

Trackmen Hit Jackpot In UNC Meet



Here are the Clodbuster trackmen who wound up a red-letter indoor season last Saturday by winning the University of North Carolina Invitation Indoor Games at Woollen gym, defeating the Cherry Point Marines, UNC, Georgia Tech, Duke and Virginia.

Bottom row, left to right: R. J. Bowman, S. Cicirello, R. H. Ragle, J. J. Doll, Trainer Irving Kruger, A. Schwartz, A. C. Haemer, W. J. Buckworth, W. J. Cunningham.

Second row: G. R. Pokrant, W. F. Reed, G. R. Weir, K. W. Malack, J. H. Hanson, L. E. Beebe, J. Growich, O. Kirchner.

Third row: Lieut. (jg) G. D. Smith, assistant coach; L. R. Gidding, F. R. Weipert, M. K. White, C. W. Neal, C. S. Bacik, W. F. Nowers, B. E. Hoeft, D. R. Koch, J. N. Hutching, J. Massar and Lieut. (jg) Charles Beetham, head coach. Two members of the team, V. H. Skogen and P. L. Miller, are not shown in the photo.

Laurels Are Added As Speedsters End Big Indoor Season

Already a power in cross country running, Pre-Flight has new indoor track honors now following last week's stirring victory in the University of North Carolina's Invitation Indoor Games at Woollen Gym.

Paced by Lieut. Charles Beetham, winner of the 1945 Millrose half-mile and head coach of the track squad, the Clodbusters compiled 39 3/7 points to nose out the Cherry Point Marines, who had 35 3/7. In order followed UNC, with 34 6/7; Duke, 11 3/7, and Virginia, with four points.

Lieut. Beetham won the 440 despite being boxed at the outset and, in addition, the former Ohio State speedster put Pre-Flight in front by coming from behind in the sprint medley relay to win in the meet record time of 3:45.1. In the mile relay, Lieut. Beetham's team was again a winner.

'Busters Take Five Firsts

The Clodbusters took five first places in all, the others being in the mile and two-mile events, won by Oliver Kirchner and Arthur Schwartz, respectively.

Strength in the running events brought the title to Pre-Flight, which finished second to Navy in the games last year. Cherry Point exhibited a strong individual performer in Staff Sergt. John Montgomery, who accounted for 14 points by winning the pole vault and broad jump and tying for first place in the high jump. In the pole vault he set a new meet record clearing the bar at 13' 6".

Other Pre-Flighters who scored were Growich, fourth in the broad jump and third in the 70-yard high hurdles; Neal, tied among six others for third in high jump; Massar, third in the 60-yard dash; Circirdio, second in the 880; Nowers, second in the pole vault, and Miller and Scoggen, tied with Donehue of Georgia Tech for third in the pole vault.

Running on the winning relay teams were, in addition to Lieut. Beetham, Weir, Growich and Beebe in the medley and Pokrant, Weir and Bacik in the mile.

Two Tank Meets Left

Two more swimming meets, both against Camp Lejeune Marines, are in the offing for the Clodbuster tankmen. On 28 February the Leathernecks will be faced here and on 3 March the 'Busters will travel to Lejeune.

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Win Or Lose Against Academy, Cagers Sure Of Good Record

Regardless of the outcome of their game tomorrow against Navy at Annapolis the Clodbuster cagers are assured of another highly successful season. Not even the most optimistic supporters are too hopeful as concerns the tilt with the Midshipmen, for the Academy has one of the top teams in the country and Pre-Flight recently lost its two top scorers, Otto Graham and Dean Meador.

With 16 victories in 21 games, however, the 'Busters already have lived up to every expectation and, win or lose tomorrow, they will go down in the books as a team that compares favorably with other Pre-Flight varsity outfits.

Coach Raese Misses Trip

During the last week the Clodbusters dropped a 42-46 decision to Georgia Pre-Flight and won an easy 80-to-39 game against Wake Forest, both games played away. While Graham and Meador both were absent for the first time this season, the Clodbusters nevertheless put up a rousing battle against the Sky-crackers, whom they previously had beaten with ease. Mehl scored a dozen points for Pre-Flight and at the half Georgia led by only 23-21 but the 'Busters gave away too much in ex-

perience. Coach Dyke Raese missed the trip due to the illness of Mrs. Raese.

Against Wake Forest the Clodbusters roared back, piling up a 40-to-8 lead at the half and coasting the rest of the way with second-stringers in the line-up.

Matmen Whip Duke In Second Meeting

With only Navy remaining on the schedule, the Clodbuster wrestlers are assured of at least an even break for the season following their 19-to-13 repeat victory last Friday over Duke, holder of the Southern Conference title.

In the first meeting of the 'Busters and Blue Devils, held here, Pre-Flight won by 19-9. The only loss sustained so far was to Cherry Point, 12-25.

Navy will be met at Annapolis on Feb. 24.

Summary:

121 pounds—Titworth, Pre-Flight, decided Miller, 4-0.
128 pounds—Kusturis, Duke, pinned McDonald. Time, 3:33.
136 pounds—Pumpian, Duke, decided Clark, 4-0.
145 pounds—Paterno, Pre-Flight, pinned Beck. Time, 3:45.
155 pounds—Davies, Pre-Flight, decided Wickstrom, 7-1.
165 pounds—Kelly, Pre-Flight, pinned Scott. Time, 5:33.

'Buster Ringmen Wind Up Campaign With Mark Of .500

Despite a 3-to-5 defeat in the finale against Maryland, the Clodbuster boxers have finished their season with a .500 average, winning twice and tying once in five meets. Emory & Henry and Maryland were beaten, Virginia was tied, and Cherry Point and Maryland (in the return meet) defeated Coach Ab Young's squad.

The Terrapins, who were beaten earlier by an identical score, turned the tables in their home ring last Saturday. Several of the Clodbuster boxers who shaped earlier victories were missing.

Summary:

120 pounds—George Murphy, Maryland, won by tko over Ed Clemens.
127 pounds—Jim Calvey, Pre-Flight, decided Ray Richards.
135 pounds—Bill Filbert, Maryland, decided Dan McCarthy.
145 pounds—Byron Hostetler, Pre-Flight, decided Bill Greer.
155 pounds—Tom Maloney, Maryland, decided Bob Kirkpatrick.
165 pounds—Wick Craigmile, Pre-Flight, won by tko over Bob Proll.
175 pounds—Ken Malone, Maryland, won by tko over Ken Rockstroh.
Heavyweight—Dick Perry, Maryland, decided Phil Otton.
175 pounds—Smith, Duke, pinned Lit. Time, 5:45.
Heavyweight—Cadwallador, Pre-Flight, decided Woodall, 4-3.