

# 'Busters Show Good Offense In Scrimmage

A closed scrimmage with the Duke eleven is in store for the steadily improving Cloudbusters as they prepare for their season opener three weeks hence.

If the workout last Saturday against the hefty footballers of the AAF Personnel Distribution Command from Greensboro is any indication, 'Buster fans will see a scrappy and potent eleven this fall.

Offensively the Cloudbusters looked good, especially their running game. In operation against a much heavier and more experienced outfit, the 'Buster attack—while spotty at times—showed promise of developing into an offense to be reckoned with in games to come.

Commenting on the scrimmage, Lt. Comdr. Paul Bryant, head coach, observed, "We made mistakes that a team can't make and be a good football team, but we hope to work them out during the next few weeks of practice."

### Work on Passes

Defensively the tackling was not what it should be, and the scrimmage demonstrated that much hard work remains to be done on pass offense and pass defense.

Outstanding in his running and backfield play for the Cloudbusters was 160-pound Bob Piker, 18-year-old Hamilton, Ohio, youth, who lettered in football as a V-12 student at Mt. St. Mary's College. The hard running halfback, who stands just five feet, eight inches, made a good bid for a starting position in the Pre-Flight backfield.

Another standout with his running was 180-pound left halfback Jimmy Allen, from Nashville, Tenn., who lettered in football as a V-12er at Milligan College.

Among the good defensive performances were those by Center Ralph Stewart, St. Louis, Mo., who played football at the University of Missouri and at Notre Dame before becoming a cadet, and H. M. Cowart, 198-pound tackle from New Orleans, La.

### Tentative Starters

The tentative opening lineup for the workout against Duke tomorrow includes, in the backfield: James Del Signore, McKeesport, Pa., at quarterback; Ed McMillan, formerly of the University of South Carolina and Duke, at left half; Darrell Swenson, Tacoma, Wash., who formerly played for St. Olaf College in Minnesota, at right half; and Harry Bonk, 195-pound fullback from Coram, N. Y.

Likely starters in the line are Francis Evans, Springfield, Mass., and Bill Wilkins, Little



**CLOUDBUSTER BACKS**—Strong contenders for starting positions in the Navy Pre-Flight backfield this season are the four cadets shown above. Left to right, they are, Vic Turyn, rangy, 180-pound quarterback from Holden, W. Va.; Darrell Swenson, 170-pound right halfback from Tacoma, Wash.; Harry Bonk, sturdy 195-pound fullback from Coram, N. Y., and Jimmy Allen, 180-pound left half from Nashville, Tenn. Turyn has had only high school experience, Swenson was named All Minnesota Conference fullback while playing at St. Olaf College last year, Bonk played football as a V-12 student at Dartmouth, while Allen lettered in the grid sport as a V-12er at Milligan College.

## -Former Cadet-

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Lt. (jg) Foster's bullets hit the *Oscar's* cockpit and wing roots, throwing the plane out of control and it crashed short of the destroyer.

Number 3 was a *Zeke* fighter, which also was in its dive toward a destroyer when the carrier pilot saw it. Again a hail of flak was rising. Again the "Red Horse" got astern and followed. This time the bullets set the Jap plane afire in the engine and wing roots plunging it into the water 400 feet off the destroyer's bow.

The idea of having *Avenger* pilots double in brass originated with Lt. Comdr. Chester P. Smith, commanding officer of Composite Squadron 93 and himself a fighter pilot. He was concerned over the burden of combat air patrols and strikes carried by fighter pilots, while the torpedo-bomber pilots were less active. All six of the *Avenger* pilots who volunteered to fly both planes checked out on the fighter craft in one month, and not one had an accident during the entire combat tour.

Recruit at Sick Bay: "I'm calling to see how my friend Seymour Dokes is getting along."

Nurse: "He's fine. He's convalescing now."

Recruit: "Well, I'll just sit down and wait until he's through."

Rock, Ark., who played at Arkansas A & M last year, at the ends; Gene Kinney, Louisville, Ky., who lettered in football at Dartmouth, and Bernie Winkler, Temple, Tex., who formerly played at Texas Tech and Millsaps College, at the tackles; Ed Schwarz, Erie, Pa., and Richard Johnston, Orlando, Fla., at the guards, and Ralph Stewart at the pivot position.

# SecNav Announces Plan for Reservists To Become USN

The Navy has announced plans for the transfer of reserve officers to the ranks of the regular Navy, but explained legislative approval will be necessary before plans can be put into operation.

Present indications are that the Navy will need up to 30,000 additional regular officers and the Marine Corps 5,000.

Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal said reserves of the rank of Ensign and above who transfer will be given a course of instruction giving them an opportunity for assignment and promotion on equal terms with officers now holding permanent commissions.

Applicants must be young enough to give 25 years active service from 7 Sept. 1939 or from active duty date, whichever is later. Medical officers must be of an age to give 20 years active service.

Ensigns and above of the Line and Supply Corps must have four semesters of college, or pass an examination showing equivalent educational qualifications. Applicants must meet physical standards in the BuMed Manual.

Initial appointment to the regular Navy will be in the same temporary rank and same precedence now held. With the termination of temporary ranks, those transferred and those now in the regular Navy will be affected equally and without discrimination.

## OPERATIONAL REPORT

### DEPARTURES:

Lt. Francis D. Matthews; Lt. Andrew K. Marckwald; P. O. Cutaia, SM2c; S. L. Torgerson, PHM3c; L. L. Lundborg, Y2c, V-10.

### ARRIVALS:

Lt. H. W. Sammons; Lt. (jg) P. D. Hogg; Lt. (jg) J. H. Kofol; Lt. (jg) G. R. Steadman; M. S. Carnes, HA1c; M. DiBirse, CSp (A); H. E. Stanford, RM3c; G. P. Smart, HA2c.

### Easy-going Philly

Philadelphia (CNS)—Philadelphia's pigeons, condemned to death as disease carriers, have been given a stay of execution. The reason: It's mating season.

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