

New Coaches, Mittmen Poised For Season

Rebounding Cagers Idling Until Duke Contest Next Week

On the rebound after two defeats in early season play, the Cloudbuster cagers will meet their first college opponent of the year next Friday night in Woollen gymnasium when Duke University invades Chapel Hill.

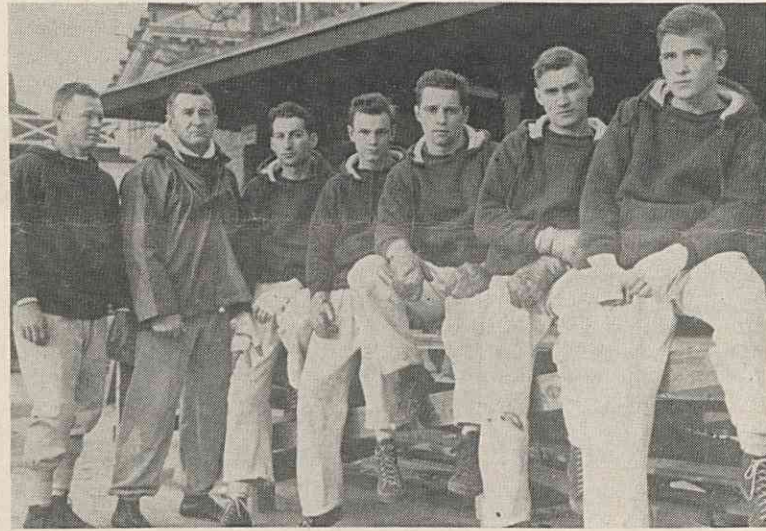
The visitors, winners of the Southern Conference basketball tournament last year, have one of the finest college quints in this section. The two teams met twice last year with the Cloudbusters winning both times, here by a 58 to 39 score and at Durham by a 48 to 35 margin.

During the past two weeks the Cloudbusters have shown much improvement. Last Monday the Laurenberg-Maxton Air Base team was defeated, 64 to 38. As usual, it was Bob Mehl, W. D. Meador and Otto Graham who set the scoring pace, while Donald Gleasner and Tippy Dye, the other starters, continued their fine defensive work.

Last Wednesday the team won its fourth game in six starts by coming from behind four times in the second half to decision Fort Bragg, 49 to 44.

Bones McKinney of Bragg was

Ring Coaches And Bright Prospects



Boxing returns to the varsity spotlight with four meets already on schedule and others expected to be added during the next two weeks. Left to right are pictured Lieut. J. A. Young, head coach; Lieut. Robert Kellogg, assistant coach, and Cadets A. D. Byrd, 170; Dan McCarthy, 135; Jim MacConnachie, 155; Al Salkowski, 135, and Joe Craigmile, 160, all promising prospects.

the scoring star despite fouling out with 14 minutes of play remaining. For the Cloudbusters, Graham scored 19 points, Meador, 17; Mehl, eight; Glesner, three, and Meserve, only local sub, two.

Mehl Is 'Buster Scoring Ace With 15-Points Average

Possessing a game average of slightly more than 15 points, Bob Mehl, who played high school basketball in his hometown of Indianapolis, Ind., is setting the scoring pace for the Cloudbuster basketball team.

Mehl has registered 76 points on 34 field goals and eight foul shots during the first five contests. In second place is W. D. Meador, another high school lad, who has scored 57 points. Otto Graham, who has played only three contests, has 32 points to his credit.

The scoring in Wednesday's game with Fort Bragg is not included.

The leaders:

	GP.	G.	F.	TP.
Mehl, f	5	34	8	76
Meador, g	5	24	9	57
Leakey, f	4	16	5	37
Graham, f	3	11	10	32
Gleasner, c	5	12	1	25

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with town liberty starting at 0830 and ending at 2400. Noon meal formation will be at 1300. Navy Hall will hold open house all day and at the Village Theatre the movie will be "And the Angels Sing," with four showings.

New Year Day will not be a holiday. There will be, however, a pre-New Year Eve regimental dance in Woollen gym and an extension of liberty until 0100.

Four Meets Listed; Coach Young Still Picking First Team

New coaches and a new team are in the offing for Pre-Flight boxing for 1944-45.

Already four meets—one each with Emory and Henry, and Virginia, and two with Maryland—have been scheduled, and others are expected to be added within the next two weeks.

Coach of the present squad is Lieut. J. A. Young, who prior to being commissioned in the Navy was attached to Blackfox Military Academy in Hollywood, Calif. He is ably assisted by Lieut. Robert Kellogg, of Cloudbuster fame, Lieut. Robert Grieve, and Lieut. Gale O'Brien.

As of this writing the personnel of the squad is uncertain. Much will be decided on next Friday night when a boxing smoker will be held in Woollen gymnasium immediately following the Duke-Pre-Flight basketball game.

Won Title In Baltimore

Perhaps the two outstanding men on the squad are Al Salkowski, a 135-pounder out of Baltimore, and Connie Squiteirri, 145, who calls Pittsburgh his home. Salkowski won the Baltimore Golden Gloves and reached the quarter finals in the same event in Boston.

Squiteirri, a good friend of Fritzi Zivic, is a southpaw of fairly stocky build. He fought in several Golden Gloves tournaments prior to becoming a V-5er.

Other standouts include Jim MacConnachie, 155, Montclair, N. J.; Joe Craigmile, 165, Hinsdale, Ill.; A. D. Myrd, 170, Shreveport, La.; and Dan McCarthy, 135, Maywood, Ill.

Neither MacConnachie nor Craigmile has had any previous boxing experience. Byrd, who came into the V-5 program from the fleet, has participated in several amateur fights while McCarthy boxed a bit in high school.

"The team is coming along fine," Coach Young pointed out, "and there are several other boys who may be fighting in the various weights. We'll know a lot more about the personnel of the team after the Smoker on the 29th."

Pre-Flight Chosen

Four Cloudbusters were named on the Camp Peary All-Opponent team. Ray Bray was an unanimous choice at his guard position, as was Otto Graham in the backfield, while Wally Schumacher and Warren Anderson were named to the first team end positions. Bray was selected as the finest lineman to play against Camp Peary all year.

Don Gleasner, Cadet Center, Has Indian Sign On Middies

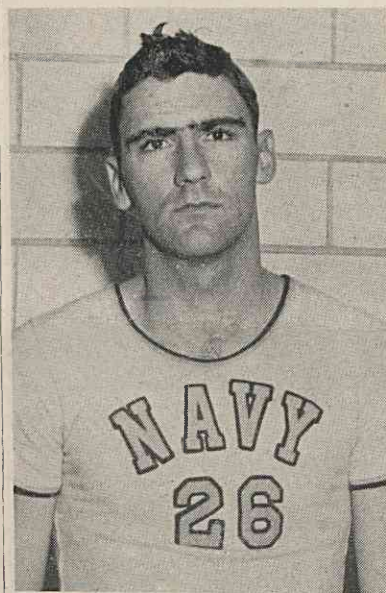
Coach Dyke Raese is hoping that Donald Gleasner, the Cloudbuster's first-string center, will continue to hold his jinx over Navy when the Pre-Flighters meet the Naval Academy at Annapolis next February 17th.

Last year, while playing basketball at the University of Pennsylvania, Cadet Gleasner set the pace as his team defeated Navy, 52 to 43. This fall he was a member of the Cloudbuster football team which scored the year's biggest upset, defeating Navy, 21 to 14.

From Wilmington, Delaware, Gleasner has been participating in sports as long as he can remember. In high school he was a three letterman—participating in football, basketball and baseball.

Penn Team Praised

The good fortune of playing on a winner is synonymous with Gleasner. His high school basketball team dropped only four games during the three years he was on the varsity. At Morris-Harvey, where he played two years of college football, the same held true, and at the University of Pennsylvania the 1943-44 basketball team won 16



of 18 contests.

Gleasner considers that Penn team tops. "We lost only to Army and Dartmouth," he modestly admits, "and there were some fine basketball players on the squad."