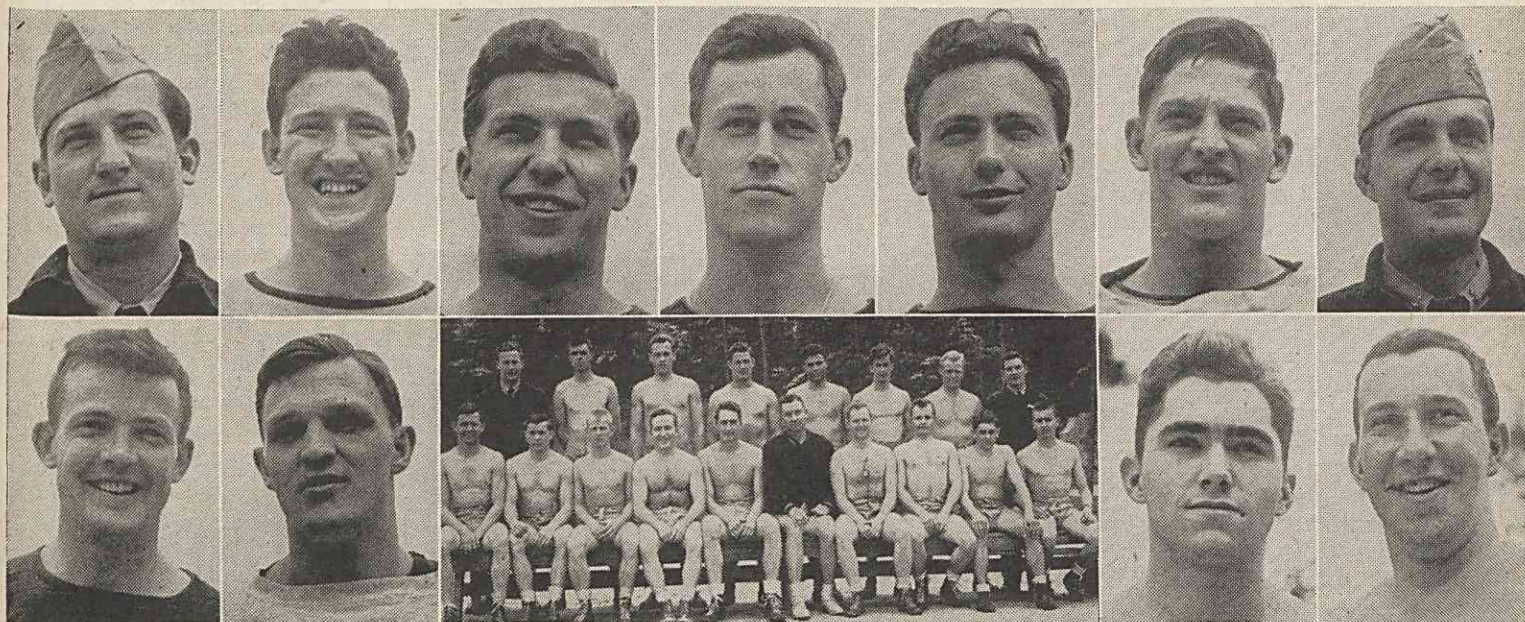


The Cream of the Crop in the Sports Program



OUTSTANDING IN SPORTS PROGRAM competition during the past few weeks are the cadets pictured above. Top row, left to right: Cadets Vezzi and Bessey, soccer aces; Wriston, Nelson, and Anderson, basketball; and Cryster and McKeever, wrestling. Bottom row, left to right: Cadets Graney and Green, boxing; the Skyrocket wrestling team; and Cadets Tidd and Ames, gym and tumbling. In the Skyrocket wrestling picture, first row, left to right: Cadets J. E. Bernard, J. A. Richardson, Don Crooks, B. F. Carr, Camerson Davis, captain of the team, Coach Langston, H. J. O'Neill, W. H. Hensley, E. H. Eastwood, and H. M. Mau. Second row, left to right: R. S. Ludwig, O. A. Phillips, J. K. O'Hara, R. T. Hughes, H. I. Liberman, R. G. Cummings, Ben Siesina, and H. G. Bailey. Coach Langston says that the cadets deserve all the credit for their fine victory. "Their spirit of teamwork and cooperation has been unsurpassed," he told the Cloudbuster. "They will make fine Naval aviators and carry on until Tokyo is pinned to the mat."

Cadets Continue to Set New Marks in Sports Program Competition

A couple of weeks ago the Skyrocket wrestling team, present leaders in the Sports Program, were scheduled to meet the Coronado team, coached by Lieut. Ed. Don George, USNR, former world's heavyweight wrestling champion.

Lt. (jg) Lonnie Langston, USNR, the Skyrocket coach, wanted his boys to win. They had worked hard, and a victory would put them in undisputed possession of first place.

"Do you know," he told the cadets just before the meet, "that this afternoon you're going against one of the greatest names in wrestling? A fellow by the name of Ed Don George, former world champion. Now, don't get scared or let it worry you. He's not going to wrestle. He's just coach of the opposition."

That was all the Skyrockets needed. The tension was off. They won hands down.

A visit to Sports Program competition will find 1,700 cadets taking active part in six different sports. This week the CLOUDBUSTER selected two outstanding men in each competitive sport. They are pictured above.



Cadet Getchell, on the right, and Rothrock, on the left, are the swimming standouts in the Sports Program.

Outstanding in wrestling are Cadets Hobart McKeever, and B. F. Cryster.

The former, a member of the Kingfisher squadron, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. While in college he was captain of the wrestling team, and in

1942 and '43 he was Southern Conference champion in the 128-pound class. At present he is Cadet Regimental Commissary Officer.

Cryster enlisted in V-5 after serving three years with the fleet. He hails from DuBois, Pennsylvania, and was state champ in the

136-pound division his last two years in high school. While serving in the regular Navy as an enlisted man, he competed against some of the best wrestlers in the fleet.

Both Cryster and McKeever scored victories for the Cloudbusters when the Pre-Flight wrestling team met the Naval Academy at Annapolis recently.

Cadet Sherman Ames recently did 26 hip pullovers in succession in gym and tumbling. This mark broke all existing records in this event in the four Pre-Flight Schools. The previous record of 22 pullovers was held by Cadet Calvetti at Iowa. Ames had little experience in gymnastics before coming into the program. He was never on a gym team, and says that most of his ability comes from climbing walls and jumping fences while a youngster.

The best-all-round performer in gym and tumbling is Cadet R. F. Tidd. A holdover from the 44th, he picked up most of his training while traveling with a semi-pro gym team in Pennsylvania.

The big three in basketball are See *SPORTS PROGRAM*, page 4