

Cloudbuster Personalities

John (Bud) Palmer, first string center, stands six feet, four inches tall, weighs 180 pounds, and hails from Princeton, N. J. He was graduated from Princeton last year, and while there participated in soccer, basketball, lacrosse and tennis. All together he won eight varsity letters. He was leading Ivy League scorer in basketball, made the All-Ivy League first team at center, and was voted the outstanding athlete in his class. The tallest man on the Cloudbuster squad, he uses his height to advantage. At present he is leading Pre-Flight scorer with a total of 77 points in four games.

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Forward Robert (Whitey) Myers was captain-elect of the Dartmouth basketball team this year, but instead of returning to college he became a V-5 cadet. A 190-pounder, he is six feet, three inches tall, and hails from Wyoming, Ohio. In high school, Myers was an all-round athlete winning three letters in football, basketball, and baseball, and four in golf. A good floor man, he has done yeoman work in the games played thus far.

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By way of Rhode Island State and Braintree, Mass., Cadet J. W. Smith came to Chapel Hill. He can play either at the guard or forward position depending on the calibre of the opposition. He attended Dean Academy in Franklin, Mass., and participated in football, basketball and baseball. A fairly good shot and excellent passer, he has turned in two nice performances in the last two Cloudbuster games. He weighs 183 pounds, and his height is one inch over six feet.

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The most aggressive player on the Cloudbuster squad is Don Elser, who weighs 220 pounds, is six feet, three inches tall, and who hails from Gary, Indiana. Elser is especially good under the basket and scores most of his points while breaking toward the hoop. He attended Notre Dame, winning three letters in football, one in basketball, three in track. He played a bit of professional basketball with Toledo in the National League.

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While Don Elser is the most aggressive, Tippy Dye gets the



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Lieut. R. A. Raese, Cloudbuster Mentor, Has Made Fine Record

"We try to hold the ball until we get an almost certain scoring play, and then we shoot," says Lieut. R. A. Raese, USNR, head basketball coach of the Cloudbusters.

That, in one sentence, sums up the style of play used by the Pre-Flighters, and it is one of the reasons they have won their last four starts in a row.

Coach 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. Two years ago his West Virginia University team won the Madison Square Garden Invitational Tournament defeating such formidable opponents as Long Island University, Toledo, and Kentucky.

Only 34 now, Coach Raese was graduated from West Virginia University in 1932. While there he played football but, as he puts it, was not particularly interested in basketball.



Coach Raese

After graduation 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.

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Mustang Squadron Holds Top Position In Sports Program

The Mustangs continued to hold the top position in the Sports Program competition as of last Saturday, but the Wildcats are but four points out of first place.

The leaders, undefeated in swimming and only a tie to mar their record in boxing and soccer, have a total of 30 points. They have won three and lost one in basketball, and have a win and a loss to their credit in two wrestling meets.

The second place Wildcats are undefeated in both wrestling and swimming and would be in top place were it not for their record of but one win in four starts in basketball. In soccer and boxing they have won one and lost one.

Tied for third position are the Buccaneers and Mariners with 24 points apiece. The Catalinas are next with 22, the Skyrockets and Kingfishers have 20, the Coronados 18, Devastators 16, Vindicators and Helldivers 14, and the Buffalos 12.

Still undefeated are the Buccaneers and Mariners in wrestling, the Coronados in swimming, the Catalinas in soccer, and Skyrockets in basketball.

In "B" competition the Catalinas lead with 32 points, the Buccaneers have 30, Mariners 28, Skyrockets and Wildcats 26, Mustangs 24, Buffalos 18, Coronados 14, Vindicators 12, Kingfishers 10, Devastators 8, and Helldivers 6.

'Busters Defeat Coast Guard, 61-36

A goal from under the basket by Cadet John Smith broke a 14-14 deadlock midway the first period and gave the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight Cloudbusters a lead they never relinquished as they defeated the Charleston Coast Guard, 61 to 36.

The loss was the first of the year for the visitors, and it also marked the fourth straight win for the Pre-Flighters.

It was John (Bud) Palmer, former Princeton captain, who paced the winners. The lanky center connected for 22 points on 11 field goals. Robert (Whitey) Myers had 15 and Tippy Dye 12.

For the Coast Guard Gifford Roux was high man with 13 points. His uncanny shooting in the early

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