

Clemens' football experience derived from his playing days in the East Bay area at Fremont High School, on to St. Mary's College in Moraga, from whence he was selected to play on the 1947 College All-Star team as a linebacker against the Chicago Bears, and a year in the pros with the Green Bay Packers.

Generations of aspiring football stars can thank Ray for his total commitment to excellence at Christian Brothers High School from 1948 thru 1955--the Gaels won a city championship and also the first Northern Interstate Conference title; Sacramento Junior College, 1956 thru 1960--which includes a state junior college championship; and coaching the Sacramento State Hornets from 1961 thru 1974--highlighted with a post-season bowl game appearance against perennial southern football power, Grambling University.

Ray "retired" in 1974, but still travels back to CBHS monthly from his deep sea fishing business to guide the resurgence of the LaSalle Club as its president.

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(If you have any questions about the above information, please call Bill Chambers, CBHS LaSalle Club Publicity Chair/Historian, at 989-9034.)

Sports Vignettes

By Murray Olderman

RAY, A FORMER ST. MARY'S GUARD, PLAYED PRO FOOTBALL FOR THE GREEN BAY PACKERS LAST YEAR.



A bump a day keeps the bill collector away.



HIS GAELS IMPRESSED IN CLEMONS' COACHING DEBUT AGAINST SACRAMENTO, DESPITE A 12-0 LOSS.

RAY CLEMONS POINTS UNSWERVINGLY TO A NEW DEAL IN CHRISTIAN BROTHERS SCHOOL FOOTBALL. THE GAELS ARE ON THE WAY UP!



GRID ELEVATOR

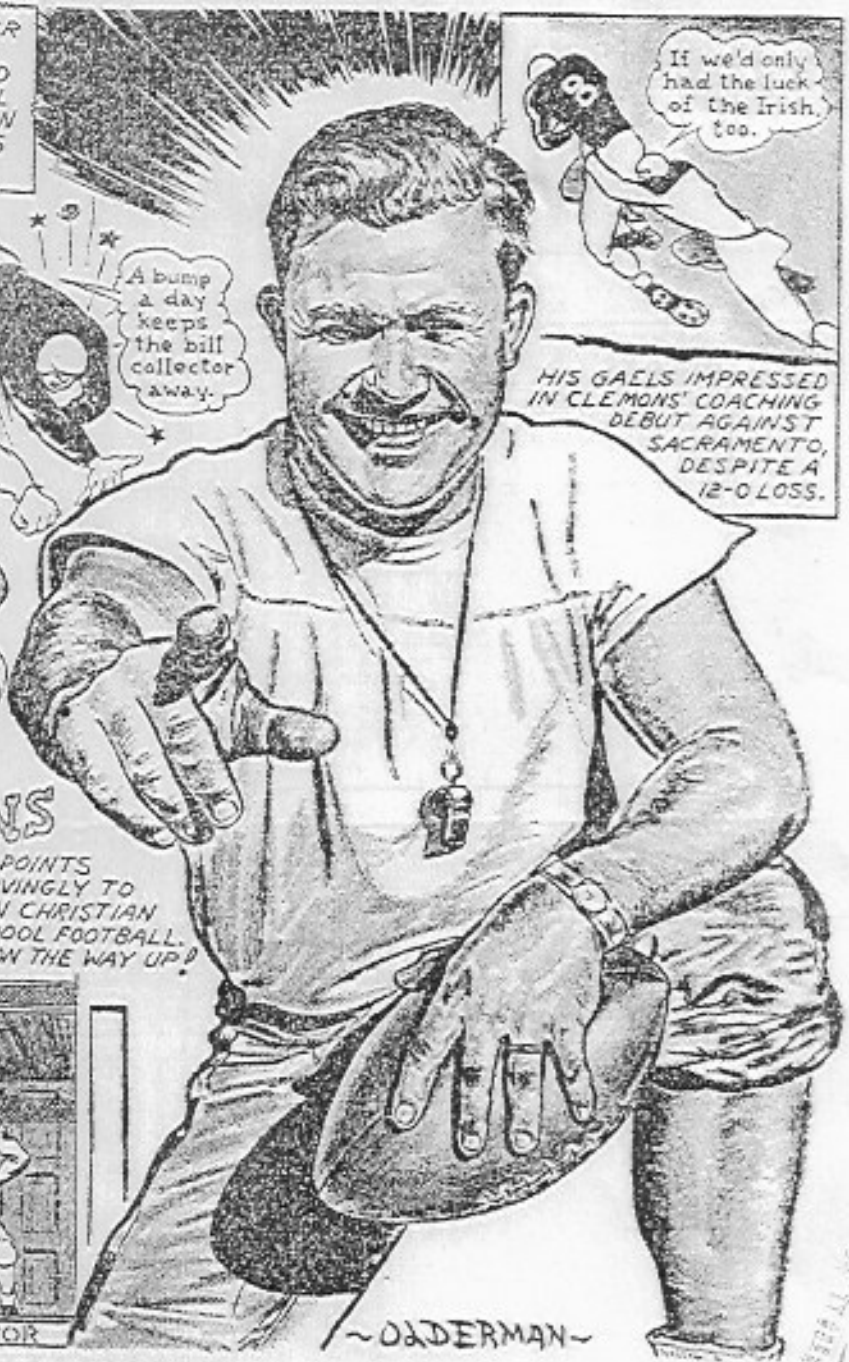


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Ray Clemons To Coach Junior College In Fall

The news of Ray Clemon's accepting the duties of head coach at Sacramento Junior College has come as a surprise to us all.

Undoubtedly the most successful football coach ever to be employed at Christian Brothers, he also has been one of the most popular faculty members during his stay of eight years. On the field Ray has experienced only one losing season, and his teams' Triumphs include overcoming Sacramento High School for the first time in eighteen years and defeating McClatchy High School twice out of the last three meetings. Our overall gridiron record under his guidance has been very successful, forty-eight games won, twenty-three lost, and one tied. Since 1953 the team has accomplished an excellent twenty-one wins as opposed to four losses and the lone tie. In the two year-old Northern Interstate Conference competition the CBS gridders finished in first place in 1954 and wound up in a first place tie with Reno in 1955.

Born in Roseville, Ray attended Fremont High School in Oakland where he earned two varsity letters in football as a guard. After serving a stint as a pilot in the Navy, he entered St. Mary's College. He played on the 1947 Collegiate All-Star team which defeated the national Football champions, the Chicago Bears, 16-0. Among his famous teammates in this game were "Doc" Blanchard, Julie Rykovich, George Ratterman and Buddy Young.

Upon his graduation from St. Mary's he signed with the professional Green Bay Packers, playing first-string linebacker for a year. He then returned to the coast and took up his coaching job at Brothers in 1948.

At the assembly last Thursday, Ray made a departing speech in which he thanked the student body for its cooperation and spirit saying also that with a greater turnout of athletes we could field an even better football team. When he left the stage, applause continued for several minutes.

At Sacramento Junior College Ray will have his work cut out for him. The Panthers have become the perennial basement occupants in the tough Big Eight



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