

Sports Watch

Hail To The Kings

High above the Hudson, behind the bleak, gray ramparts, reign the new, undisputed monarchs of football. For the first time since 1916 the Cadets of West Point have finished a perfect season. This week not even Ohio State, also unbeaten, claimed No. 1 ranking.

In Baltimore it was cold and crisp, and it was a cold, crisp story the scoreboard told last Saturday: Army, 23; Navy, 7. Veterans of press-boxes, who normally shy away from such comparisons, boldly wrote that Army (and Navy, too), could hold their own in professional National League play.

Switched at the 11th hour from Annapolis to Baltimore's big, splintery wooden bowl, the game netted \$58,637,000 for the Sixth War Loan Bond sales. So absorbing was interest that broadcasts were piped to other big stadia in the country, short-waved to ships and shore stations, and elaborately filmed for Armed Forces consumption all over the world.

Regardless of the outcome, it was pre-destined to be a great event. Army and Navy ranked among the top three teams. No. 1 ranking was at stake. It is no longer. Prohibited from post-season competition, Army's juggernaut is retired, untied, unbeaten and unsurpassed.

Prophet And A Coach

Dyke Raese, who coached the Cloudbusters to 17 wins in 20 basketball games last season, harped on one subject in pre-campaign promises. "We'll be fast and aggressive," he said, "but we won't have the experience and we won't win so many games."

There was no way of telling, last week, whether the 1944-45 Pre-Flighters would win as many games. But the Cloudbusters buried Greenville Air Base and lived up to Raese's other predictions. They were (1), fast; (2), aggressive.

There was a certain amount of rustiness and the quint lacked height under the baskets, but the return of Otto Graham will lend stature and the play will become smoother. The 'Busters looked as if they'll do very nicely until something better comes along.

OPERATIONAL REPORT

ATTACHMENTS:
Bergamini, Y. C., PhM2c from N.A.S. Norman, Okla.; Butler, M. E., PhM2c from N.A.S. Bunker Hill, Ind.; DuPont, D. A., PhM2c from N.A.S. Norman, Okla.; Esmail, J. J., Y2c from N.A.S. Glenview, Ill.; Skofield, L., PhM2c from N.A.S. Norman, Okla.; and Smith, H. C., EM2c from Receiving Station, Norfolk, Va.

DETACHMENTS:
Ellis, J., CSM to Receiving Station, San Francisco, Calif.; and Thompson, E., SK2c to Alameda, Calif.

CHANGES IN RATES:
Allbright, J. L. from S1c to RM3c; Champion, W. A. from S2c to SAD3c; Gulette, C. T. from S2c to SAD3c; Overstreet, L. O. from SK1c to SKD1c; Spears, H. W. from RM3c to RT3c; and Thompson, E. M. from SK2c to SKD2c.

Win Over Marines Is Goal Of Quint In Tilt Tonight

Out to gain revenge for last year's 44-to-43 defeat, the Cloudbuster cagers meet the strong Cherry Point Marines tonight at 1930 in Woollen gymnasium.

There is a chance that Otto Graham, the All-American football and basketball star from Northwestern, will be in the Pre-Flight lineup for the first time. He was due to return from leave yesterday, and Coach Raese stated that he would use him against the Marines.

Graham's return should do much to aid the Cloudbuster cause, and his height should aid the Raesemen considerably on rebounds.

Mistakes Expected

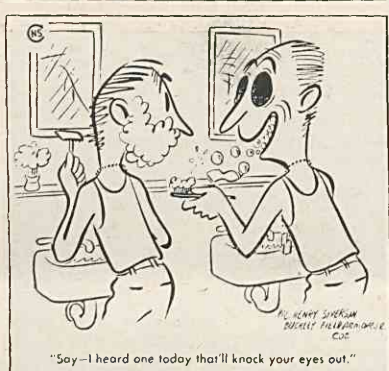
Two games have been played to date, and Coach Raese likes the prospects of the future. On last Saturday night the Greenville Air Base was defeated, 59 to 31, and on Thursday night of this week the local quintet played Camp Butner there. The score of the latter game arrived too late for this week's paper.

"We made a lot of mistakes in our first game," the Cloudbuster coach admits, "but that was to be expected. As you know, most of the boys on the squad have had little previous experience. They'll improve after we've played three or four games."

Donald Gleasner, an end on the football team, will start at center against Cherry Point. Meador and Mehl will be at the forwards, with Tippy Dye and either Leakey or Tobias at the guard positions.

Mehl led the scoring against Greenville with 13 points. Meador had 12, Leakey 8, Brace, Tobias and Clann 6 each, Dye 4, and Gleasner and Meserve 2.

Graham, Bray Picked On All-Mid-Atlantic Service Eleven



Pre-Flight's Otto Graham, versatile back, and Ray Bray, giant tackle, were selected on the Associated Press' All-Mid-Atlantic Service team for 1944. It was announced this week. As expected, unbeaten Bainbridge Navy and Camp Peary's powerhouse dominated, the Marylanders capturing five places and Peary sailors landing three spots.

The team was selected by service coaches and sports writers of the Maryland-Virginia-North Carolina area and offers a line-up full of power, speed and experience. With the exception of well-deserving Charley Trippi of the 3rd AAF, all members of the first team are familiar Pre-Flighters.

Three Bainbridge players—Garrard Ramsey, guard; Harvey Johnson, fullback, and Charley Justice, tailback—are repeated from the 1943 Mid-Atlantic team. Graham, ex-Northwestern star, was a 1943 college All-American nomination, and Bray last season was named to the Service All-American.

Flick, Koslowski On Second

Graham, Trippi, Justice and Johnson form a mythical backfield that compares well with any in the country, college, service or professional. At the end are Ben Hightower of Peary and Al Vandeweghe of Bainbridge. The tackles are Bray and Lou Defilippo of Peary; guards are Ramsey and Russ Letlow of Peary, and the center is Louis Sossamon, Bainbridge.

Two more Cloudbusters, Gene Flick and Halfback Stan Koslowski, were awarded places on the second team, along with such other stars as Harry Hopp, Andy Uram and Hilliard Cheatham.

Warren Anderson, end and honorary captain of the Cloudbusters, and Ralph Huneycutt, center, were given honorable mention.

61st Batt Pressed To Win Wrestling

Although undefeated in battalion dual meets for the last six weeks, wrestlers of the 61st almost failed to win the Pre-Flight wrestling tournament just completed.

The winners had 50 points, the 62nd 48, and the two other battalions who participated were far behind, the 63rd scoring only 33 points while the 64th had 15.

Cadets George Rawls, 142, Don Kelley, 166, and M. E. Litz, 172, all of the 61st, won championships at their respective weights in the finals.

62nd Has 4 Champs

The 62nd had four champions, but failed to win enough second and third places to triumph. Cadet Tom Hayden won the 148-pound class, Cadet Raymond Cournoyer was best at 154, Cadet R. L. Smith won at 158, and Cadet W. E. Machurate captured the heavyweight crown.

In the remaining classes, Cadets C. E. Clemens won the 136 division, and S. S. Paterno set the pace at 160. Both are members of the 63rd battalion.

Meet The Station's New Mat Kings



GRUNT AND GROAN MEN—Close to 100 cadets participated in the wrestling tournament just completed, and these eight are the new champions. First row, left to right: Cadet Raymond Cournoyer, 154; Tom Hayden, 148; George Rawls, 142, and C. E. Clemens, 136. Second row, left to right: W. E. Machurat, heavyweight; R. L. Smith, 158; M. E. Litz, 172; Don Kelley, 166, and S. S. Paterno, 160.

EM, Aerologists Take Cage Count

Interest continues to mount in the newly organized officers and enlisted men's basketball league which was started 10 days ago.

There are six teams in the league. Play is divided into two halves, with the winners of each half meeting for the championship.

Lieut. Wermuth announced that the championship game would probably be played as a preliminary to a varsity game near the end of the season.

First round competition saw the upper quadrangle defeat the enlisted men, 59 to 23; the lowest squad win over the athletic officers, 17 to 9, and the navigation department conquer aerology, 25 to 16.