

Grid Squad Opens Fall Practice Monday

Coach Bryant Will Use Alabama Style With Cloudbusters

A group of some 50 cadets is expected to be on hand next Monday when the 1945 edition of the Navy Pre-Flight Cloudbusters begins fall football practice under Head Coach Paul Bryant, in preparation for the opening tilt against the Georgia Pre-Flight Skycrackers at Athens, Ga., on Sept. 23. Practice drills are slated to be held at 1615 daily on the athletic fields located in back of Fetzer Field.

During the first week emphasis will be on fundamentals, with work, work, and more work on the elements that go to make good football—blocking, tackling, passing, running, and kicking.

The Cloudbuster eleven will operate this year from the Alabama type offense, using a balanced line and box, Coach Bryant stated today. Variations will be used, he said, to adapt the attack to the player material on hand, something he'll know more about next week.

Knows System Well

Lt. Comdr. Bryant is well prepared to institute the Alabama style of play here, having himself been a star end on the Crimson Tide's Rose Bowl team of 1934 and having served later as assistant coach at his alma mater.

From the information on hand, the squad will be short on experience with only a handful of players with any college grid experience. Some of the disadvantages of inexperience, however, may be overcome by the excellent physical condition of the cadets, their keen competitive spirit, and good coaching.

Among a quartet of candidates with previous college football experience will be a trio of backs and one lineman.

The backs are Bob Warren, freshman back with the University of North Carolina last fall; Ed McMillan, of the University of South Carolina and a substitute back with Duke a year ago; C. E. Holt, substitute back at Dartmouth. The lineman is a center, R. E. Stewart, who played freshman football at the University of Missouri.

High School Prospects

Other promising prospects for backfield assignments are expected to be: Jimmy Allen, from Hillsboro high school, Nashville, Tenn.; Harry Bonk, from Port Jefferson high school, Coram, N. Y.; W. D. Poling, from Ohio; Vic Turyn, Logan high school, Holden, W. Va.; D. E. Swenson, Tacoma, Wash., and J. B. Gregg, Monroe, La.

Expected to make good bids

69th Battalion Wins Regimental Title With Strong Finish in Sports Program

Trailing by 38 points in the overall competition as it entered the Sports Program finals, the 69th Battalion, led by Lieut. Walter R. Holmer, last Friday staged an all-out blitz to edge out the favored 68th and win the regimental honors for the 29th period of competition.

The victory was by the narrowest of margins, just three and a half points, as the 69th rolled up a total of 272½ points compared with 269 compiled by Lieut. Clyde F. Carpenter's runner-up 68th.

The fighting 69th did it the hard way, with four of their five entries in the Sports championships battling through to win. Teams of the 69th came to grips with those of the 68th in four of the finals and defeated their rivals in three of them—wrestling, track, and volleyball. Only in boxing did the 68th come out on top.

for line jobs are D. M. Wilkins, Little Rock, Ark.; E. J. Schwarz, Strong high school, Erie, Pa.; R. N. Chase, Hamilton, Mo.; Francis Evans, Springfield technical high school, Springfield, Mass.; Ed Jackson, Augusta, Ga.; E. P. Kinney, Xavier high school, Louisville, Ky.; and B. A. Winkler, Temple high school, Temple, Tex.

In soccer, the only event in which a 69th entry did not meet the 68th, the winning battalion team nosed out the 72nd, 1 to 0.

On the mat, 69th wrestlers overcame the 68th 39-33.

The track event saw the 69th outpoint the 68th, 45-34, while volleyball went to the 69th by a 2-0 score.

The 68th ring team outfought the 69th battlers, 6 to 3.

Tankmen of the 72nd won a 43-36 decision over the 68th, while the 71st basketball team won a close one over the 72nd, 34 to 32.

A summary of point-making in the regimental competition follows:

	68th	69th	71st	72nd
Military	75	37½	37½	10
Academics	10	75	50	25
Cl. Athletics	75	10	25	50
Sp. Program	109	150	79	100
Totals	269	272½	191½	185

French Officers Leave

The thirty French naval officers who reported here for a four-week course last month have completed the Pre-Flight phase of their training and departed last Monday for primary flight instruction at the Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tenn. Included in the group is Lt. (jg) Philippe H. X. de Gaulle, 23-year-old son of Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

'Buster Baseballers Cop 17, Lose 24 During Season

The Cloudbuster varsity baseball nine completed its 1945 season last week showing 17 wins and 24 losses for a win average of .414.

After a slow start which saw them drop 13 of their first 17 games, Coach Wes Schulmerich's squad went on to play better than .500 ball after May 15, winning 13 and losing 11 the remainder of the season.

Nine of the early losses were in the Ration League play against Carolina, Duke and North Carolina State. The 'Busters finished last in the standing with three wins, against their nine setbacks.

The 'Busters played on even terms with other service teams in this area, winning 13 and losing a like number.

The locals enjoyed a perfect record of four wins against Camp Butner, but showed reverse form against the strong ORD Hawks from Greensboro to whom they dropped a quartet of tilts without a victory. The most frequently played team was Camp Lejeune. The Pre-Flighters and Marines met six times, each taking three.

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