

Varsity Teams Won 192 Events, Lost 101

Show Win Average Of .655 in Nine Sports Since '42

When the Pre-Flight program was started by the Navy in the spring of 1942, there was much debate throughout the nation as to the value of sports in war-time. There was never any doubt in the Pre-Flight organization, however, concerning the usefulness of sports, and varsity activities were superimposed on the basic, more important inter-squadron program to heighten the competitive spirit of the cadet and to add interest and incentive to his physical training.

The cadets were encouraged to enter varsity sports and compete against the best opposition available, thereby providing a climax for their physical training.

Nine sports have been conducted on a varsity level at this Pre-Flight School, and the overall record achieved against the best competition available in this section speaks well for the winning spirit of the cadets the high calibre of instruction by the coaches.

Cloudbuster varsity teams competed in a total of 299 events, winning 192, losing 101, and tying 6 for an excellent win percentage of .655.

Only in swimming and tennis did Pre-Flight teams finish below the .500 mark, and in each of these sports competition was available for just a few games in one season.

In the other seven varsity activities — baseball, basketball, boxing, football, soccer, track, and wrestling — Cloudbuster teams hold a decided edge over the opposition.

Baseball

The national pastime ranks tops in number of varsity contests played, with 144 games over four seasons. Pre-Flight teams won 87 of these, dropped 55, and tied 2 for a win percentage of .613.

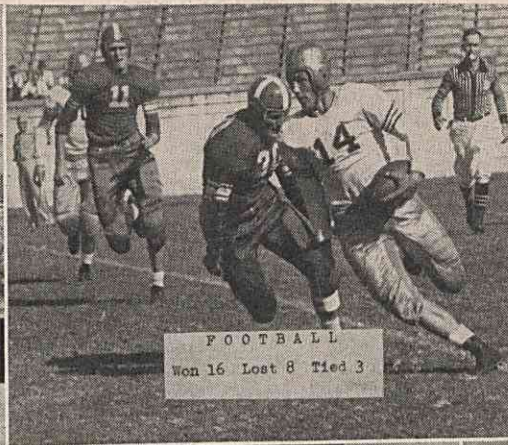
Playing under Lt. W. G. Killinger, the Cloudbusters in 1942 won 14 and lost five.

The outstanding nine was the 1943 edition which won 32 games while losing 13. Coached by Lt. George D. Kepler, the squad included a number of former major leaguers. Most of the losses came at the start of the season before the arrival of Cadets Ted Williams and John Pesky of the Boston Red Sox.

In a special War Bond game in New York City on Wednesday, July 28, the Cloudbusters defeated a combined New York Yankee-Cleveland Indian team by a score of 11 to 5. Well known players on the squad, in addition to Williams and Pesky, were John "Buddy" Hassett, of



BASEBALL
Won 87 Lost 55 Tied 2



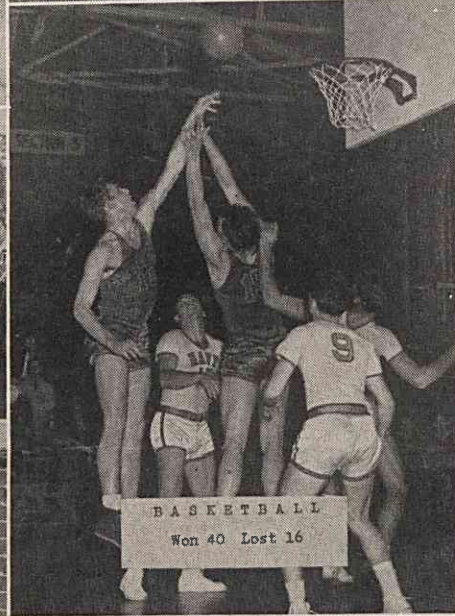
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Won 16 Lost 8 Tied 3



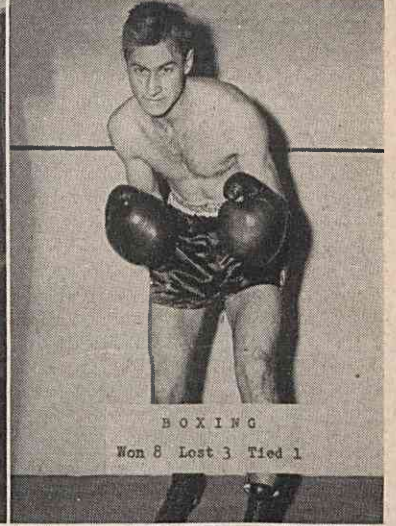
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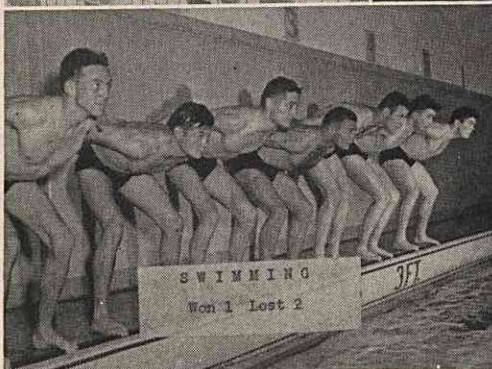
TENNIS
Won 2 Lost 4



BASKETBALL
Won 40 Lost 16



BOXING
Won 8 Lost 3 Tied 1



SWIMMING
Won 1 Lost 2



WRESTLING
Won 11 Lost 3



SOCCER
Won 6 Lost 1

VARSIY SPORTS RECORD—Cloudbuster varsity teams, competing in nine different sports, participated in a total of 299 events, winning 192, losing 101, and tying six for an excellent win percentage of .655. The record made in each sport is shown here.

the New York Yankees; Joseph Cusick, of the St. Louis Cardinals; Joseph Coleman, of the Philadelphia Athletics; Louis Grep and John Sain, of the Boston Braves; Harry Craft, of the Cincinnati Reds, and Peter Appleton, of the St. Louis Browns.

In 1944, again playing under Lt. Comdr. W. G. Killinger, the 'Busters won 24, lost 12, and tied 1. The Pre-Flight team finished on top in the Ration League which also included the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State, and Duke University.

In 1945 the Pre-Flight nine fell below the .500 mark for the only time when it chalked up 17 wins against 25 losses and one tie. After a slow start which saw them drop 13 of their first 17 games, Lt. E. W. Schulmerich's squad went on to play good ball the rest of the way.

Basketball

Consistently good showings were made during three seasons by basketball quintets coached by Lt. Richard A. Raese. Pre-Flight teams won 40 of the 56 games played for a win percentage of .714.

The 1942-43 team broke even in 14 tilts. The following season was the best on the hardwood for the Cloudbusters who racked up 17 victories against only three losses to rate high among the top teams in the country. The losses were to other strong service outfits, the Cherry Point Marines, Norfolk Naval Air Station, and Norfolk Naval Training Station, by one, two, and 10 points, respectively. In their last season, 1944-45, the 'Busters continued their winning ways by taking 16 out of 22 contests.

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