

# Portland Prep Stars Scatter

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Portland high school athletes of last year—at least the ones who haven't found defense jobs or Uncle Sam's khaki more to their liking—now are scattered in colleges and universities up and down the coast and in some cases, far inland.

It would take a staff of FBI men and several trained accountants to keep check on the activities of these youths, but every so often a name floats back, a name that is associated with the prep legion that last year charged across the sports pages in a never-diminishing stream.

A casual observer, if he keeps eyes open, listens to idle gossip and occasionally reads into the "agate" of a sports story, instead of stopping with the "lead," will be able to fashion a pretty fair account of just what has happened to Portland's prep athletes of 1940.

## Ducks Have Quite a Few

Here's one such fashioning arranged by schools:

University of Oregon—The Ducks have taken on a fair share of Portland athletes, several of whom are destined to pack the Lemon and Green into conspicuous sports arenas before their collegiate days are over. Vic Atiyeh, all-city Washington guard already is on the freshman squad and no doubt in later years will prove a handy cog in Duck grid machinery. Also listed among frosh hopefuls are Bob Signor, former Lincoln high school halfback (brother Dick now holds down the center post on the Cardinal squad); Don Mayne, ex-Jeff guard, and Bob Pendergrass, 1940 Washington high center.

Also numbered among Eugene students this year are Bob Morrison, Grant high school's 1940 track captain and halfback on the grid team; Bryce Sidesinger, lanky Jefferson center of last year. Bryce's brother "Si," current Duck hoopster, also played at Jefferson. Other local hoop talent which is numbered among possible "tall fir" material is Paul Folquet, Washington high's scoring forward, and the Popick cousins, Alvin and Leonard from Lincoln. Both Popicks were all-city, Leonard being the loop's high scorer. During one fracas he came within one point of equalling Maurie Stremich's one-game-high of 28 points. Harry Glickman, another regular on the Redbird 1940 team which was nosed out in the last two games for the city championship by Roosevelt, is another promising Duck casabaman.

## Also Get Baseballers

Turning to baseball, Portland will supply at least one, if not more, with listing of Dick Kohler, Washington high third baseman.

Portland has thrown nearly an entire frosh football squad at Oregon State, although whether they all will come through with colors flying after competition with out-of-Portland and out-of-state hopefuls remains to be seen. In any event, frosh coach, Bill McKalip, had these lads to beam upon during first turnouts:

LaMarr ("The Great Omar") Wilcox, 240-pound all-city tackle from Washington who critics agree is one of the finest tackles ever turned out of Portland's grid machine.

Bill Nickoloff, Jefferson's scampering all-city quarterback, whose ability to pass with unerring accuracy and twist and turn in crowded quarters labeled him one of the city's best backs.

Bill Gray, Benson's hard-working center, who also gained all-city recognition. Although not as large as some linemen, Gray's ability more than matched the heft of some of his opponents.

## Plenty of Others

Among others who missed all-city ratings but who were the mainstays of their respective teams in various positions are Bob Bell, Washington guard; Gene Mattice, Franklin guard; Gerald Fenning, Jefferson guard;

Al Nielson, Jefferson guard; Jim Wagner, Washington back, and Warren Wheeler, Washington back. Except for the two backs, these men all will tip the scale at 200 pounds or more, while the Colonials' two backfield men probably by now will shave the 185 mark.

Also at Oregon State and a welcome addition to anybody's basketball team is Mickey Brophy, who missed all-city rating by inches during his 1940 season. Ethan Dale, a commendable guard from Grant, also may tote Orange and Black colors on the hoop floor before his four years are over.

Opinion is divided on the merits of the youth next to be named; some insist he is the best back ever turned out in Portland, others put him directly below Bobby Grayson, Jefferson's sensational quarterback, and Houston Stockton, Columbia high school's great back of 1920.

In any event Jim Pettit, Benson Tech's dynamic speed merchant and unanimous all-city halfback in 1940, will sport Stanford university colors in years to come. Pettit not only proved himself a star on the gridiron but also surpassed the 100-yard dash record and the 220-yard dash record while on the track team. To say that Stanford's Clark ("Drop-in-for-Tea") Shaughnessy will be pleased over Pettit's appearance is putting it mildly.

## Some Joined Huskies

Traveling north to the University of Washington campus, several Portland luminaries of last year are to be found, among them Jefferson's star wingman, Arnold Weinmaster, another all-city selection. Weinmaster was a formidable lineman even in high school and reports currently unconfirmed and denied) whisper that Weinmaster was the roughest man in the field during the first spring pup turnout.

A discrepancy in spelling of two names causes doubt to appear in some circles, but most observers are of the opinion that Don Deeks and Don Huff, pair of 1940 Grant tackles, also are among Washington frosh material.

Bob Bennett, Roosevelt's all-city guard, and Al Barrett, Franklin high center, are listed

as potential Willamette Bearcat grid material, with Bennett already being mentioned as a possible first-string selection. Bennett follows in the footsteps of Pat White, former Teddy student body president, who has been a Bearcat center for one season.