



HOUSTON NINE WINS

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**Take Measure of Chester Nine
 In Exciting Contest**
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Displaying great improvement since their last game, the HOUSTON nine produced definite indications of their strength in downing the strong Chester nine last Thursday afternoon.

Playing a seven inning practice game on the Queen Anne diamond, our boys were extended to the limit, but benefits gained in recent batting practices resulted in steady hitting with the team opening up in the sixth with a barrage of six hits and the three runs which clinched the game.

The Chester first drew blood in the second when one run was pushed across the plate before Weber bore down and fanned two in a row to retire the side. The Houston came back in their half of the inning to collect two runs, manufactured when Weber homered with Battle on the sacks. In the third the Houston increased her lead two more when Willmuth singled, scoring on Wright's double to left field. Wright then scored from 3rd. on Spruell's slow roller to short.

In the 4th the Chester collected another run before Rimmer registered a strikeout to retire the side. In the 5th. the Chester again jumped into the lead when Barrett tripled with two on, himself scoring on a pich hitter line drive to right.

Houston then tied up the score in their half of the frame when Wright smacked the first pitch deep into left field for a homer. The Chester again jumped into the lead in the 6th when

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**HOUSTON FLOAT
 GETS BIG HAND**

The HOUSTON float depicting King Neptune's Court drew a big hand from the crowd of some 50,000 people as it passed through the locks of Lake Washington Canal.

Number one Motor Launch rigged as old King Nep's Royal Barge and the Royal Court which it carried was perhaps one of the saltiest assemblages that ever passed through the locks.

On going to press no word had been received as to the official outcome but from the cheers our entry received, King Neptune & His Royal Court seemed to be the favorite Navy Float.

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NEW CPO'S
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During the past week two of our very popular shipmates, J. J. Vizard, Phm1c and L. D. Proimos, BM1c received the good news of their appointment to Cphm(AA) and CBM(AA). Through the Blue Bonnet, all hands extend their felicitations to the new Hackies.

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NEW UNIFORMS
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During the past week our baseball team tried out their new uniforms and from reports it seems the new outfits have given the boys quite an incentive to produce more wins on the diamond for the HOUSTON.

It must be admitted the uniforms are really snappy in appearance and all the old timers on board say these are the best suits ever seen on the HOUSTON.

TACOMA HOSTS TO NAVY

The Chamber of Commerce of Tacoma, Washington has arranged a varied an interesting schedule of entertainment to cover the period of the Navy's visit to their city. This entertainment varies from dances for both enlisted men and officers to baseball and boat races.

**NAVY MOTHERS CLUB
 HOSTESSES AT DANCES**

Friday and Saturday evenings, July 23 and 24, from 2100-2400 the Navy Mothers' Club will have an open house for the enlisted men at the Edward B. Rhodes Post Legion Hall, 409 South G Street. These two dances are the first of a series that will be held during our visit.

CHURCH AND CONCERT SUNDAY

All churches in Tacoma extend a cordial invitation to all officers and enlisted men to attend their services. Morning services, as a rule, are held at 1100. Each ship will be furnished at a later date, a list of the participating churches and addressess. In addition to these, the Navy Mothers' Club is sponsoring church services and a social hour from 2000-2200 Sunday, 26 July.

Sunday afternoon the Cruisers Scouting Force Band will give a concert at Point Defiance Park.

**DANCE AT CRESENT
 BALLROOM FOR MEN**

Monday evening from 2100-2400 there will be a dance for 1500 enlisted men at the Crescent Ballroom, 1302 Fawcett Avenue. The uniform for this dance will be Service Dress Blue Baker.

Tuesday evening a similar dance will be given in this same ballroom.
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