

'Busters Tackle Greenville Air Base To Start Hardwood Season

With Greenville Air Base as the foe, the curtain rises on the Cloudbusters' 1944-45 basket ball season at 1930 in Woollen Gymnasium.

Little is known of the visitors, except that for the last two years they have been among the best service quints, but Pre-Flight also is an unknown quality.

Lieut. R. A. Raese, easy-going West Virginian who coached the Cloudbusters as they won 17 of 20 games last season, is optimistic. "They don't have the experience of Palmer, Skaug, Myers, Elser and others of a year ago," he admits, "but they make up for it with fight and determination." Lieut. Raese, however, doubts if the 1943-44 record will be matched.

Dye Captains Quint

A pair of cadets from Indiana's fertile courts are expected to lead the Cloudbusters in scoring. One is Bob Mehl, forward from Indianapolis; the other is Ed Leakey, guard from Andrews. Both are good set shots and are the tallest members of the squad.

At the other forward post will be W. D. Meador of Patoka, Ill., a good passer and fair shot, and pairing with Leakey at guard will be the veteran Tippy Dye, team captain. Only holdover, Dye is a great defensive player and will do much to steady the younger players. J. R. Tobias has the inside track at center. Leading reserves include Meserve and Clann.

Two other games are scheduled next week, the Busters traveling to Camp Butner on Thursday and entertaining Cherry Point at Woollen next Saturday. The Marines were one of the three quints to defeat Pre-Flight last season.

An Indian in Santa Fe, N. M., is doing a land office business in this tobacco-less town. His merchandise: cigarets made from corn silk.



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"When I get home I'm going to sue Hollywood for misrepresentation"

Five of the boys were rolling the bones in a back room in Philadelphia when 4 bandits entered, lined the players against the walls, scooped up a "pot" of \$2,052 and escaped.

Because passengers have been complaining, the City Utilities Department has ordered 350 street car conductors in San Francisco to take courses in courtesy.

Rookie Leaves Sarge To Finish His Watch
Camp Wolter, Tex.—"Halt," the rookie shouted as a first sergeant approached his guard post. Then there was a long pause. He couldn't remember what to say next.

"Who's there?" the helpful sergeant prompted.

"Friend," the rookie said.

"Advance, friend, and be recognized," the sergeant said. The private advanced.

"Recognized," the sergeant said, still prompting. "Proceed."

The private walked off the post and back to his barracks.

Trojans, Vols Only Unbeaten Elevens To Play In Four Major New Year Tilts

Only two teams in the four major New Year's Day bowl games will be unbeaten and these—Southern California and Tennessee—will meet in the Rose Bowl. The Trojans, however, are twice tied; Vols once.

Tennessee received the bid when Ohio State, linked with Army and Navy as the "Big Three" among the colleges, was forced to refuse because of policy.

Duke, beaten four times, will play once-whipped, twice-tied Alabama in the Sugar Bowl. In the Cotton Bowl T.C.U., beaten

and tied once, will tackle once-defeated Oklahoma A. & M.

The Orange Bowl committee was jolted last week when, after inviting Georgia Tech, rebounding Notre Dame socked the Engineers, 21-0. Tech still has Georgia to play today. Tulsa is the other Orange Bowl team.

Arrested on a downtown street in Denver while wearing a bird cage over his face, a 62-year-old local eccentric had a ready explanation. "I'm a child of impulse," he contended.

Sports Watch

Navy's fast, rugged football force, sometimes great and sometimes disappointing, can do an idle Ohio State eleven a favor this afternoon in Baltimore. The Middies could well make the Buckeyes clear-cut national champions.

Army is the No. 1 team as it moves into the big game with Navy. Unbeaten, untied and with an offense that has accounted for 481 points, the Cadets rank Ohio State and twice-beaten Navy. But a defeat today doubtless would change the ratings to the Buckeyes, Middies and Army, in that order.

Probably never in the long, rich history of Army-Navy football have the two academies reached their prime objective with such juggernauts. Army is established as a power but in appraising the West Pointers it's something like asking, "How high is up?" In other words, how mighty is Army?

Cadets Never Extended

None of the Cadets' opponents—North Carolina, Brown, Pitt, Coast Guard Academy, Duke, Villanova, Penn and even Notre Dame—was able to offer more than a gallant stand. Many observers feel that not until the Navy battle is finished will Army be fully tested.

Navy's team is like the fabled little girl with a curl. When Navy is good, it is very good. When Navy is bad, it is horrible. The speed, power and manpower is present, as Notre Dame, Purdue and Cornell will attest, but against North Carolina Pre-Flight and, particularly, Georgia Tech, it was wasted.

Even without Bob Jenkins Navy could win but Army will be the favorite and not necessarily because of superior strength. From this corner it looks as if Army will have to out-general the Middies because if they are charging the odds are that no team will overpower them.

Army's football teams, since 1890, have won 309 games, lost 115 and tied 32. Against Navy the Cadets have won 22, lost 19, tied 3.

In Fort Worth, Texas, robbers entered the Helpy-Selfy Grocery Store, obligingly helped themselves to the contents of the safe.

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