limb. It all was breath-taking writers are the considerable corrections.

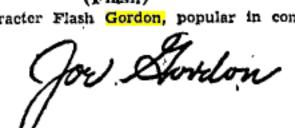
Joe's Play and Pointers HIS FLASHY WORK : TOUCHED OFF FLAG SPARK



Lifetime Record of Yank Keystoner

Following is his lifetime record, up to the start of the 1941 season, as carried in the 1941 edition of the Baseball Register, published by THE SPORTING NEWS. JOSEPH LOWELL GORDON

(Flash) (Association to character Flash Gordon, popular in comic section.)



Born, February 18, 1915, at Los Angeles, Cal. Height, 5.10. Weight, 175. Hazel eyes and dark hair. Throws and bats righthanded, Nationality—Scotch-Irish.

Married Dorothy Crum, June 4, 1938.

Hobbies—Hunting, fishing and dogs.

Graduate, University of Oregon (bachelor of science, June, 1939). Attended Uni-

Outstanding performances—Hit for cycle, September 8, 1940. Named by Base-l Writers' Association of America for The Sporting News as second baseman

sented his naming Gordon as the greatest | waited for a chance to bench him for Billy second baseman, over Bobby Doerr of the Knickerbocker, and the opportunity came

All-Star Game Totals.

Doerr is a grand infielder. It is just his Joe DiMaggio crashed chasing a fly ball tough luck to find Gordon in the league in Washington. Gordon was sent to a contemporaneously. Joe Cronin will tell hospital, only for observation. Marse Joe you Gordon has the edge. Connie Mack seized on the chance to keep Gordon on says Gordon is the greatest second base- the sidelines until the first week in June. man he has seen in years, and that seems Joe got married, returned to the infield, to give Joe an edge over Charley Geh- and began to show how second base really ringer, "The Yankees have a team in could be played. He had made the in-Gordon alone," Mack said to the writer teresting discovery that he was as good not so long ago. Gordon is not merely a great fielder and sense of awe had been conquered.

a marvelous righthanded hitter. Were Incidentally, the system McCarthy had wonderful fellow on a team, a grand guy But after he had had some time to inspect McCarthy had been watching this with in the Pullmans, always with a smile, things from the angle of the dugout, he every sense of the word.

> a kid, his mother became a widow. Joe Gordon is a splendid player to have in that he can find so much of interest in a celebration, it's right there." versity of Southern California. He de- St. Louisan's play.

the Bombers in 1938.

feats. As a result of his desire to hook kees began to move. He made Sturm, he land, and Joe was thrown in with some lot of time setting Sturm to rights. While heart of the second sacker. e sixth rung, Sewell necessarily had to made Rizzuto. Phil thought he had play- pretty tough kids. But he overcame the Johnny was a fine first baseman in the If you want to listen to superlatives like an anti-climax." rego to a large degree tests he wished ed short for Kansas City. He confessed handicaps of environment, the handicaps American Association, it did not take and managerial ecstacies, get Joseph Vin- Meanwhile, Larry MacPhail, the brain that in a month he had learned more from of lacking a father. He put himself into very long for American League competi-In the closing Cleveland series, the Gordon and Rolfe than he had been able the University of Oregon, into the Uni-

on Saturday, April 28, 1938. Gordon and

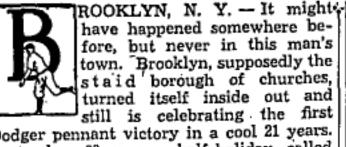
as anybody else-in fact, better. The

ctory. The next day, Al Smith beat the Yankee attack a home-run flair. When played baseball, basket ball and football, to his right, he can come in on slow fielder's true metier. It was McCarthy right past the infuriated boss man, he was and, hitting a ninth-inning home run to the season closed, Gordon was hitting It was Bill Essick who spotted Gordon on hit balls, he will run back as far as who converted him, McCarthy who nursed fit to be tied. Larry never did catch up the Oregon varsity and signed him for anybody. He is a great pivot with a him, McCarthy who gave to the majors with the party that night. anager of the Columbus, Ga., club this and had hit 24 homers. Add this to his the Yankee chain. Joe played for Oakland, fine arm. Pivoting is an art that is born their standout second baseman. ar, has been named successor to Ed superlatives on defense, and spry base- then went to Newark, and landed with in a great second sacker. It requires The other Yankees call Gordon "Trig- 25,000 fans waiting to greet their "beloved confidence, mobility and agility and Gor- ger." Quick on the draw, quick on the bums" and hundreds of cops on duty to

Dodgers Tip Lid and Flatbush Tosses Hats in Flag Celebration Cause of his success this year, and of Harold Newhouser and Johnny Gorsica, be-

Period of Rejoicing Climaxed by Half-Holiday and Parade; that they will be with the Tigers next Players Stage Shirt-Tearing Party on Train Returning

Home From Clincher at Boston, Sept. 25



fore, but never in this man's town. Brooklyn, supposedly the staid borough of churches, turned itself inside out and still is celebrating the first Dodger pennant victory in a cool 21 years. September 29 was a half-holiday called

"Dodger Day," and parades and parties were staged all over the premises. The long, hard duel with the Cardinals ended shortly after 5 p. m., September 25. Cookie Lavagetto fielded Max West's sharp grounder at Braves' Field, Boston, juggled the ball for an instant and then fired it over to Dolph Camilli for the twenty-sev-

enth putout that sealed a five-hit, 6 to 0

triumph for Whitlow Wyatt. The scoreboard above the Boston "jury box" already showed that the Cardinals had lost in Pittsburgh, so the boys knew they were in. They dashed for the pitchers' box, almost tore Wyatt apart, then carried their war whoops of triumph into the dressing room underneath the stands.

Who Said Buttermilk? The party really started on the special train headed back for New York. Secre- we'd make it. These boys couldn't miss tary John McDonald announced he would with their spirit." see to it that there were sandwiches and buttermilk aboard. If there were, no one lieve it," he said over and over again. "I discovered such commodities. But they bounced all over the major and minor did discover champagne, anything else they league map for years and suddenly find might want to drink and an order that myself pitching the game that clinches a

Probably not since the days of Babe Ruth and the early Yankees has there correspondent and said: "There's one been anything like it. The boys turned thing wrong. I wish old Robbie were everything upside down, specialized in cut- here with us tonight. God, how he'd have ting neckties and tearing each other's loved it!" Casey worked for Wilbert Robshirts. It was the rule of the evening that inson, the lovable old Oriole who manevery one entering the diner, where the aged the Dodgers for so many years, at main celebration took place, be stripped that Dover Hall hunting camp even beto the waist and not even the presence of fore he pitched in Organized Ball. several of the Dodger wives checked that. Fred Fitzsimmons, oldest of the Dodgers

the boys after such a long period of ter- eyes. "Damn it," he said, "I'd live all anxious eye. This infield would not do. genial, thoughtful, an All-American in came out and took over with a feeling rific pressure. For instance, Durocher, right without another World's Series check that he was as good as the rest-if not who, for three weeks, had come close to we're going to get. But what thrills me Gordon had to pull himself up by his superior. You see, he had glimpsed the a new record for lack of sustenance and is that we did come through for Brooklyn own bootstraps. He had to shift for him- mistakes of others, mistakes which he lack of rest. Said the skipper: "I knew and Brooklyn fans. If ever a town de-

does not remember his dad, who was a the infield. He likes to be the teacher. that small bundle of humanity. Mrs. ason. They won 67 and lost 87 in 1940 kee machine quickly was demonstrated. gold miner. Mrs. Gordon had to work as He goes out of his way to tell Rizzuto Gordon is the former Dorothy Crum of my first pennant winner in the majors, nd this year bagged 70 victories against 84 With Joe back at second base, the Yan- a secretary for a paper company in Port- things he should have done. He spends a Los Angeles, who was a campus sweet- but I've been so keyed up for a month

uct, for it was Marse Joe who, after hav- hattan, to board the train before it reached st and got only one hit off the young Gordon gave to that Yankee infield the veloped amazing admittees by going in Gordon has no weakness in the field. He ing seen Gordon work around short, de- Grand Central Station. But nobody knew

ari state job. DICK FARRINGTON. | readers of The Sporting News who re- supermen, he was overawed. McCarthy baby in the family and Joe is astounded you may, you have to call him TOPS.

Larry Outroars Train

BROOKLYN, N. Y .- Perhaps the funniest incident of the riotous Dodgers' home-coming from Boston, after clinching the pennant, was Prexy Larry MacPhail's \$5 taxicab dash from Borough Hall, Brooklyn, to 125th Street Station, where he planned to board the Dodger Special as it came through en route to Grand Central.

However, as the train slowed down. Manager Leo Durocher, not knowing his boss was waiting on the platform and fearful that some of the Dodgers, delirious with joy, would hop off and get lost in uptown New York, ordered the en-

gineer to cram on speed. MacPhail got the brushoff, and a face full of dust, as he stood on the platform, matching roars with the

And then there was Wyatt. "I can't bepennant. I still think I'm' dreaming."

Hugh Casey dropped over to see your

There were some strange reactions among and one of the toughest, had tears in his served a pennant and if ever fans deserved

And quiet Curt Davis said: "This is that I can't get excited now. This seems

And then Grand Central, with perhaps No instantaneous success was Joseph, He don has them all in acute measures. | field, fast with the lingual comeback. The make sure that the Dodgers weren't torn

TRADE TALK TRAILS HOME-BOUND TIGERS

SECOND BASEMAN AND SHORTSTOP ... AMONG DETROIT'S CHIEF NEEDS

McCosky Only Flyhawk Sure of His Job: . . . Most of Pitchers Uncertain; One of Catchers May Go on Block



TROIT, Mich.—As they scattered to their homes after a troubled season, the Tigers, with few exceptions, were beset by doubts as to where they will be at the start of the 1942 pennant race. Changes are sensed by Walter O.

mination to strengthen the team, Already rumors of trades are in the air and the fact that the Detroit owner has given no public intimation of the players he is disposed to place on the market merely adds to the suspense.

Briggs, unquestionably, will concentrate

upon obtaining a second baseman to re-

place Charley Gehringer, After 16 seasons the veteran is committed to retirement. WEEK SEPT. 22 TO CLOSE OF SEASON

Tigers Won 3-Lost 3

Dutch Meyer, judged by his work in sharing duty with Gehringer in the last two months, does not appear an adequate successor. Eric McNair is on the reserve list, but he is hardly the man for the job

in view.of his long years of service, Detroit needs a shortstop, too. Frank Croucher faded after a few brilliant weeks in which he seemed, at last, to have qualified for the position. Candidates on hand are Murray Franklin, still untried, and Boyd Perry, who is a competent fielder,

but a weak hitter. Pinky Higgins has just finished a fairly good season at third base and he may be called upon to start another. The general impression, however, is that Rudy York is the only infielder sure of beginning in 1942 where he left off in the concluding series with the White Sox. The Indian first baseman had a disappointing year. but it could be traced partly to a broken wrist. For the second straight campaign, he was the only Tiger who did not miss a game. He showed flashes of his old extrabase punch in the late weeks.

Of the outfielders, Barney McCosky alone faces the winter free of doubt as to his future. The former Detroit schoolboy was the most valuable player on the team, the leading hitter, alert on the bases and deft on defense. If any change involves McCosky, it will be only from one

position to another. Three Vet Gardeners on Doubtful List Rip Radcliff, Bruce Campbell and George Tucker Stainback come under the head of trading material. Two recruits, Bob Patrick and Dick Wakefield, are sure to remain with the Detroit organization, though not necessarily with the parent club. Less secure are Hoot Evers and Ned Harris, who

finished the season at Briggs Stadium. The composition of the Detroit outfield next season will depend a great deal upon questions affecting Hank Greenberg and Pat Mullin. Greenberg is eligible for release from the Army and may be back in a Tiger uniform in the spring. Mullin's ... shoulder, broken in Chicago, July 2, at a time when he was hitting .345, will remain a source of concern to Del Baker until

proof of full recovery is submitted. Detroit's pitching staff is cluttered with names of doubtful status. Exceptions probably should be made of Alton Benton, because of their youth and promise of development. The rest have no assurance

Tommy Bridges, dean of the curving corps, failed to win half his games for the first time since he was a rookie. Schoolboy Rowe fell below ten victories. Buck Newsom suffered a total of 20 defeats. All three veterans are likely to figure in trade negotiations. So are Dizzy Trout and

Luther Thomas. Freddy Hutchinson is best of the recruit pitchers, but a low draft number threatens to spoil his chance of winning

service with Detroit. The catching department, likewise, is in a state of uncertainty. It is readily conceivable that either Birdie Tebbetts or Billy Sullivan will be traded, with the choice depending upon the demands of bidding owners. Dixon Parsons is still a dubious quantity on major league scales.

One change in the Tigers already definitely indicated is the release of Bing Miller. He will not be replaced. Detroit has decided to carry only two coaches in 1942 and they will be Steve O'Neill and SAM GREENE. Mervyn Shea.



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By J. G. T. SPINK=

What Do Ball Players Eat? F YOU listen to baseball broadcasts-and who doesn't?-it's a cinch you know what ball players cat for breakfast. It's Bleaties,

two to one. Wherever the finest wheats or corns are sold, there you will find Bleaties outbidding the field. Sold to General. But what about the ball players' diet for the rest

This department recently conducted a survey in the major leagues. It was felt that the fans would be interested in discovering what the home-run slugger usually had for dinner; what the great pitcher inhaled after a victory; what the adroit



No Beefing When It's All Beef.

fielder injected into his system to lain his speed and acrobatic agility. It fact, we wanted to know. So we went to Dr. Erle V. Painter, trainer of the Yankees, who are the champions of the world.

"Doc, what do the Yankees eat that they have grown so great?" we asked, "Upon what meat have these, our baseball Caesers, fed, that they have waxed so fat and prosperous, and keep winning titles with a monotony which is tiresome to the rest of the league-yea, verily, unto the second and third generation? Come

clean, Doc." The good trainer of the Bombers replied: "I, too, have developed a keen curiosity as to what our players eat. This was heightened by the troubles of Red Rolfe, who got ulcerative colitis. One doctor told him it was caused by cumulative strains. The doctor now treating him, and is making some headway, insists that Rolfe was suffering from a deficiency in diet-from malnutrition. Imagine a player becoming an All-America, a star of stars over a long term of years-doing it all on a hay-

wire diet?" Painter did not go into another interesting case-that of Joe DiMaggio, who this scason has been battling with his first case of stomach trouble.

It turned out that Rolfe had not eaten enough greens, and that he had eaten whatever greens he had taken, in the wrong combinations. DiMaggio, too, it turned out, was eating too much red meat without enough green stuff.

They'll All Take Steak

OME years ago, Japanese doctors found that they could dissolve some kidney stones with a diet of spinach and kelp. It seems the Nips have a racial and national tendency, with their high rice diet, to get stones in their kidneys. But for fear this piece is getting too medical and too clinical, let Dr. Painter continue, which he did, to-wit, as follows: 'The favorite food of the major league player, as a sect, as a class, as a division

of laboring men-is steak. The boys like steak. Then they get a little Steak. And then they decide to go in for STEAK. "It seems to me that if we were left

comes to chicken, to edibles out of the inability to hit as he formerly did and, red meat class-well, they run far back in the ruck. "Could I evolve a rational diet for a

would pay any attention to it? You can tell a player when to go to bed, when to get up, what berth to sleep in, how to hit and how to put on his uniform. But you CAN'T tell him what to cat. That is the one thing about which he insists on his own initiative, his prerogative, his pursuit of STEAK."

The results of the Painter Poll were borne out on other clubs. Let us wander around the clock with our player. His schedule at home would be like this:

9 a. m.--Up. Has good breakfast consisting of orange juice, large glass; cereal; assignment, ham and eggs, or sausage and eggs. Maybe bacon. Cup of coffee, Many players drink milk instead of coffee; many drink both. Hardly any drink tea,

sandwich and a glass of milk. For the majority, nothing for luncheon. 1 o'clock-Reports in the clubhouse, Gets games. into uniform.

6 o'clock-Back at home. Relaxes. Many players have a bottle of beer. Very few -older men-have a highball.

7 o'clock—Dinner. Fruit, maybe shrimps in season, steak, potatoes, some few take greens. Players seldom bother with salads. They go for desserts. The richest desserts, as they burn up energy and need sugar. Ice cream, very few take pies. 11 o'clock-A light snack. Maybe a bot-

tle of beer. 12 o'clock—Asleep.

Save on Lunch, Plunge on Dinner

on the road, where they were held acquired any other way. to \$4 a day for meals in high-grade | Double X couldn't help the team. He hotels. As they had to pay any over- would be useless sitting on the bench. The or ligament in his elbow jumped out of charge, they saw to it that they did question of his salary or of what he thought place and he had to withdraw. It was an here by the New York Giants, seems to not exceed the limit and, with a \$2.50 or about Yawkey, Cronin or anybody else had injury similar to one he suffered at Balti- have solved Manager Frank Snyder's sec-\$3 dinner, that could be done only by no consideration in the issue. So waivers more two years ago. eliminating the mid-day meal. But, in were asked. the main, most players have got into the American League managers have known ing the week, Hugh Poland, the club's No. ond base. habit of fasting before the game. It's not the situation for some time. None of them 1 catcher, was forced to the sidelines with Bill Terry, general manager of the Giant keeps kidding Bobby every time they meet. good to play soon after a meal.

Associated with the question of diet is desirous of acquiring a big salary—low as viously seen little service, has been doing help. It can't come soon enough. Wittig, of a lot of fun, and so do the teammates the matter of liquor. The vast majority it was for Jimmie Foxx, it still was a big all the work behind the bat ever since. | who is out for an indefinite period; Hugh of the two great second basemen.

Calling 'Em With Big Bill Guthrie--Latest Major Averages

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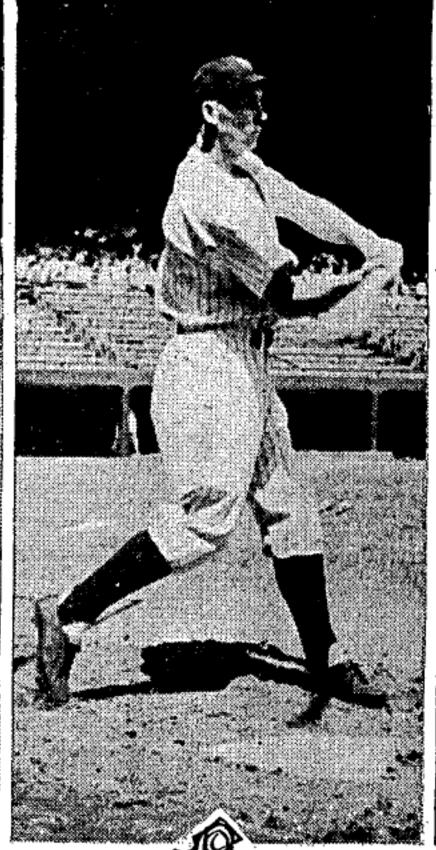
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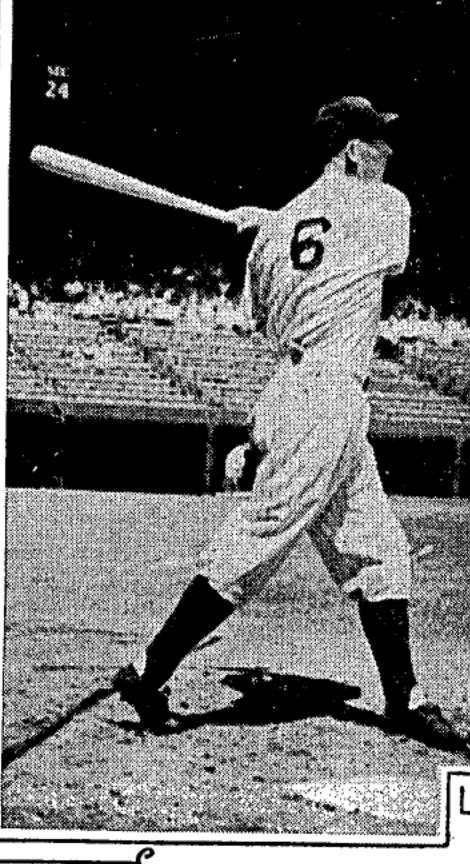


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SMOOTH, STRAIGHT AND AUTHORITATIVE IS GORDON'S SWING-AND JOE REALLY JOLTS THE PITCHERS-

IN HUB OVER SALE OF

SWITCH THROWN BY JACK MALANEY ON 'RAILROADING' REPORT

Writer Says Jim Was Sent to Cubs Only Because He Couldn't Help Red Hose; Stengelites Stumble in West



OSTON, Mass.—If one was silly enough to pay any attention to some of the stuff printed during the past week by columnists in Boston papers, appear-ances would indicate there was some dark, deep inner reason why

without steers, the American ball player Jimmie Foxx was sold by the Red would have to retire. I found that in his Sox, out of the American League to esteem, steak did not have a close second. the Chicago Cubs. The one and only "The tremendous meat eaters in the reason the well-liked Double X went game are numerous. Now and they you away from these shores is the same reason run into a man with a really ratio liet; that Tom Yawkey gave to Jimmie last fall, Joe Gordon, for instance. He gobbles greens when he told Jim without beating about like a rabbit. Some few will give variety the bush that Foxxie no longer fitted into to their diet with chops. But when it the Red Sox picture, only because of his

WEEK OF JUNE 1-JUNE 7 ball player? Sure. It's easy. But who | Red Sox Won 3-Lost 3 Braves Won 1-Lost 7

likewise, to field his position as is neces-

Military calls, along with the fact that the Sox were unable to make an earlier deal for Jimmie or to get him a managerial inalienable right to life, liberty and the job, which was what Yawkey desired for him, made a change in plans. Jim's contract figures for 1942 were severely slashed and Skipper Joe Cronin insisted all winter long, and whenever he was queried during spring training, that the first-base job belonged to Ulysses (Tony) Lupien until it was proved he couldn't handle the

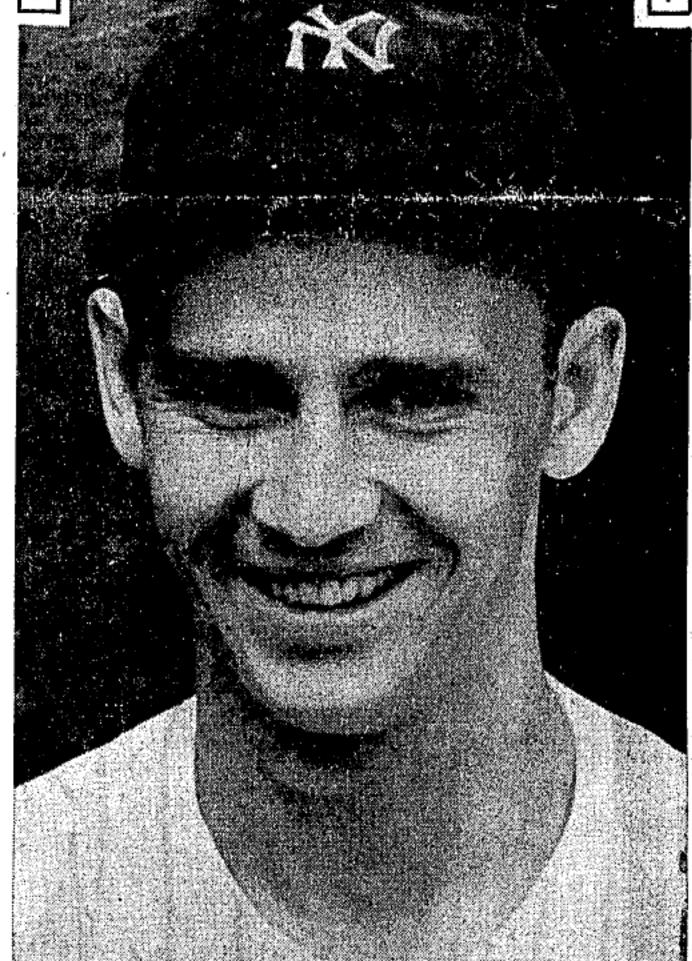
Lupien didn't do well in spring exhibition games. Foxx started the season at first and he got away extra well. He wasn't swinging for homers, but hitting 12:30 o'clock-For the minority, a light singles. He went through eight games without going hitless. He didn't get a hit April 26, then hit safely in the next five

May Wasn't Merry Month for Foxx That brought him into the month of May, From there on, Jimmie slumped badly. He was in 18 games during May, twice as a place, but materially reduced the differpinch-hitter. He made 12 hits over that period, three of them homers and three two-baggers. He fanned ten times, and the more vital part about the strikeouts During the period the Jerseys won seven would be the number of times he fanned out of eight against Buffalo and Rochester. when a hit would have brought in runs, He drove in seven tallies.

The Red Sox were going badly in May. Something had to be done and Cronin acted. He put himself back into action. He wound up at first base, where he again tried Lupien and also Lou Finney. Joe UR SURVEY showed that the wouldn't be too fancy a first sacker, for a vast majority of players did while at least, but he knew he could innot have any luncheon whatso- ject a bit of spirit and some punch into ever. Especially was this true his team which, seemingly, could not be light game with the Red Wings. Johnny

needed a first baseman. None of them was a split finger. Floyd Beal, who had pre- farms, has promised Snyder more pitching Doerr, too, finds the discussion productive

of major league players do not touch hard salary to most teams-to get a name player Another blow was the loss of Norman East, Bobby Coombs and Sal Maglie have liquor. Nor do they abuse the beer privi- to add to the roster. So only a National Jaeger, regular first baseman. Jaeger, who borne the brunt of the club's mound chores. gret, and high chagrin, to Gordon that a similar stick. The extra three ounces Reds lately have acquired the habit of lege. The player of today does not go League club was interested in taking him. had been hitting hard, was kept inactive Warren Pickell, Rube Fischer and Warren he has not been able to hit 300 for the and two inches of wood seemed too much hitting home runs in the clutch. Frank out of the majors with beer legs, once a Some of the writers who have blasted by a severe cold. Fortunately, Napoleon Sandel have been in-and-outers all season. Yankees, Yes, I know, Doerr hit 318 in of a burden for a while, but Gordon kept McCormick, returning to first base, June 5, peculiar disease of the heroes of the dia- the Red Sox constantly since Two X went Reyes, the Cuban who never played profes- Bill Harris, who has appeared in only two 1939. So what?



MYWWW CANNON

SECOND BASEMAN JOE (FLASH) GORDON

Jerseys Win Seven Out of Eight For Best Week in City's History

ERSEY, CITY, N. J. — Despite�| sickness and injuries to key players, the Jersey City Giants have made the most of their stay at Roosevelt Stadium, now nearing an end, and not only tightened their grip on third ence between themselves and the leagueleading Newark Bears. The week ending June 6 was one of the best in local history. Roosevelt Stadium has been a happy hunting ground for the Jerseys. In their

three of the games it has played here, has an edge on the Jerseys at home. However, several things happenel to spoil the week. The most disastrous was an arm injury Johnny Wittig suffered in the twihad the Wings shut out on one hit going into the last out of the game when a nerve

first 31 games at home they played at a

.645 pace. Only Newark, which won all

away are the same ones who were putting sional ball prior to this year, stepped games, seems to have at last reached the into Jaeger's spot and played acceptably, end of a long and successful career. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 14, COLUMN 5.) (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2, COLUMN 5.) The acquisition of Connie Ryan, sent

U. S. Treat for London

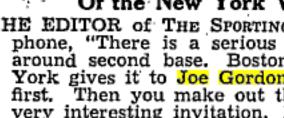
A full nine-inning baseball game between U. S. Army and U. S. Marine teams was played in historic Hyde Park, London, Eng., Sunday, June 7. This American listeners learned in the weekly "Stars and Stripes in Britain" broadcast that day. The broadcaster declared "Never before was a baseball game played here on a Sunday, but we're all for it and the stands are packed." The rooting heard over the air seemed on a par with a Sunday best display at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn. Each player on the two teams was introduced, the player himself giving his name, telling what town he was from and the position he was playing. The players were all semipros and amateurs.

ond-base problem. Connie has been as In the one game the Jerseys dropped dur- smooth as silk since being inserted at sec-

Yankee Star Called Composite of Frisch, Hornsby and Collins

Joe's Newly-Found Hitting Power Adds to Second Base Ace's Super Rating; Switching to Heavier Keller Type Bat Responsible for His Big Rise in Average

By DAN DANIEL Of the New York World-Telegram



HE EDITOR of THE SPORTING NEWS said to me over the telephone, "There is a serious controversy regarding superiority around second base. Boston gives it to Bobby Doerr. New York gives it to Joe Gordon. We are running the Doerr side first. Then you make out the case for Gordon." This was a very interesting invitation. But it is not necessary for me to make out any case for Joseph Lowell Gordon, whose achievements speak for themselves. He is the greatest second sacker in the game today, the absolute successor of Charley Gehringer. Doerr? Yes, a grand hall player a fine hitter a nimble guy. Gordon? Just the best in the

ball player, a fine hitter, a nimble guy. Gordon? Just the best in the I can hear the man from Los Gatos and the lady from Glendale say: "Oh, so sure

of yourself, ain't you? You say so, and so it has to be that way, eh? Just like all you New Yorkers. Everything from New,

York is tops, just because it is New! Well, you don't have to take this stuff

about Gordon from New York, I don't want to drag Joe Cronin into this, but I'll wager a saw-buck against Judge Landis' battered chapeau that, given his choice today, the manager of the Red Sox would take Gordon over Doerr.

Ask Connie Mack. He has seen them all. He'll tell you: "Gordon is a whole infield in himself. He is the greatest second baseman. Yes, the greatest of all the infielders today." Don't ask Joe McCarthy. He won't let you get away, while he tells you how he spotted Joe for what he was to be when Newark sent him to St. Petersburg, as a shortstop, in 1937, after Flash had had only one season of professional ball, with Oakland.

McCarthy quickly saw that in Gordon he had the successor of Tony Lazzeri, and he sent Trigger back to the Bears to learn the trade around second.

World's Series Last Fall Put the Seal on Flash

N 1938, Gordon returned to the Yankees, all set to take over. But McCarthy did not believe he was quite ready

for the Bombers. Came a late April day in Washington and Gordon and Joe DiMaggio crashed, chasing a fly ball hit by Bobby Estalella, now back with the McCarthy saw his chance to bench Gor-

don without hurting the infielder's morale. The Flash watched things for a while, decided he could do as well as anybody else, went back into the lineup, got married early in June, and straightened away to one of the most brilliant careers in the history of the game. Gordon over Doerr? Did you see the

World's Series last October? Did you see this Gordon man make himself the hero with a batting average of .500, and five runs driven in for five games? Did you see this Gordon field hits all through the Series and make the Dodgers utterly desperate? Did you read what Leo Durocher and the rest of the Brooks said about Flash for are strikes," Flash said on the bench. after it was all over? Gordon is the super fielder. He develop-

ed a tremendous agility in college, at the University of Oregon. He was a great tumbler on the gymnastic team. He keeps tumbling out there at second, turning hits I'd pack a bigger bat. You don't swing and General Manager Warren Giles to ease into outs. He is adroit, he has a great arm. And he runs that infield. He is the virtual captain. He maneuvers Hassett and Rizzuto into position, he studies the hitters and has keen anticipation.

With all his baseball skill, Gordon has a tremendous sense of humor. He gets a terrific kick out of this Doerr debate and Model Weighing 33 Ounces

and, with Joe McCarthy as consultant, de-

Jimmy Doolittle-Fan

There are dozens of Doolittle stories since Brig. Gen. Jimmy led the bombing attack on Tokyo, but the one that Shirley Povich of the Washington Post likes best is a story that relates to the flyer's interest in baseball.

Just before the end of the first World War, Doolittle, then a mere lieutenant in the Army air forces, was transporting a groundling general to a far western post, relates Povich.

A storm began to raise hob with his little open-cockpit two-scater plane. The general, slightly apprehensive about the tossing around he was getting (it was before the days of instrument flying), summoned all his courage and sat tight, putting his full faith in Doollttle's flying

Despite the storm, they made it, and Doolittle set the plane down with the skill of a master, then helped the general out. "I want to congratulate you, lieutenant," said his superior. "I know we had a rough trip, but every time I got scared I took a look at you up in front with those earphones on and I knew you'd keep on the beam and bring us through,"

"Yes, sir, General," said Doolittle, "except that there wasn't any beam. Those earphones were a great help, though. I was listening to the World's Series!"

hasn't gone after so many bad balls, he hasn't hit up so many long flies. And there is another development. When near homers a year and all they are good three days.

Off in a corner sat Norman (Red) Branch, relief pitcher, who rarely opens his mouth, a row, and a winning streak of that size and just attends to business. Much to everybody's amazement, Branch sulted in saving a couple of fellows their piped up: "Joe, if I had your strength, jobs with the Reds, by causing McKechnie

enough wood." Gordon walked off, thinking. Suppose before June 15. Branch were right? Well, why not try

Had Been Using Short

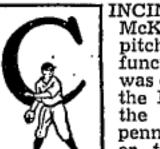
34 inches long. He began to swing to keep on winning them. It always has been a source of keen re- Charlie Keller's 36-36. Joe DiMaggio uses Along with tightening their defense, the at it and finally got tremendous results after a ten-day layoff with a lame back, This spring, Gordon studied things out He found himself on a batting streak which homered with one on in the third inning,

REDS TAKE ON SHINE, WINNING 7 OUT OF 9 AND BEGIN TO CLIMB

HILL WORK AND FIELDING IMPROVE. TIMELY HOME RUNS HELP

Cincy Grabs Fifth Sunday Double Bill

in Sweeping Five Games From Braves; Riddle Gets Going on Hill



is over.

INCINNATI, O. — Bill McKechnie's Redleg pitching staff finally is functioning the way it was expected to do and the Reds are rising in the National League pennant race. Wheth-

er they can climb enough to give Brooklyn a real fight and get into the running for the pennant is for the future to decide, but if the Reds' defense continues to perform as it did the past week it's pretty near a cinch that McKechnie's gang will give the Dodgers something to think about before the race,

Through nine straight games, ending with the double victory over Boston's

WEEK OF JUNE 1-JUNE 7

Braves here, June 7, the Reds threw up such a stout defense that in only one game did their opponents make more than two runs. Despite this, the Reds won only seven of the nine, including five straight from Boston, because the last-place Philadelphia Phils came up with a great defense in their two games here and copped both, 1 to 0, in ten innings, and 2 to 1. However, seven out of nine is not bad picking in any company and the splurge carried them into third place, ahead of

the Giants. Ray Starr, Bucky Walters, Paul Derringer and Johnny Vander Meer continued pitching excellent ball the past week, the quality of the team's fielding improved, Elmer Riddle joined the other regular pitchers in serving up deceptive pitching and enough of the regulars gathered hits in the clutches to make it a highly successful

Those two defeats by the Phils rankled the fans, but Si Johnson and Rube Melton pitched fine ball on the days they nosed

out Riddle and Derringer. Make Up Lost Time on Braves Right on the heels of the disappointing two-game series with the Phils, the Boston Braves came to town for their first local the Yankees were in Detroit on their re- showing of the season (they were rained cent first tour of the West, Gordon was out here twice in May), and the Reds promoaning about his tendency to hit long ceeded to fatten their percentage with five foul balls. "I get 50 or more of those victories over Casey Stengel's team in

That was the first time this year the Reds had won as many as five games in certainly was welcome. It probably re-

up a bit on efforts to swing a major trade The double victory, June 7, was the fifth time this season the Reds have swept both ends of a double-header in six attempts. They divided the other and so achieved 11 victories against one defeat in their first six double bills, an accom-ORDON is the strongest man, phys- plishment of genuine merit. They have a

cided on a new scheme at the plate. Joe (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2, COLUMN 2.) (CONTINUED ON PAGE 5, COLUMN 6.)