

V-12's Defeat 'Sky Babies In Two Speedy Games

Corn, Handy Star In Wins

Raising the curtain on the 1943-44 basketball season, the Navy V-12 quintet trounced the V-5 Aviation Cadets in both games of a double-header last Wednesday. The V-12 men out-classed their gamely-fighting opponents by scores of 45-32 and 40-20. The regular season for the V-12 Unit will not start for some time yet, and there will undoubtedly be quite a few changes before the varsity squad is selected.

In the afternoon game, Tom Corn led Chief Snow's hoopers with 14 points. Buck Melton and Carl Darnell teamed with Corn time after time to swish in buckets that had the crowd in an uproar. Cadet W. H. Payne played a fine floor game and paced the V-5 men with 12 points.

At the end of the first quarter the Sky Babies had a 12-11 edge on the Twelvesters. But then the sailors began clicking and had a commanding 20-15 lead at the halfway mark. After the intermission Corn got hot and flipped in six baskets from the floor. The game was never in doubt during the second half and it was merely a question of how many tallies the V-12 crew would ring up. Aviator Chestney brought the fans to their feet with three spectacular long shots.

In the nightcap, the V-12 mates once more triumphed. The name of the game was said to be basketball, but it bore a strong resemblance to football. Frequently several players piled up in a struggle for the ball. However, no one was seriously injured.

Seaman Dick Handy proved to be a handy man on the boards and slipped in 14 points to top the scorers. Cadet Dooly proved to be the class of the birdmen by dropping in 10 points and turning in a fine floor game.

Ball hawk Jack Wallace rebounded time after time and started off scoring plays. The cadets could never control the backboard, a factor which proved their downfall.

BOX SCORES First Game

V-12—		
Curry, f.	2	5
Register, f.	0	0
Wilson, f.	3	0
Brown, f.	0	0
Corn, c.	8	2
Edwards, c.	0	0
Butler, g.	1	1
Darnell, g.	4	0
Melton, g.	3	3
Barnes, g.	0	0
Totals	19	7
V-5—		
Meadows, f.	0	1
Robbins, f.	2	0
Dellinger, f.	0	0
Payne, c.	5	2
Leigh, c.	3	0
Rehberg, g.	0	0
Dean, g.	0	0
Rosell, g.	0	0
Chestney, g.	2	2
Totals	12	4

Second Game

V-12—		
Sheffield, f.	4	0
Roberson, f.	0	0
Handy, f.	6	2
Mitchell, f.	0	0
Erickson, c.	5	0
Smith, c.	0	0
Wallace, g.	1	1
Roundtree, g.	1	0
Williams, g.	1	1
Owens, g.	0	0
Totals	18	4
V-5—		
Leigh, f.	2	0
Davidson, f.	0	0
Dowall, f.	1	0
Meadows, f.	0	0
Dooly, c.	3	0
Payne, c.	1	0
Dunlap, g.	0	0
Dulhagen, g.	1	0
Totals	10	0

Babes, Co. C Win Openers

The opening round of the Intra-Mural Softball tournament swung into action yesterday with two games. Both combats were free scoring affairs.

Red Williams pitched his team, the Alabama Babes, from the Second Platoon of Company A, to a 14-7 triumph over Bill Wilson and his Georgia Crackers from the First Platoon of Company C.

In the game played on the football practice field, Lou Pugliese hurled his First Platoon, Company C team to a 10-5 victory over the First Platoon of Company B.

During the game played on the Co-op diamond, Bill Young turned in a scintillating performance at short for the victorious Babes. Louis Hinely put the game on ice in the second frame, by slugging a three-bagger with the bases loaded. Hinely also homered to pace all hitters.

In the other field, the stick artists had a field day as each team slashed out three round trippers. Catcher Henry Scovajsa smacked out two homers to lead all hitters. Bishop's winners got to Manager-Pitcher Carl Darnell for five tallies in the fifth to clinch the game.

Communism . . .

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No, no, go someplace else and take it.

Anyway, Shep was in Sick Bay and Dump came in to try cheering him up. Everything would have worked out just fine if Dump hadn't been wearing Bill's last white uniform.

Then there are those who continually borrow notebook paper. I doubt if they ever bought a package themselves. And the sad part of it is, they do not have a single sheet when you need it the most.

All this wouldn't be so bad if folks would only return the things they borrow. No one objects to loaning a friend their sable coat, diamond bracelets, or bobby pins. But it is inconvenient if you are forced to dash around collecting your things each day.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I think it would be nice if every one used their own belongings for a while.

I mean even things like dictionaries and physics books. Life would be so much simpler.

Where am I going? Me? Oh, just down the hall to borrow Doris Croom's typewriter.

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Navy Champs Win Doubles At Wheeler

Mitchell, Zlotnik Are Easy Winners

Phil Zlotnik and Tom Mitchell, Navy tennis doubles winners of the Middle Georgia Tournament, defeated Lt. Wilmer Hines and Lt. William Dohl in an exhibition match at Camp Wheeler last Sunday afternoon, taking the match in straight Sets, 6-2, 6-2.

Lt. Hines, former Davis Cup star, defeated Mitchell in a singles match, 6-0, 8-6. Mitchell, Texas star who won the Middle Georgia singles championship by defeating Zlotnik, was noticeably nervous and erratic the first set, but played much better the second. Lt. Hines, winner of numerous American and European titles, played excellently, driving the ball fiercely to the base lines.

Zlotnik defeated Lt. Dohl in a singles match, 6-0, 6-1.

Another series of exhibition matches will be played on the Mercer tennis courts Sunday at 2 P. M., with the same players participating. Highlight of the matches will be the singles round between Mitchell, playing on his home court, and Lt. Hines.

Dogface Insults Winter Blues

An exciting incident occurred last Wednesday afternoon on the second deck of Sherwood Hall. An Army sergeant, visiting one of his friends in Navy blue, jokingly but unwittingly remarked, in the presence of several of the mates, that our winter uniforms looked like poorly-dyed pool table covers. Quite a brawl ensued, with the Navy men defending their honor in a manner exemplary of traditional Navy courage and bravery.



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Mullin' Over Sports

By Sanford Mullen

Mercer's physical development program since July 1, 1943, has really been terrific. It masquerades under the innocent-sounding title of "P. T." Joe Harrison tells us that those letters stand for "Physical Torture." One thing is certain, however. Our "P. T." is sure to do one of two things: It will either kill us, or make men out of us. Among the "mates" there is quite a debate as to which of these will be the final outcome. But then, seriously speaking, there is no doubt that it is toughening us up for the biggest fight of all history.

The longer we stay around the Mercer campus the more we like it. However, our faithful seven (the guys, who together with us, make up our eight readers) tell us of one sore spot. It seems that they all have fellow V-12 men at other institutions of higher learning. They have been continually plagued by letters from these A. S.'s. It seems that they continually brag about their football teams and how good they are. In reply all we can say is, "Mercer has discontinued inter-collegiate athletics for the duration, but Man, Oh, Man, do we have a fine P. T. program!" Of course we must have our P. T. (we suppose), but we've got to do something so we can hold up our heads to those braggarts from Duke, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, etc.

We've heard some scuttlebutt (rumors to the non-Navy) to the effect that Mercer will have a basketball team. That sounds wonderful to us. According to Operative No. 1 we have some seamen who were fine players at their former alma maters.

King Football

King Football is definitely here for this fall. Last Saturday saw nearly all of the big teams in action. Thus far the "experts" have been doing well. All of the pre-season favorites have been

showing their ability. Michigan, Duke, Georgia Tech, and Southwestern, of Texas, have all come through their opening conflicts unscathed. Georgia Tech had the toughest game when it went all out to stomp North Carolina 20-7. This was undoubtedly the outstanding game of last Saturday. Michigan and Duke routed their first two opponents by astronomical scores. Southwestern breezed through North Texas Agricultural College by 20-0.

Football this year will undoubtedly be unusual. With Navy and Marine "lend-lease" men playing, some schools not used to winning regularly will field fine teams. On the other hand, some former giants will find the role of underdog delegated to them. It should prove interesting to watch the former scapegoats driving to victory.

Baseball's Last Stand

The World Series is almost with us. It will be a repeat performance of last year—at least the same teams will be in action. The Yankees will undoubtedly be gunning for the Cards with all of their strength. We are of the opinion that the McCarthy men will triumph in six starts. Superior pitching strength, backed by timely hitting, should prove too much for Billy Southworth and his charges.

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