

— Sport Slants —

Just what the Cloudbuster Quintet can be expected to do this season may be demonstrated by Thursday night for by then the local five will have played two games, both against top-notch competition.

Come Wednesday afternoon and the Cloudbuster five opens its home season against Appalachian State Teachers college, located in the western part of the state. Always having an outstanding five, Appalachian will be a tough nut to crack. Player-coach Belus Smawley, who has scored 792 points during the past two seasons, is the spearhead of the visiting club. He will be assisted ably by Zeke Isaacs, Jimmy Miller, Warren Hawkins, and Willard Kaylor.

On the following night (Thursday), the Cloudbusters journey to Durham for a game against Duke, the top heavy favorite to capture the Southern Conference crown this year. Led by Bob Gantt and the Loftis brothers, the Blue Devils will probably be as tough as any club the local Navy outfit will face this year.

No one denies that the Cloudbusters have basketball material aplenty. Those on the squad are already stars via the college and professional route. Cadets like Broberg, Masterson, McWilliams, and Kraft would be glad additions to any team. In John Barr is to be found one of the better basketball players in collegiate circles during the past decade. Then there is Bernard Schiffer, Kenneth Hashhagen, Forest Kendall, Earl Ruth, and Art Jones, among others.

These players, coupled with the Raese system, should mean that the cadets, officers, enlisted men and civilian personnel will see some of the best basketball in the nation played right here in Woollen gym.

Lieut. Tom Carruthers, assistant director of athletics, spent yesterday and today in Richmond, Va. attending the meeting of Southern Conference coaches and officials. While there he hopes to complete the basketball schedule, and work out other schedules for swimming, boxing and wrestling. In these latter sports Lieut. Carruthers hopes to schedule several contests between the Pre-Flight clubs and Southern Conference members.

Speaking of other sports we have an item of interest from the U. S. Naval

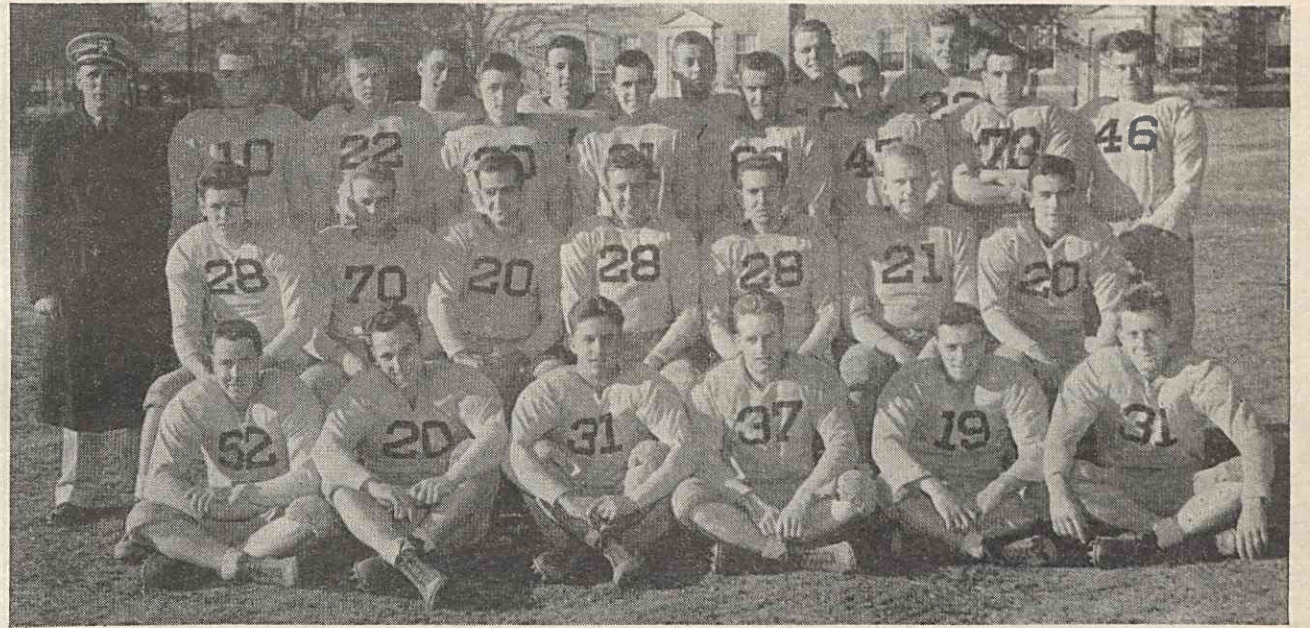
Reserve Aviation Base at Lambert Field, Missouri. In a recent wrestling program there 24 out of 26 participants from the Chapel Hill Pre-Flight school won their matches. Which leads us to believe that Lieut. Charlie Spiedel's wrestlers really know how to put on a good grunt show.

Recently Henry McLemore, noted columnist, visited the Georgia Pre-Flight School and after sampling their obstacle course had this to say: "I have just finished the obstacle course at the Navy Pre-Flight School in Athens, Ga. I'll give you the harrowing details. The obstacle course which is used to condition the youngsters who'll soon be wearing gold wings is 608 yards long and is laid out over a terrain that a wart hog would have trouble travelling over, even with the use of an alpenstock. There are 30 obstacles or death traps on the course and each one presents a problem that would blanch the face of a circus daredevil. I was only joking when I said I would like to have a try at the course, but Lieut. Charley Burton and Lieut. Buddy Savage took me seriously. . . . After my last obstacle, they tenderly lifted me from the rocks and laid me out on the Georgia soil from whence I had sprung, while scouting parties went in search of my blue serge suit. The vest they found in the bear trap. One trouser leg still fluttered from the log pile. My tie whipped from a splinter on the wall climb.

"When consciousness returned I asked the timekeeper how I had done. 'A new record,' he announced. 'You started on Friday and reached here on Saturday. You are the only competitor we have had to use a calendar on.' You might be interested to know that the average time of the Pre-Flight cadets on the course is under five minutes, and that the record is three minutes 32 seconds. . . ."

It happened last week at the Mustang-Coronado football game. The coach of the Mustangs, Ensign Arthur Radvilas, sent in a player to call a special play when the Mustangs were deep in Coronado territory. As it was the play wasn't run, and the cadet was immediately taken out of the game. "Why," asked Ensign Radvilas, "didn't you call the play I told you to?" "I did, sir," the cadet replied, "but

Intramural Football Champs With 8 Wins, 2 Losses



HERE ARE PICTURED members of the Coronado football squad which won the fall intramural crown with a record of eight wins against two losses. Reading left to right, first row, are: E. H. Bradbury, W. T. Wadeikis, A. F. Pawelezyk, C. W. Buck, K. C. Desjardinis, W. C. Carroll. Second row: C. L. Leslie, W. T. Raleigh, Captain J. C. Begley, W. C. Potts, T. F. White, C. L. Schulten, A. G. Colgin. Third row: Lt. (jg) A. J. Lesko (Coach), R. G. Perry, T. E. Player, R. W. Doyle, D. R. Smith, E. H. Lathrop, T. L. Lathrop, R. S. Crannell, D. H. Shingler. Back row: F. L. Johnson, N. V. Barrett, W. E. Bauman, C. Mantell, and D. L. Sims.

someone checked signals and another play was called."

"But you were the quarterback," the cadet was reminded.

"You wouldn't believe it, sir, the way I was treated," said the cadet as the coach was walking away.

Cloudbuster Five Opens Season Vs. Appalachian

Varsity basketball competition comes in big doses next week for the Cloudbuster quintet. Appalachian State Teachers college comes here on Wednesday afternoon, and on Thursday night the local five goes to Durham for a game with Duke's Blue Devils.

There will be no charge for the Appalachian game, which gets underway in the afternoon at 1600, and cadets, officers, enlisted men and station personnel are invited to attend.

Led by player-coach Belus Smawley, who has scored 792 points during the past two seasons, the Appalachian team is one of the top offensive outfits in this section of the country. Their basketball teams compare favorably with Duke, North Carolina and other Big Five groups, and the Raesemen can expect a tough afternoon.

Nothing need be said about Duke for basketball followers know that Coach Eddie Cameron of the Blue Devils always comes up with an outstanding five. This year promises to be no exception, for the Blue Devils, in pre-season prediction, are slated to have the best team in the Southern conference and one of the top teams in the nation.

Expected to start for the Cloudbusters are Broberg and Masterson at the forwards, Barr at center, and Hashhagen and Kendall at the guards.

According to Lt. (jg) Dyke Raese, the team is shaping up well. Practice sessions this past week have been devoted to a deceptive, fast cutting offense with tricky passing the key to the success of the team. On defense a combination zone and man-to-man will be used.

Although the aforementioned Bro-

Handball Tournament

Fifty-four officers are entered in a four-wall handball tournament which got underway this week under the direction of Lt. (jg) Milton Singer.

First round matches must be played by Dec. 19, and the handball courts are available for play at anytime during the day.

"The success of the tournament depends on all participants playing their matches on time," said Lt. Singer. "Check the bulletin board in Alexander Hall, and find the name of your opponents. Contact them as quickly as possible and arrange a playing date."

Seeded favorites are Lt. Comdr. John Sabo and Lt. Bo Shepard, Lt. (jg) Alfred Wolf and Ensign G. F. Furey, Ensign Frank J. O'Hara and Lt. John V. Ambrose, and Lt. (jg) H. E. Althouse and Lt. (jg) James DeAngelis.

Fall Intramural Football Crown Won by Coronadoes

Although losing their final game of the season to the Mustangs by a score of 13 to 0, the Coronado football team won the fall intramural crown with a record of eight wins and two losses.

Unscored on during their first eight games, the Coronado eleven played ball that would compare favorably with



Lt. Lesko Begley

most small college teams. During the season they defeated Guilford college to the tune of a 28 to 0 score.

Captain of the Coronado squadron for the final two weeks of football was J. C. Begley who attended Boston college high in Boston and Providence college. While in school he never participated in football, but earned his letter for four years in baseball and two years in basketball. He was a member of the ninth battalion.

Lt. (jg) Albert Lesko, a former Penn State star football and basketball player, coached the Coronado eleven.

Oddly enough, the Mustangs, who defeated the Coronado team in the final game of the season, had won only one game previously.

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