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## Big news for everyone

KIDS LIKE HADLOCK don't make Joe's job any easier. You may remember the day late last January when the Lions picked Hadlock in the combined pro football draft. He came from tiny George Fox College, in Newberg, Ore., a school of Quaker persuasion with some 380 students.

The announcement of his selection on the 12th round brought the inevitable question, "George Fox from where?"

Alas, the draft was merely a pebble tossed into the campus's quiet brook. Things really stirred after that. Bob Hadlock was the first kid from George Fox ever picked by either pro league. His selection was announced at chapel and even made the TV station in Portland, 25 miles to the southwest.

That Hadlock had been picked from the computerized list shared by the Lions, Bears, Steelers, Eagles and Vikings (BLESTO-V)—and that no one from the Lions staff ever had seen him play—meant nothing. Neither did the fact that George Fox College, with Hadlock at defensive tackle, had won only one game in its last two seasons.

"After the draft," Hadlock explained, "I just couldn't keep my mind on anything at all. I even finished fifth in the NAAU shot put this spring because all I did was think about football."

Hadlock was sitting under one of the gleaming bronze sculptures which decorate the grounds at Cranbrook. He had finished lunch and was impatiently awaiting the afternoon practice session. It was only 1 p.m. and the workout didn't start until 3. But he was anxious to go to the training room and get taped.

"Got married in June, right after school was over," he explained softly. "Girl from college. Camille. She's back there now working as a waitress for the summer. No sense in bringing her to Detroit right now."

"My minister has a sister who lives somewhere near here and when I make the team, my wife can come out and stay with them for a while maybe."

### Defensive strength is pretty short

OTHER ROOKIES were straggling past on their way to the dormitory to relax before the afternoon session began. Most of them had copped Lions' tee-shirts from the equipment room. Hadlock wore a button-down collar and faded blue trousers. The Quakers, it appears, teach manners, neatness and a respect for other people's property.

Too bad they don't make better football teams.

"I've learned a lot already from Coach (Jim) Martin," Hadlock said. "In college all I had to do was throw my weight around. Coach Martin has been teaching me to use my hands on defense."

One point in Hadlock's favor is the Lions' lack of depth on the defensive line. All three regular defensive ends—Larry Hand, Joe Robb and John Baker—are questionable starters, either hurt or holdouts.

Alex Karraś and Jerry Rush are the squad's foremost defensive tackles. Beyond them there is a sea of mediocrity. Hadlock has adequate size if he is mean enough.

Pessimists sneer at the chances of a 12th draft pick. Optimists, however, point to guys who have made it after such lowly beginnings.

Jimmy David, one of the Lions' all-time defensive backs, came on the 22nd round. Tackle Denis Moore (14) and Hand (10) both were picked low, but as "futures" a year before they were to be available.

Invariably someone will point out that Bart Starr was a 17th choice, and, say, didn't the Baltimore Colts get Johnny Unitas off a sandlot team after he'd been turned down by somebody else?

While Hadlock wandered off to get his ankles taped, Lion General Manager Russ Thomas pointed out that Hadlock's partner at tackle on the line at George Fox College, one Monte Casey, had been signed as a free agent by the Dallas Cowboys and cut almost immediately.

"Casey had a three-year contract," Thomas explained. "But he forgot to get a no-cut clause."

# Detroit writer Lauds Hadlock

(Ed. Note: The following story on Bob Hadlock, former GFC football player, was run in the Detroit News, a paper of nearly 1 million circulation. Presumably it was read by at least half a million persons. GFC's short football history has, indeed, given the Quakers nation-wide publicity. The same issue of the News carried a picture of Newberg's "Moon" baby, born on the Sunday of the moon landing. Since the column was written, Hadlock has been cut from the Lion roster and has signed with the Seattle Rangers of the Continental League. However, he was told there was an excellent chance of his making the squad next year and he was urged by the Detroit Lion coach to report again to Detroit next summer. Note that the Detroit sports writer has the direction of Newberg from Portland wrong by 180 degrees.)



## Pete Waldmeir

### Lion rookie from Quaker school is trying hard, but . . .

BY THE TIME you read this, Bob Hadlock may be in Phoenix. Although it's unlikely he'd take the scenic route home to Newberg, Ore., what with his new bride, Camille, waiting and all.

Maybe that's the negative approach, anyway. After all,

Bob Hadlock is 6 feet 6 inches tall and weighs 265 pounds — and there are not that many guys that size around, even in the training camp of the Detroit Lions.

This is the day (Sunday) that the Lion veterans report to Cranbrook. The rookies have been there all week, eating the chilled artichokes and rare roast beef and cluttering up the dormitory rooms. Head Coach Joe Schmidt has had four days to check over his band of newcomers and Saturday night was the first squad cut.

Jimmy the Greek makes no betting line on a rookie's chances in pro football camps, but for guys like Bob Hadlock they would have to be at least 500-to-1 against sticking.

"We've hardly had time to see the kid hit anything," was Coach Schmidt's curt answer when a status report was sought on Hadlock.

That may be the epitaph chiseled on the headstones marking the burial places of every rookie's broken dreams. For there is little time to adequately check-out all save the most important of the new bodies which are about to be fed into the game's gristmill.

Schmidt answers curtly, not out of bitter scorn for the first-year men but rather out of bitter distaste for the task of having to tell a kid he's just not good enough. The chore of whacking the roster down to workable size cannot be delegated. It falls, like everything else of import, to the head man alone.



BOB HADLOCK

Newberg Graphic 1969

# GFC Pitches Football Program Out for '69

George Fox College will temporarily drop intercollegiate participation in football beginning this fall to being a long-range rebuilding program in all sports.

The college's board of trustees has approved a plan to quit the gridiron game beginning in the fall of 1970. In the interim a strong intramural program is to be established, including soccer.

Because of the inability to recruit on a one-year basis and the

graduation of a number of key football players, the college, however, will cancel its earlier announced six-game season for this fall.

Athletic Director Jerry Louthan, who made the announcement Thursday, said all Oregon Collegiate Conference coaches have verbally agreed to drop the Quaker's football contracts for the year.

George Fox will continue to field teams in all other sports in the OCC loop "as long as it re-

mains intact," Louthan said. Southern Oregon College May 20 was accepted for membership in the Evergreen Conference reducing the number of OCC schools to four.

With the dropping of football, George Fox plans to accelerate other sports, particularly basketball. Louthan said "within two years" the college "hopes to have one of the stronger teams in small colleges in the

Northwest."

More emphasis is to be given to recruitment of students and a larger grant-in-aid program.

The college board has adopted a plan to reactivate football with growth of the student body, a stronger financial base and reinforcement of other sports.

Louthan said the football program "requires more money and more athletes" than any

other sports now established. The Quakers have not had a winning football season since joining the OCC in 1965.

The decision to abandon football temporarily was reached after several months of study by the college board, a faculty-student committee and the athletic staff, Louthan said.

As the first step in developing a stronger basketball program,

Louthan announced the hiring of Richard Allen as jayvee coach backing up head basketball coach Dave Berg who joined the Quaker staff last fall.

Allen is presently head basketball coach at Salem Academy where he has been for the last seven years. Allen will also be head track coach and instruct in the physical education department.