

# 36th and 39th Batts Share Sports Burgee

## Cancellation of Finals Gives Flag to Bracket Winners

THE Red "E" pennant emblematic of sports supremacy flew over Bon Homme Richard and Wasp this week despite cancellation of last Sunday's regimental playoffs. Lacking any better means of determining the champions, the Athletic Department awarded a flag to the winner in each of the two preliminary brackets.

Lieut. (jg) Joseph Coval's 36th Batt qualified seven of its eight teams for the championship. Only in soccer did the athletes of Bon Homme Richard, Saratoga and Enterprise yield to the 37th.

Lieut. S. W. Peffle's 39th took the lower bracket pennant with victories over the 38th in five out of eight sports.

The following teams won the preliminary competition.

Basketball: 36-K-1 and 38-D-2.  
Soccer: 37-B-2 and 38-C-3.  
Wrestling: 36-K-2 and 38-D-3.  
Boxing: 36-K-3 and 39-F-2.  
Obstacle: 36-L-3 and 39-E-2.  
Tumbling: 36-K-3 and 39-F-2.  
Track: 36-K-1 and 39-E-3.  
Football: 36-L-2 and 39-E-1.

Wildcat—38

## 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Million Gifts For Navy Overseas

Members of the Naval Service on duty at sea and overseas will receive 7,479,988 gift packages for Christmas.

During the period September 15—December 1 the Fleet Post Offices in New York City and San Francisco forwarded that number of packages to personnel of the U. S. Navy, U. S. Marine Corps, U. S. Coast Guard and their reserve components.

Of that total 3,479,988 packages were shipped overseas for delivery, while 4,000,000 packages were delivered aboard ships at United States ports.

Gifts mailed to Naval personnel on duty in the United States were handled by the domestic postal service, and no figures on this type of mail are available.

Mosquito—54

## McCaslin Sets Hurdle Marks In Two Events

Two hurdle marks were broken in track competition last week by a cadet whose high school track career consisted of "barely winning" one varsity letter. The athlete is Robert L. McCaslin (37-A-1A), of Rivera, Calif. His new records of 6.6 seconds in the 50-yard low hurdles and 8.7 seconds in the 70-yard event each lowered the established standings by three-tenths of a second.

Messerschmitt 210—54

## Fire Delays Bonds

A fire in the Savannah, Ga., Post Office destroyed the entire shipment of \$87,800 in Pearl Harbor War Bonds, which was destined for subscribers at this station. Bond officials announced that the records were intact and said that new Bonds would be forwarded here within the next two weeks.

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## So You've Got It Too?

When spring fever grips me I never resist;

Its lazy enjoyment I take lying down.

Buck fever, too, I would gladly endure  
For one more good shot at the buck  
deer I missed.

And I can recall one fine hayride from town

Which even gave hay fever fleeting allure.

But what I've got now is just driving me bats,

Cause, doggone it all! I've got NO use for CATS!

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery explained to a confused public recently that "cat fever" is simply the abbreviated term applied to acute catarrhal fever, otherwise the common, ordinary cold. It has nothing to do with cats.)

Barracuda—49

## It's a Small World

Commander Lauren Goldsmith, of the NPF's medical staff, this week found himself examining for the second time a Navy man he had originally O. K.'d in Iceland for flight training.

The cadet was E. J. Harmonay, 36-K-2A, of Yonkers, N. Y., who formerly served at the same far-off base.

## Varsity Cagers Beat Army Fliers, 47-33, In Season Opener

LIEUT. C. L. "Chuck" Finley's Skycracker basketball team opened its season in Perry Gym here Saturday night with a 47-33 victory over a seasoned quintet of Army fliers from Robins Field, Macon, Ga. The Army entered the contest with a record of four victories and two defeats.

The Navy's fast-moving, finely-conditioned court team was first to tally and led throughout the game.

Anderson, Army guard, was high scorer with 11 points.

Clifford Dillon, former Texas University player, and Ben Harris, from Southern Methodist University, each netted eight for the Navy Pre-Flighters. Other stars in the Navy lineup were Jim Lawrence, ex-Baylor University cager; Fred Winkler, formerly of St. Benedict's; Larry Lott, late of Texas U.; and Fred Smith, one-time Trenton (N. J.) State Teachers star.

Lieutenant Finley, who piloted another Navy court aggregation from the Naval Air Station, Norman, Okla., to the gold cup service championship of the Gulf Coast, and later to the NAAU quarter-finals last season, indicated that his present charges were likely to develop into a formidable aggregation as the season moves along.

## Four Games Added To Court Schedule

Four more games were added this week to the Skycracker varsity basketball schedule. The NPF's basket-bombers, who downed the Robins Field Army fliers last Saturday, 47-33, in the season opener, have been booked to meet the Army fliers of Cochran Field in two games, Jan. 15 and Feb. 26; and the College Park quintet of Atlanta, Feb. 19 and Feb. 25.

The schedule to date:

Fri., Dec. 31—Charleston (S. C.) Coast Guard, at Athens.

Sat., Jan. 8—Robins Field Army fliers, at Macon.

Sat., Jan. 15—Cochran Field, at Macon.

Fri., Jan. 21—Georgia Tech, at Atlanta.

Fri., Jan. 28—Georgia Tech, at Athens.

Fri., Feb. 18—Atlanta Naval Air Station, at Atlanta.

Sat., Feb. 19—College Park, at Atlanta.

Fri., Feb. 25—College Park, at Athens.

Sat., Feb. 26—Cochran Field, at Athens.

Dornier 217—62

## Santa Crams Bag for 225 Navy Kids Today

Santa Claus has his bag crammed full of Christmas presents for 225 Navy moppets, ranging in age from two weeks to 12 years, who will meet him this afternoon under the towering Christmas tree in Dahlgren Hall.

While the kids await his arrival with bated breath, Mrs. J. C. Geston will regale them with Yuletide stories. A few of the talented tots will sing carols.

## New Platoon Sergeant Guadalcanal Veteran

Platoon Sergeant R. L. Rose, USMC, of Crescent City, Fla., has replaced Platoon Sergeant Gwinn Bryant as drill instructor here. Bryant was detached this week and ordered to Sea School at Portsmouth, Va.

Sgt. Rose was a member of the original landing party at Guadalcanal and served with the First Division there until seriously wounded in November, 1942. He wears the Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation ribbons.

Junkers 87—45

CADET (after breath-taking spin): "I bet 50 percent of the people down there thought we were going to be killed."

INSTRUCTOR: "And 50 percent of the people up here thought so, too!"