

Lexington Leads Softball League

Downing the Essex 14 to 3 last Wednesday afternoon, the Lexington officers' team took over undisputed possession of first place in the Pre-Flight softball league.

In other games of the day, Cowpens defeated the Hospital Corps, 16 to 7, the Ranger triumphed over the Enterprise in a 13-inning battle, 8 to 7, and the Saratoga downed the Satellites, 19 to 11.

At the end of two weeks of play, six of the eight teams are bunched in a tie for second place, with the Hospital Corps the only team without a victory.

The standings:

	W	L	Pct.
Lexington	2	0	1.000
Cowpens	1	1	.500
Enterprise	1	1	.500
Essex	1	1	.500
Ranger	1	1	.500
Saratoga	1	1	.500
Satellites	1	1	.500
Hospital Corps	0	2	.000

Officers and enlisted men who are not now members of any team and who wish to play should leave their name and playing position with Lieut. F. L. Gillespie, USNR, assistant welfare and recreation officer, and they will be placed on a team.

A few of the regulations governing softball play, as agreed to by team representatives in a meeting last week, are as follows:

Only one base is allowed on an overthrow, when the ball leaves the playing field.

Runners must hold the base until ball leaves the pitcher's hand.

Runners cannot score on wild pitch or passed ball.

At least four full innings must be played to constitute a game.

Postponed games will be played the following week.

Kingfishers Lead Sports Program

The Kingfishers, with 46 points, took over undisputed possession of first place in the Sports Program last week end, breaking a three way tie for top honors with the Vindicators and Wildcats.

In second place, were the Vindicators with 45½ points, followed by the Wildcats with 42. Other squadrons and points show the Mustangs with 37, the Mariners with 36, the Helldivers with 35½, the Buccaneers with 35, the Devastators and Catalinas with 34, the Buffalos with 30, the Skyrockets with 26, and Coronados with 19.

16 Meet in Wrestling Finals Monday

Sixteen survivors from an original field of 159 wrestlers will meet Monday afternoon at 1530 in the finals of the wrestling tournament which got underway this week.

Competition was held on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, and Lieut. Charles Speidel, USNR, Tournament Director and Head Coach of Wrestling, stated that most of the bouts had proved very interesting.

"Naturally in the first round," commented Coach Speidel, "there were plenty of falls, and the experienced wrestlers took care of the others in short time. In the semi-finals, though, most of the bouts were very even, and some of the participants proved to be clever grapplers."

Although the results of yesterday's competition were announced too late for today's edition of the CLOUDBUSTER, most of the eight seeded wrestlers at the start of the tournament were expected to



PRESENT at the opening round of the wrestling tournament was Henrik de Kauffmann, right, Danish minister to the United States, who inspected the Pre-Flight training program this week. He is shown in the above picture with Lieut. Charles Speidel, USNR, Head Wrestling Coach.

participate in the finals. Seeded were Cadets R. D. All-

croft and E. Pappert in the 151 pound class, B. N. Tuttle and F. T. Vitcusky in the 158, John Abraham and S. J. Brocato in the 175, and O. G. Anderson and B. W. Dennison in the heavyweight division. In the opening round all eight took care of their opponents in short order, and Vitcusky pulled the quickest fall of the tournament when he upset Cadet W. P. Yarger of Skyrockets in 28 seconds of the first round.

In the original field there were 16 entries in the 132 pound class, 17 in 138, 20 in 145, 20 in 151, 22 in 158, 19 in 165, 24 in 175, and 21 in the heavyweight class.

Henrik de Kauffmann, Danish minister to the United States, who spoke on the University campus this week, inspected the Pre-Flight program and was present at the opening of the tournament.

Assisting Lieut. Speidel with the tournament is Lieut. Rex Pyles, USNR, of the athletic department.

Cloudbusters Meet Duke Here Today in Ration League Game

Cadet Ivan Fleser, chunky righthander, is expected to start on the mound for the Cloudbusters this afternoon when they meet Duke's Blue Devils in a Ration League contest starting in Emerson Stadium at 1600.

The encounter will mark the fifth game played by the Cloudbusters during the past six days and their second start against Ration League competition.

Sporting a record of three wins and four losses in league play, the Pre-Flighters need a victory today to keep them near the top in the standings. At present Carolina's Tar Heels, with five wins against a single loss, are the leaders.

The Cloudbusters should have a better record. Against N. C. State at Raleigh on Monday afternoon they led, 9 to 0, going into the seventh. Then a bunch of errors, some free passes to first base, and a couple of wild pitches gave the State boys 10 runs and the ball game.

Over the first six innings State had been able to gather but three hits off Cadet Ivan Fleser, who started, and only one man had reached third base. Came the fatal seventh, and the Red Terrors found the range, aided by three Pre-Flight errors. Four runs were

scored in this frame, a like number were added in the eight, and Goodman's triple with two on in the ninth produced the margin of victory for the winners. Cadet W. H. Sims hurled the last two innings for the Cloudbusters and was charged with the loss.

Bonifant with a triple and single in five trips led the losers at bat. He also drove in two runs.

Playing Catawba here on Tuesday afternoon the locals waited too long to get started and dropped a 9 to 5 decision. It was a long ball game, lasting two hours and 50 minutes.

Cadets Brosang, Zorn and Taylor hurled for the Pre-Flighters, but none was very effective. The visitors scored two in the first, single runs in the second and third, two more in the fourth, and three in the eighth. They were never behind during the ball game.

Until the seventh when a single and two errors produced two Pre-Flight scores, Don Hanley, Catawba pitcher, had complete charge of the proceedings. Followed two more Pre-Flight scores in the eighth and a single run in the ninth.

K. Karl, Catawba catcher, led the hitting for both clubs with a home run and two singles in five

Ration League Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Carolina	5	1	.833
Duke	4	3	.571
Pre-Flight	3	4	.428
State	2	7	.222

trips to the plate. His homer came in the eighth with two men on. He drove in four runs. Hagstrom and Bonifant had three hits for the losers.

A four run rally in the ninth inning at Davidson on Wednesday gave the Pre-Flighters their first victory of the week. The score was 8 to 5. The losers had held a 1-0 lead and then a 5-3 advantage and were leading 5-4 at the start of the ninth.

Cadet Ivan Fleser, Pre-Flight hurler who had relieved Cadet Roderick Zorn in the sixth, led off with a triple in the ninth, and George Bonifant doubled, scoring Fleser with the tying run. Followed singles by Marchand, Ravashere, and Marousek, and three more runs were in. Fleser received credit for the victory.

Besides starting the ninth inning rally which led to victory, Cadet Fleser held the Davidson lads hitless during the four innings he was on the mound.

Yesterday's game here between the University of Virginia and the Cloudbusters was not finished until after the deadline for this week's issue.