

# Physical Fitness Looms As Threat to Football

King Football is dead—long live the king. Well might this be the verdict that comes out of Seattle today or tomorrow when football big-wigs decided the fate of the gridiron sport. Physical fitness in connection with national defense is slated to topple the throne that coast football has long occupied and the new program will probably subordinate football to physical conditioning.

Stories worming their way out of Portland hint that the future of the sport is safe but also suggest that big changes are going to be invoked to bring in the much talked of "physical fitness program."

The three main problems which the sport heads are now discussing are:

1. Retaining Edwin N. Atherton as conference commissioner.
2. Revoking the freshman rule.
3. Revamping the schedules.

With the cancellation of the Rose Bowl game, the source of his salary, question naturally arises as to where the sport sleuth will get his salary. Atherton has asked the committee to decide the issue so he can be sure of future position and status.

## Frosh Eligibility

New rulings giving freshmen eligibility will be one of the main topics to be decided. This ruling has been passed by several schools in the east and also those in the southwest and all indications from reports from Portland hint that it will be passed there, too.

While the attitude of the Oregon athletic staff, two members, Tex Oliver and Anse Cornell, are attending the meeting, is not known for sure, unofficial statements earlier in the season indicate that the staff as a whole is in favor of the change.

The big issue of the conference

is mapping a physical fitness program. As a result, the 1942 football schedule as drawn up early in the year may go out the window in favor of a schedule that would include games with service teams in the immediate vicinity.

## Large Crowds

The formation set up by the  
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# Iverson Back; Gridders Face Hard Workouts

There was good news in the football camp yesterday when registration figures showed that Duke Iverson, powering quarterback on last year's school, another was back in school. Another newcomer to raise comment was

Scotty Deeds, a transfer from Long Beach Junior college. Deeds is a speedy halfback and can well be used in the Duck backfield, now riddled by graduation and the army.

All men on the campus interested in working as football athletic managers are asked to report to Don Shreve at the equipment cage in the Igloo between 3 and 3:30 this afternoon.

Monday's workout for the grid-ders was comparatively easy but hard work and long gruelling hours (made possible by the war time) are in promise.

## Oliver in Portland

Tex Oliver, head football man in Portland now attending the confab that is to determine the future of football and in his absence Vaughn Corey, line coach, has taken over tutoring duties.

Corley said Monday's practice would be the last easy one and that heavy drill would be the order till the end of the spring practice session. The ruling of the conference allows 30 days of spring practice and the Duck grid-ders have 25 of these remaining, not counting Saturday scrimmages.

Monday's workout was light. Backfield men and ends were working on throwing and shagging stray passes. Among those pitching them was Ray Segale, who is helping with the coaching chore. Jimmy Newquist looked good and had his pitching eye.

## Corley Drills Linemen

Corley had the linemen down on the far end of the sod practice field and was showing the big lads some new tactics in line play, coupled with some new charging stances.

The squad will be out in full force today and will get down to some serious practice. Oliver will return Wednesday.



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# Cold Hampers Baseball Workout; Pitching, Catching Appear Weak

## Outfield Trio Back; Infield About Same

By FRED TREDGOLD

Sullen rain-laden clouds and a knife-sharp biting wind provided anything but a spring flavor to the initial full-time Oregon baseball workout on Howe field yesterday. Despite the ominous weather which threatened at any minute to deluge the Webfoots, the intrepid band of Ducks went through a 2½-hour batting drill.

Barking orders in the absence of Head Coach Howard Hobson, who is attending an athletic conference, was Captain Outfielder Bill Carney. Except for catching and pitching, this year's club appears as strong as last year's championship club, Carney figured. Otherwise, the Duck captain said, the team seemed to stack up about the same.

## Outfield Good

The outfield unit is perhaps the league's best, both in power at the plate and in defensive adequacy. When you look over such names as Dick Whitman, Hank Burns, and Carney, all lettermen, plus Dick Burns, frosh star last year, and Bill Skade, varsity reserve, you find plenty of talent for the outer pasture.

Though missing two regulars from the 1940 infield, this year's inner four, on paper at least, seem to show up quite favorably. For Hobson has Don Kirsch, talented junior, at second, and Bill Hamel at either shortstop or third. Missing are First Baseman Chuck (Zeke) Clifford, who is trying out with the Los Angeles Angels, and John (Buck) Berry, third baseman and a smashing batter.

Too early in the season to say anything definite, it seems



BASEBALL COACH . . .

. . . Hobby returns from the east this week to take over baseball.

as though Johnny Bubalo, versatile jack-of-all-trades, might be transplanted from the outfield to first base. Warren Taylor, of basketball note, is also battling for an initial bag post, having played frosh ball two years ago.

## Farrow Shows Stuff

The other infield position might see Bob Farrow, one of the most promising of last year's freshmen, at shortstop or third. A heavy sticker, Farrow paced the yearlings at the plate a year ago. Also in line for infield competition are Elwin Brown, junior college transfer, and Bud Wimberly.

The questionable catching position sees four men in the throes of battle. A two-year veteran from Portland University, Ted Pilip, has shown signs of solving the backstop problem. Bill McKevitt and Burke (Whitey) Austin, are both varsity reserves, while Pete Peterson is up from frosh ranks.

Six hurlers, discounting the interchangeable Johnny Bubalo, are on deck at the present time. Lettermen are Nick Begleries and Bob Rieder, while newcomers are Nelson Sandgren, transfer from Linfield; Marty Conlin, sophomore who played high school ball at McMinnville; Earl Russell, varsity yell-king; and Al (Lefty) Wimer, ace frosh chucker last year.

# Track Outlook Dark Three Lettermen Out

By BILL STRATTON

With only three lettermen returning, Colonel Bill Hayward opened his fortieth track season Monday at Oregon with somewhat of a gloomy outlook.

The greatest loss is that of Less Steers, world's high jump record holder, who consistently gathered points in the javelin, weights, and hurdles events last year, too. Bill Beifuss, another high jumper, did not return to school this year.

To make matters worse, Captain Ehle Reber, broad jumper; Jake Leicht and Bob Keen, sprints; Bob Hendershott, pole vaulter; and Bob McKinney, veteran half-miler, will not compete this year. Reber, Keen, and Hendershott were lost from graduation, while illness will bar McKinney from competition this season.

## Dickson Back

Bill Regner, two year letterman in the shot put and discus is in school, but has not turned out as yet. Ray Dickson, a senior letterman in the 440 and broad jump is expected to turn out soon.

This mass reduction leaves Hayward with only three lettermen—Francis Tuckwiler, Homer Thomas, and Zenas Butler. Thomas is a junior and the only pole vaulter on the 1942 squad. Butler is also a junior, and ran the low hurdles last season. Tuckwiler is the only senior letterman. He made his first letter at Oregon last year in the 440.

Returning for the 1942 season, who did not make letters last year, are Ken Oliphant, sprints; Ed Reiner, 440, Ross Fuhrman, hurdles; Wilfred Rolph, two mile; and Fred Foster and Chuck Elliot, weights.

## Sophomores Turn Out

The squad includes several sophomores who may prove to be good men. They are: Veryl Alexander and Ralph Kramer, sprints; Stan Ray, Ken Sawyer, and Dick Shelton, 440; Don Wilson and Bruce Maxey, distances; and Bob Newland, high jump. Bob Simp-

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He's in the Army Now;  
It Could be You--

By TOMMY MAYES

He was over at Howe field yesterday for the last time. Or rather, he told himself, it would be the last time until he came back some day for Homecoming after everything was over and everything was all right again—that is, if everything did get to be all right again.

He sat on the bench and watched the pill fly around. The fellow at shortstop—that had been his place—was doing a nice job he thought quite honestly. But it didn't matter, of course, who was playing shortstop or who wouldn't be playing shortstop when the season opened, for he'd probably be a long way from hearing anything about baseball at Oregon—to say nothing of seeing any of it, either.

He went down to the dressing room with the rest of the team when the workout was over and shook hands around with the boys. They slapped him on the back and laughed and told him they'd see him in Tokyo or something like that. He laughed too and said yes, he'd get them a Jap, any maybe two Japs; and it seemed rather pleasant for a while. It was as if a door in his

mind was closed and he could say what he wished quite easily, without pretending. Hobson came in and talked to him, too, and said he'd be missed, sure thing. He liked that part of it. The coach said he could take a ball and mitt along with him if he wished, but he said he didn't think he'd have need for them where he was going and that he was pretty sure they'd rather throw something a little harder than baseballs out of peashooters. That was a good joke and they both laughed a little.

It was somewhere past 5 o'clock  
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