

Now He's Recognized Among the Best, But

Cloudbuster Mentor Started at Bottom

Lieut. (jg) Dyke Raese, coach of the Cloudbusters, is one of the youngest and most successful basketball coaches in the business. Last year his West Virginia University team won the Madison Square Garden Invitational Tournament defeating such formidable opponents as Long Island University, Toledo, and Kentucky.

Only 33 now, Raese was graduated from West Virginia University in 1932. While there he played football but, according to him, was not particularly interested in basketball.

Came graduation and he returned to his hometown of Davis, W. Va. (population 3,500), and became head coach and athletic director at the Davis high school. Four years as head coach and a record of 140 victories against only 35 defeats placed his team in the finals of the state basketball tournament for four straight years, something unheard of for a school with Davis' small enrollment.

That wasn't all. His football teams also compiled victory after victory, and Coach Raese modestly admits that he thought them better than his basketballers.

News of Coach Raese's coaching records reached his alma mater, and he returned there in 1938 as head basketball coach. A record of 64 wins and 28 losses was made during the four years he coached basketball at West Virginia. The 1942 season was the most successful with 21 wins and three losses.

Most basketball teams are composed



Coach Dyke Raese

of players throughout the nation. Raese's 1942 club was composed almost entirely of West Virginia boys, most of whom came from towns with a population of less than 5,000.

Raese's system of coaching is a mixture of a fast break and deliberate set offense, and it is based on expert ball handling and tricky passing. He is a stickler for details, and spends hours drilling basketball fundamentals into

his players. His championship ball club of last year had only one man in the starting lineup over six feet tall, and the success of the team was attributed to their almost perfect passing and knowledge of the fundamentals of the game.

Coach Raese expects his team to control the ball a lot, and as he puts it, "We try to hold the ball until we get an almost certain scoring play, then we shoot."

West Virginia sportwriters only last week voted him the coach of the year in West Virginia. Biggest reason for this honor was the showing of the West Virginia University basketball team in the Garden. Seeded eighth it was given little chance of getting by top seeded Long Island University in the first round. Long Island, however, was soundly thrashed as was second seeded Toledo the following night. The only close game for the West Virginia club was against Kentucky in the final round.

Here at Chapel Hill alumni won't bother Coach Raese, but there's a good chance that he'll wake up some morning minus a basketball team. That's how things happen when cadets come and leave every two weeks. With Raese at the helm, however, it can be fairly certain that Cloudbusters opponents will have a tough time. At least, the Cloudbuster coach hopes so.

Assisting Coach Raese are Lieut. (jg) Kenneth Hashagen, former University of Pennsylvania star, and Ensign John Barr, former All-American center from Penn State. Before entering the Navy, Hashagen was varsity coach of basketball and track at Ursinus college in Pennsylvania.

Barr, who was graduated from Penn State in 1941, was assistant basketball coach there last year.

Squadron Sports Schedule

JAN. 4

Basketball

Devastator vs. Helldiver
Skyrocket vs. Mariner
Wildcat vs. Buccaneer

Soccer

Devastator vs. Helldiver
Skyrocket vs. Mariner
Wildcat vs. Buccaneer

JAN. 5

Basketball

Kingfisher vs. Mustang
Catalina vs. Coronado
Vindicator vs. Buffalo

Soccer

Kingfisher vs. Mustang
Catalina vs. Coronado
Vindicator vs. Buffalo

JAN. 7

Basketball

Coronado vs. Mustang
Helldiver vs. Mariner
Devastator vs. Buccaneer

Soccer

Coronado vs. Mustang
Helldiver vs. Mariner
Devastator vs. Buccaneer

Volleyball

Vindicator vs. Devastator
Wildcat vs. Buccaneer
Buffalo vs. Catalina

Pushball

Mustang vs. Coronado
Mariner vs. Helldiver

Track

Devastator vs. Coronado
Buffalo vs. Buccaneer
Wildcat vs. Helldiver

Wrestling

Devastator vs. Coronado
Buffalo vs. Buccaneer
Wildcat vs. Helldiver

JAN. 8

Basketball

Buffalo vs. Skyrocket
Kingfisher vs. Wildcat
Vindicator vs. Catalina

Soccer

Buffalo vs. Skyrocket
Kingfisher vs. Wildcat
Vindicator vs. Catalina

Track

Kingfisher vs. Mariner
Catalina vs. Mustang
Vindicator vs. Skyrocket

Wrestling

Kingfisher vs. Mariner
Catalina vs. Mustang
Vindicator vs. Skyrocket

Boxing

Devastator vs. Coronado
Buffalo vs. Buccaneer
Wildcat vs. Helldiver
Kingfisher vs. Mariner
Catalina vs. Mustang
Vindicator vs. Skyrocket

Pushball Latest Sports Addition

There's another bonecrusher on the base these days.

Rougher than football or lacrosse, as trying on individual endurance as hockey and basketball, and embodying the team spirit of a good tug of war with a mob scene thrown in—pushball is here.

Disguised under a comparatively mild name, this old game newly added to the athletic curriculum provides cadets with an opportunity to manhandle each other in general and practice highly individualized blitzkreig tactics in particular.

Lying quietly in state on the 60 yard line at the beginning of the game, and every now and then when combat temporarily ceases, a six-foot diameter rubber ball provides the center of attention for 22 charging athletic cadets—11 on a side.

Intent merely on committing legalized mayhem—and nothing more—the sweat clothed gladiators attempt to steamroller opposition by pushing the rubber goliath over, under or around each other and through a set of goal posts on either end of the field.

Points scored thusly are tabulated and duly entered on the record by the scorekeeper, providing a winner at the end of play. The cadets, however, use a different system of scoring—points, in their eyes, are scored by counting the number of opponents strewn up and down the field at the time the goal is made.

Thus, another quiet and dignified team sport enters on the roster of body building athletics being used by the Navy in its Pre-Flight program.

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Outstanding athletes are so numerous in the Pre-Flight School here that most of them go about their daily chores completely unnoticed. Buddy Hasset, who only last October, played first base for the Yankees in the World Series, has just completed his V-5 training here, and he will stay aboard as an officer in the athletic department. Pete Appleton, a pitcher of no little ability who starred with the surprising St. Louis Browns last year, has also come aboard as an officer. Like Hasset, he took his V-5 training here.

Adolph Kissell, who played halfback for the Chicago Bears this past fall, has come aboard as a cadet. He participated in 10 games with the Bears this year which means that he must be a pretty fair professor of the gridiron. We talked to him after the upset victory of the Washington Redskins over his former mates, and he was anything but happy about the whole affair. We couldn't help but think how much he wanted to participate in that game. He came mighty close, we might add, for we noticed that he was listed among those players eligible to participate. At the present time, he's trying out for the varsity basketball team.

Comdr. John P. Graff spoke before the coaches and athletic directors of the Southern Conference recently in Richmond.

"All rules are out in this war and American soldiers must be in good physical condition to hand it out," said our Skipper, who spoke on the importance of physical development. "It is not a case of 'We can take it' anymore. The Marines handed it out at Wake Island. Once there was only a day's supply of ammunition at Guadalcanal, but we still have it. The reason the Marines are outstanding soldiers is because they are taught the importance—the necessity—of good physical condition and are well trained."

Comdr. Graff added that the four See SPORT SLANTS, page 6

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