

-Varsity Competition Results-

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Boxing

Varsity ring teams reflected the aggressive and fighting spirit that permeated Pre-Flight activities, with the cadets winning eight meets, dropping three, and tying another over three seasons.

The 1942-43 leather throwers, under Lt. Alfred Wolff, went undefeated in four meets. The following season Lt. Wolff's mittmen won two and lost one, while the 1945 edition, coached by Lt. James A. Young, won two, lost a pair, and tied another.

Football

During two of the past three years, this Pre-Flight School was represented by elevens that ranked with the best college and service teams in the country. Cloudbuster gridiron teams have played a total of 27 games, winning 16, losing eight, and three ending in ties.

The 1942 season was one of their best, when they won eight, lost two by close decisions, and were deadlocked in another. Playing under the tutelage of Lt. Comdr. James Crowley, the 'Busters outscored their 11 opponents by nearly a 4-to-1 margin, rolling up a total of 162 points while holding the opposition to 43.

In 1943 the Cloudbusters, under Lt. Frank Kimbrough, found it tough going and won only two, lost four, and tied one.

The 'Busters bounced back strong in '44 to win six, lose two, and go even in another. High spot of the year for Lt. Comdr. W. G. Killinger's eleven was a surprising 21-14 upset handed the powerful Naval Academy team. Other notable victories included wins over Duke, 13-6, and over Georgia Pre-Flight twice, 3-0 and 33-18.

Soccer

The highest win percentage in all varsity sports was registered in soccer, with Pre-Flight teams winning six out of seven tilts for a challenging mark of .857.

The 1942 team, under Lt. Earle Waters, played four games and won them all, two of the wins being over Duke. The following year Lt. Waters' booters again beat Duke twice before dropping the season's finale to Camp Butner by a 2-1 margin.

Swimming

Pre-Flight teams did not compete in swimming on a varsity level until 1945, when 'Buster tankmen, coached by Lt. Comdr. B. J. Feurer, lost to Duke and split even in a pair of meets with Camp Lejeune.

Tennis

While not a part of the regular training program, tennis entered the varsity field in 1945 when six meets were scheduled with nearby college and service teams. The court team,

under Lt. D. K. Watson, dropped successive meets to Navy, Duke, and William and Mary, then defeated the University of North Carolina, lost to Duke, and trimmed the Cherry Point Marines.

Track

In track and cross country Cloudbuster speedsters rolled up a record of 21 wins against nine losses, for a win percentage of an even .700.

The 1943 tracksters, under Lt. Charles Werner, won five and lost only one, the latter being a return engagement with Duke. Pre-Flight harriers went undefeated that year in three cross country meets.

In 1944 Lt. Werner's cinder-men won two while losing three, while the cross country team, under Lt. (jg) M. A. Panther, registered six wins against a single loss, and that to the strong Naval Academy team.

The 1945 team, coached by Lt. (jg) C. J. Beetham, won three and lost two in outdoor events, and came out on top in the annual University of North Carolina indoor invitational meet, as well as in an indoor triangular meet.

Wrestling

Opening with an undefeated season in 1942, Cloudbuster matmen continued their winning habit in succeeding seasons to compile a record of 11 wins and only three losses for a .785 percentage.

Coached by Lt. Charles Speidel, the 1942 team defeated six opponents and lost to none. The following season Pre-Flight grapplers, under Lt. Speidel and Lt. (jg) S. S. Hollobaugh, won three more successive meets before bowing to a superior Naval Academy squad. Last season, Lt. Hollobaugh's team won two and lost two.

-Pre-Flight Aim-

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Yorktown in action against the Japs from May 4 to May 8, 1942, and he received the Gold Star in lieu of a second DSM, as Skipper of the Yorktown in the Battle of Midway.

In November, 1943, with the detachment of Admiral Buckmaster, Capt. Dixie Kiefer, USN, (now Commodore), took over duties as Acting Chief of Naval Air Primary Training. Capt. Kiefer, who had served as Chief of Staff under Admiral Buckmaster, was the executive officer of the Yorktown at the Battle of Midway, and for his heroism and meritorious service was awarded both the Navy Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal. He later won additional honors as valiant Skipper of the *Ticonderoga*.

Capt. Kiefer continued as Acting CNAPT until Jan. 30,

Last Cloudbuster

With this eight-page special, the CLOUDBUSTER has rolled off the press for the last time.

Since appearance of the first edition on Sept. 19, 1942, a total of 156 issues have been circulated among thousands of personnel stationed here, and distributed to many former Pre-Flight personnel and interested friends in all parts of the world.

1944, when Rear Admiral O. B. Hardison, USN, took over direction of the far-flung command.

Admiral Hardison was the heroic commanding officer of the aircraft carrier, *Enterprise*, during the battle of the Santa Cruz Islands in October, 1942, and was awarded the Navy Cross for his part in that action.

Upon detachment of Admiral Hardison on Sept. 11, 1945, the additional duty as Chief of NAPT was taken over by Rear Admiral C. A. Pownall, USN, Chief of Naval Air Training.

Early this year Admiral Pownall was awarded honorary membership in the Distinguished Service Order of Great Britain for "outstanding gallantry and leadership" in the Gilbert Islands campaign. He also has received the Distinguished Service Medal for his work as Commander of the Carrier Force, Central Pacific Forces, in operations for reconquest of the Gilberts in November, 1943.

Comdr. Hamilton Detached

While the Pre-Flight Schools were placed under jurisdiction of the NAPTC in October, 1942, Comdr. Hamilton, original head of the Pre-Flight training program in Washington, continued to direct the military and physical training activities of naval aviation until June of 1943.

Detached at that time for sea duty, he was succeeded by Lt. Comdr. Frank H. Wickhorst, USNR, (now Comdr.). As assistant to Comdr. Hamilton since the training program started, Lt. Comdr. Wickhorst had aided in drawing up plans for the Pre-Flight Schools and for the entire military and physical training program for naval aviation cadets.

Comdr. Wickhorst served for 18 months as head of physical and military training for naval aviation before being detached for sea duty in January, 1945. His successor and present head of the program is Comdr. William R. "Killer" Kane, USN, one of the outstanding fighter pilots of the Pacific war theatre.

Comdr. Kane headed the famed "Grim Reapers" squadron in the Pacific, where he earned the Navy Cross, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, and a Presidential Unit Citation, among other honors. An all-around athlete at the Naval Academy, his interest in sports never has waned since he was graduated in 1933.

-Skippers-

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of athletics at the Naval Academy, a position he held until sea duty called again in 1929. His last sea assignment before reporting to Chapel Hill was as commanding officer of the *Chau-mont*, a naval transport on the Asiatic station.

His enthusiasm for athletics, first developed at the Academy, never left him. Likewise his cognomen "Scrappy," which he picked up as an energetic midshipman, has remained with him through the years.

After establishing firmly the course to be followed at Chapel Hill, Comdr. Kessing on Nov. 27, 1942, was detached for sea duty and relieved by Comdr. John P. Graff, USN (Ret.), his executive officer.

Comdr. Graff had figured prominently in the growth of the Pre-Flight School from its inception. He was the first line officer to arrive here and he directed much of the organizational work involved in establishing the school.

A graduate from the Naval Academy in the Class of '20, he served successively in the transport *Kaiserin Augusta Victoria*, the battleship *Nevada*, and the destroyer *Reuben James*. He was taken ill while aboard the *Reuben James* in the fall of 1923, and was retired from active duty in January, 1924, with the rank of lieutenant (junior grade).

At the time of returning to active duty in March, 1942, he held the position of sales manager of the Fuel Oil and Oil Burner Division of the Standard Oil Company of Pennsylvania.

Comdr. Rough Moves Up

The present Skipper, Comdr. James P. Rough, USNR, took over the commanding officer duties when Comdr. Graff was detached on April 8, 1944.

A graduate of the Naval Academy with the Class of 1926 Comdr. Rough served two years aboard the *Raleigh* before leaving the Navy for civilian life in 1928.

In March, 1942, when the Pre-Flight program was being formed, he returned to the service and was attached to the Bureau of Aeronautics where he assisted Comdr. Thomas J. Hamilton, USN, in early organizational work.

On May 25, 1942, Comdr. Rough reported to Chapel Hill where he became the first Officer-in-Charge, Cadet Regiment, and in that capacity was largely responsible for the military precision and organization that characterized the Pre-Flight training here.

When Comdr. Graff succeeded to the command in November, 1942, Comdr. Rough was named executive officer, a position he held until he himself became Skipper.

His civilian position before re-entering the Navy in 1942 was general sales manager for General Refractories Co., Philadelphia, Pa.