..Sport Slants..

Now that the national pastime is the major varsity sport at the Pre-Flight School we'd like to liven things up a bit with some diamond humor.

Cadets, officers, enlisted men and otherwise can help. Just take off a few minutes and jot down the oddest or funniest baseball story you ever heard. Bring it by the CLOUDBUSTER office and we'll do the rest.

Just to start things off we'll tell the one about the rookie who was trying to make the grade on a class D club. His only trouble was that he liked to sleep, and, strangely enough, he was so good at this pet aversion that it made no difference where.

On one occasion he fell asleep in the dugout only to have his manager awaken him and immediately ask what he was thinking about. "Oh," the rookie said, still half asleep, "I was just wondering if there was one man on first, two on second, three on third, and the batter would strike out just how many would score?"

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This next one is told at the start of every season. It seems that a certain major leaguer at bat took two terrific swings at the ball only to miss both times. The third pitch came across, the batter didn't swing, but the umpire yelled, "Strike three, you're out."

"That was a mile over my head," sarcastically retorted the batter. "You certainly missed that one."

"Well, don't let it worry you," the ump replied. "I'm still one up. You missed the first two."

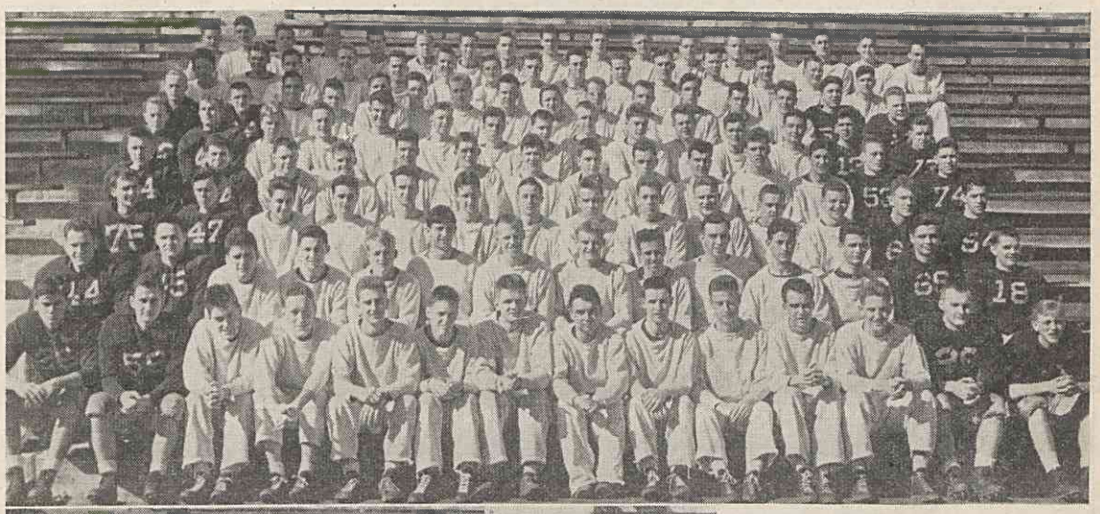
Battleships Still Undefeated; Meet Carriers Tuesday

Defeating the Destroyers 36 to 33 last Tuesday night in the Tin Can, Lieut. Bo Shepard's Battleships remain the only undefeated team in the officers' basketball league.

Play ends this Tuesday night—the featured game being between the undefeated Battleships and Lt. Comdr. Harvey Harman's Carriers. Whether Lieut. Shepard and Lt. Comdr. Harman will participate in the game was unknown at press time. Coach Shepard has announced that he will play if Harman does.

Other results of the past week saw the Cruisers defeat the Carriers, 34 to 27, and the Submarines defeat the Minesweepers, 37 to 28.

Vindicator Squadron Wins Winter Sports Program



THERE ARE TOO MANY in the top photo to print their names in the cutlines, but from the smiles on their faces they're evidently happy. They should be, too, for they're members of the Vindicator Squadron, winners of the winter sports program just completed. During the season they scored 62 points while the Coronado squadron, who ended up second, scored 59½. Squadron Athletic Director of the Vindicators was Lieut. Tom W. O'Connor who gives credit for the squadron's success to the spirit of the cadets and the coaches in charge of the various sports. Lower photo, left to right, shows the coaches. Front row: Ens. George Raab, wrestling; Ens. Sam Hammerstrom, football; Lieut. Tom W. O'Connor, director; Lieut. F. Haggerty, basketball. Second row: Lieut. Harry Lawrence, boxing; Junior Platoon Officer, Cadet Robert McLeary, swimming; Lieut. (jg) J. E. Wadsworth, soccer, and Lieut. (jg) Harry H. Hedgepath, football. In charge of the sports program is Lieut. Charles C. Bream, Jr.

'Buster Nine Starts Practice; Kepler Satisfied With Outlook

"It's still too early to tell where we'll be strong or where we'll be weak," Lieut. Don Kepler, head baseball coach, commented after the Cloudbusters finished their third workout of the season yesterday afternoon.

"But," he continued, "I'm confident that we'll have a good ball club on the field when we play our opening game against Catawba College at Salisbury on April 3."

Over 30 cadets participated in workouts this past week, and others are expected to tryout during the next few days. Several will probably report on Monday from the new battalion which came aboard Thursday.

Coach Kepler and assistants Lieut. (jg) Buddy Hassett, Lieut. (jg) Pete Appleton, Lieut. (jg) Al Sabo, and Ensign Bob Williams spent most of their time watching the cadets do a variety of things. Appleton and Williams took a good look at the pitchers, Hassett had his eye on the infielders and hitters, and Sabo kept the catchers in line. All over the field was Coach Kepler who tried to watch everything while seeing that everyone was given a fair chance.

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1200 Cadets Will Participate In Track Events

Postponed from last week, the track carnival, which is expected to have 1200 cadet participants, will be held next week, it has been announced by Lieut. Charles C. Bream, Jr., sports program head.

All cadets except those out for varsity baseball, football or on any of the sub squads will participate in the track carnival which is under the direction of Lieut. Charles "Chic" Werner, Lieut. Robert Pitkin, and Lieuts. (jg) P. H. Hooser and Francis Ryan, all track coaches.

Twelve events are scheduled for the track program. Cadets will spend Monday and Tuesday practicing the various events they plan to enter, and the remainder of the week will be spent in competition. All cadets will participate in two events. Points will be credited to the various squadrons as usual, and the one with the highest total will be granted the Liberty Award next Saturday night. Winning cadets in each of the events will be presented cups by the Pre-Flight School.

The Buffaloes with seven points top the first week of the spring sports program. Last week they received the Liberty Award.

In football next week the Vindicators meet the Devastators; the Skyrockets vs. the Mustangs, the Catalinas vs. the Buccaneers, the Wildcats vs. the Mariners, the Buffaloes vs. the Coronadoes, and the Kingfishers vs. the Helldivers.