

## .. Sport Slants ..

There's been a new spirit on the Cloudbuster nine since the arrival of Cadets Theodore Williams, John Pesky, Louis Grempe, John Sain, and Joseph Coleman.

Both players and spectators have shown a new interest. Where the dugout used to be the deadest spot on the field it is now one of the liveliest.

From the first game the new cadets played in it's been that way. On that occasion the Cloudbusters were playing the University of North Carolina. Came the fourth inning and rain halted the clash. During the downpour Williams, who had not dressed for the game, came into the dugout. He spotted Pharmacist Mate 3/c Allen Cooke, the former Yankee star and Williams' predecessor as batting champ of the American Association. Ted went over to Cooke, shook his hand, and told him he'd recognized him from his pictures and had always wanted to meet him. At the time Cooke enjoyed the enthusiasm of Williams, but not until moments later did he realize who it was.

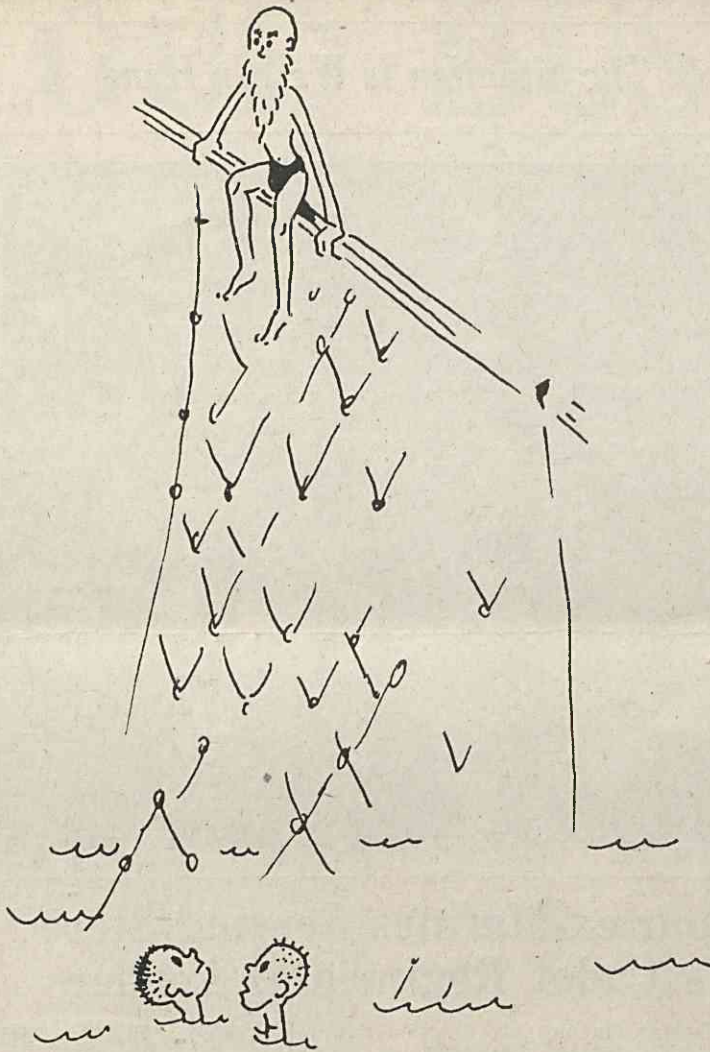
That was Williams' first appearance in the Cloudbuster dugout, and it was one the team didn't forget. Moreover, Williams has been that way ever since. He talks a lot, but never about himself. He always seems to be interested in the other fellow.

The others are the same way. Pesky plays shortstop just as hard as if he were back with the Red Sox. Coleman and Sain, ex-Athletics and Braves hurlers, have come through with several mound performances second to none. Grempe, utility infielder for the Braves last year, has done a fine job at second.

Along with the rest of the cadets these five are going through the regular Pre-Flight program. Up at 0530 and on the go all day. They realize what they're here for—to become the finest pilots in the world. They also know that baseball is but a minor phase of their work.

### Softball Games Postponed

All softball game rained out last Wednesday have been rescheduled for next week. The games are: Ranger vs. Saratoga; Cowpens vs. Enterprise; Lexington vs. Hospital Corps, and Essex vs. Satellites.



By Cadet Lamerise

"They say he's been up there since the first battalion came in."

### For the Records

## Cloudbusters Win 10 of 12 Games Played During the Past Month

Just about everything the Cloudbusters did the first month of the baseball season proved wrong. Poor pitching, fielding and hitting kept the team constantly in trouble, and victories were few and far between.

Recently, though, quite a change has been noted. Over the last month the Cloudbusters have won 10 of 12 games. Chief reason for the difference was good pitching, excellent fielding and superb hitting.

Cadet Joseph Coleman has won six games against no defeats, Lt. (jg) Robert Williams, USNR, has two wins, and Cadet John Sain has won two and lost two. It might be said in passing that Sain's losses came in two tough games—one a 3 to 0 defeat by the Naval Training Station at Norfolk, and the other a 5 to 4 loss by the Naval Air Station. In the Training Station game he gave up but six hits and struck out 12 men.

While the entire Cloudbuster nine is hitting well over .300, Cadets Williams, Grempe and Pesky and Lt. (jg) John A. Hassett, USNR, are the leaders.

Hassett leads the foursome with a .578 average. He has collected 22 hits in 38 trips to the plate, has 14 RBI's, three home runs, a triple and two doubles to his credit.

Next is Pesky with a lusty .458. In 48 appearances at the plate he has 22 hits, 16 RBI's, five triples and four doubles.

Williams with 12 hits in 27 times at bat is hitting .444. He has hit one double, three homers, and has 10 RBI's.

Grempe, who has been out of action for the past week with a bad knee, is hitting .390. Included among his 16 hits in 41 times at bat are four doubles, a triple and home run. He has batted in six runs.

### Sports Program

"There's a lull in my life."

That's the week's theme song for the Sports Program department, with the switchover from spring to summer program providing a slight scarcity of action.

Total to Wednesday, June 9, shows a three way tie for first place between the Catalinas, Vindicators, and Devastators. Each squadron has racked up one victory apiece in pushball, volleyball and soccer.

Summer schedules provide two new activities on the scene, an old friend in the form of pushball and a new one in the shape of volleyball. Both have been added to the hot weather program.

## Marine, Aircraft Nines Play Here

Marines and Aircraft workers compose the two baseball nines which are scheduled to play the Cloudbusters this week end. This afternoon at 1600 the 23rd Regiment of the New River Marines play on Emerson Field, and tomorrow the Fairchild Aircraft team from Burlington comes here for a game starting at 1430.

Cadets John Sain and Joseph Coleman will be Lt. George D. Kepler's, USNR, pitching choice for the games with Lt. (jg) Robert Williams, USNR, ready to take over should they get in trouble. This trio has been handling the pitching duties for the past month.

Playing the Army Finance School from Wake Forest and a team from Camp Butner last week end, the Cloudbusters found little opposition as they defeated both teams by identical 17 to 3 scores.

The Finance School game saw Cadet John Sain put on a high-class pitching and hitting performance.

Sain held the Financiers to four blows, fanned 11 and himself hit a double that cleared the bases in the first. In the sixth he singled home another score.

Lt. (jg) John A. Hassett, USNR, first baseman, played only part of the game and slammed out a homer and single in his two offensive efforts.

Most of the Pre-Flight runs came about due to poor pitching by the opposition rather than by good hitting by the Cloudbusters. Six runs were scored in the first

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