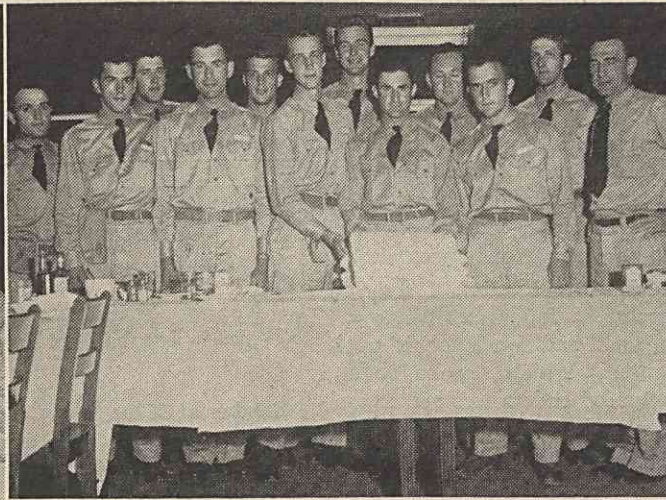


The Coach Told A Yarn; The Team Ate Steak; The Mascot Posed For Cameraman



MEMBERS OF THE Cloubuster baseball team were feted to a special banquet by the Cloubusters Athletic Association on Monday night in Lenoir Hall. On the left Lt. Comdr. Glenn Killinger, USNR, is shown going through the motions of telling one of his favorite baseball stories, while Lieut. Comdr. James P. Raugh, USNR, looks on with amusement. The center photo pictures the Cloubuster nine with Coach Killinger, while on the right little "Red" Brownback, the team's mascot, poses with a few bats.

Bill Lee Leads Ration League With .458 Average

Bill Lee, versatile Carolina star from Fuquay Springs, won the 1944 batting championship of the Ration League, according to official averages released by L. H. Addington of Durham, league statistician.

Lee, who alternated between first base and the catching job, batted .458 for seven games. Bill Wright, Duke shortstop who participated in all his team's dozen league games, finished in the runner-up spot, with an even .400.

Wright led in three other departments of offense—runs scored, 14; runs batted in, 11; total hits, 22. He tied Matherly of Duke for the lead in two-base hits, 4; and tied Falk of Pre-Flight and Wilson of State for the lead in homers, 2. Wilson led in triples, 3. Paul Gaulin of Pre-Flight led in stolen bases, 4.

Pre-Flight won the league championship, with 10 victories and 2 defeats. Duke was second, 9 and 3; Carolina third, with 5 and 7; State last, with no victories in a dozen games.

The official batting averages for players with percentages of .200 or better:

	G	Ab	H	Pct.
Sudeck, Car.	4	2	1	.500
Lee, Car.	7	24	11	.458
Wright, Duke	12	55	22	.400
Newman, Pre-F.	6	14	5	.357
Matherly, Duke	12	54	18	.333
Little, Duke	12	51	17	.333
Warren, Car.	12	48	17	.333
Falk, Pre-F.	12	40	13	.325
Gilliam, Car.	12	46	14	.304

Athletic Group Honors Ration League Champs With Banquet

Held especially to honor the team for winning the Ration League championship, members of the 1944 Cloubuster baseball squad were feted to a special steak dinner by the Cloubuster Athletic Association on Monday night in the Pine Room of Lenoir Hall.

Lieut. Comdr. Burton Ingwersen, USNR, Director of Athletics, served as master of ceremonies. He congratulated the cadets for their very fine spirit on the field, and stated that, "he got a much greater thrill out of watching the 1944 team perform than he did the team last year with Ted Williams, Johnny Pesky and the other major league stars."

Lieut. Comdr. James P. Raugh, USNR, Commanding Officer; Lieut. Comdr. Howard Hamilton, USNR, Executive Officer, and Lieut. Comdr. Glenn Killinger, USNR, head coach of baseball, all made short talks in which they praised the cadets for the fine spirit which won for them the Ration League pennant.

"The 1 to 0 victory over Duke has served as an inspiration to every man attached to this station," Lieut. Comdr. Raugh told the cadets. "Each of you are to be congratulated for bringing the championship to this Pre-Flight School."

Certificates from the Cloubuster Athletic Association were presented to each member of the team by Lieut. Comdr. Raugh. Also, the Pre-Flight Skipper told the cadets that a gold baseball had been ordered for each of them.

Lieut. Comdr. Hamilton also mentioned the Duke game. He reminded the cadets that on the baseball field they were learning the fundamental principles that would make them the best pilots in the world.

"I've coached a lot of baseball teams," Lieut. Comdr. Killinger told his boys, "but I've never coached a team with more spirit and determination. We didn't have a great ball club. Our hitting was weak. But we played hard and we played to win. You boys are responsible for victory. Congratulations!"

Wilson, State	12	49	14	.286	Kollonige, Pre-F.	2	8	2	.250
Wimbrow, Duke	7	28	14	.286	Griffeth, Duke	2	8	2	.250
Yautz, Duke	4	7	2	.286	Gaulin, Pre-F.	10	42	10	.239
Doran, Pre-F.	3	7	2	.286	Dawson, State	6	17	4	.235
Pickett, Duke	11	43	12	.279	King, Car.	12	30	7	.233
Black, Car.	11	47	13	.277	J. White, Duke	7	22	5	.227
Barnes, Pre-F.	11	40	11	.275	Evans, State	12	19	11	.224
Gaither, Pre-F.	9	30	8	.267	Branch, Car.	12	41	9	.219
Wiggs, State	11	35	9	.257	Wood, State	9	28	6	.214
Hoey, Car.	12	51	13	.255	Hewlett, Duke	5	14	3	.214
Bishop, Duke	10	32	8	.250	Mills, Pre-F.	10	25	5	.200
Edwards, State	9	20	5	.250	M. White, Duke	7	30	6	.200
Burkewitz, Pre-F.	4	4	1	.250	DiChiara, Car.	6	20	4	.200

Cloubusters Drop Two Games

Since defeating Duke, 1 to 0, to win the Ration League championship, the Cloubusters have dropped their last two games, losing to Cherry Point, 6 to 5, and to Tech-Hawk, Greensboro, 14 to 4.

The Cherry Point contest was a 12 inning affair, the game being tied up 4 to 4 at the end of the ninth. In the 12th the Cloubusters pushed across a run to move ahead, 5 to 4, but the Marines scored two in the same frame to win the game.

Somerville started on the mound for the Navy, but both O'Neill and Siegneur saw action before the contest was finished.

In Greensboro, on Wednesday night of this week, the Pre-Flighters suffered the 14 to 4 defeat. However, the score does not indicate the closeness of the contest which, incidentally, was witnessed by 4,000 persons.

The wildness of four Pre-Flight hurlers and a couple of tough breaks were responsible for the Cloubuster downfall. Until the Tech-Hawks scored seven runs in the last of the fifth, the Cloubusters were ahead, 4 to 1.

A near-riot enlivened the ball game in the top half of the fifth when Jim Crampsey belted a tremendous drive over Taft Wright's head in deep left field. It scored Dusty Cooke from first base, and Crampsey himself dashed for the plate. The relay got away from

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