

ATHLETICS

VESTAL SCORES WIN

Stacking up against a more powerful and practiced unit proved a downfall to the HOUSTON pill followers when they played their first game in the Guantanamo area. Due to lack of practice, and consequently an inferior brand of ball, the HOUSTON team showed rather poorly in the initial game and there is room for plenty of improvement. Tiny Rimmer on the mound and Davis staring at first. With a little time on the diamond, seriously practicing at the game will make a world of difference and we all know that the material is here if the men will only come out and those that are out work hard to build up the team. The HOUSTON team can win consistently when going good so back up the team and go to the games. If you don't play, give those that do your backing.

BASKETEERS WORK OUT

The starboard hangar has been the scene of much activity during the afternoons. Blue be-panted lads are jumping, twisting and straining, striving to make an organization that will consistently be able to sink the apple for two points. The boys are working hard to achieve the fundamental requirements of a successful team, physically in the pink, and have the ability to go forty minutes at top speed. The C&R gang are going to make a back-board and hoop for practice underway and with this aid, a practice of plays will be managed and the foul shooting brushed up. Mid-season form for the first game is desired and with an early start it is possible to get just that. Ensign Williams is coaching and hopes to put a good team on the floor. The following have turned out so far, but more are wanted: Baker, O'Brien, Wilburn, Kennedy, Botterell, Bair, Brown, Zietfuss, Harding, Douglas, Nier, Rainey, Mustain, Hunter, Jones, Hays, Foreman, Freeman and Davidson. There are only three veterans from last year and new material is needed. So far the boys are shaping up finely, but are still a little stiff.

RIFLEMEN

The gunnery experts of the HOUSTON have been busily engaged in preparing for the Scouting Force Rifle and Pistol matches, and to date have shown pretty good form. The candidates for the ScoFor. Rifle team are: Ens. S. Jurika; Lewis, E. H. Bgmstr2c; Kitchen, H. E., Cpl.; Withey, C. H., Cpl.; and Standafer, S. D., Sealc.

The ship's officers pistol team is composed of Chief Pay Clerk Borne and Chief Gunner Condit. The enlisted men's pistol team is held up by Standafer, S. D., Sealc., who is going to be a one man team as far as we know at present. The best of luck to the candidates for the ScoFor outfit and to our own teams.

ATHLETIC CALENDER

Baseball

The HOUSTON team will play the following scheduled games with ship's teams as indicated.

- 3 October — VESTAL vs. HOUSTON
- 7 October — PENSACOLA.
- 10 October — INDIANAPOLIS
- 13 October — SALT LAKE CITY.
- 17 October — LOUISVILLE.
- 20 October — PORTLAND

Basketball

Daily workouts until arrival West Coast.

Pulling Races

Fall series will be held at Guantanamo Bay on 20 October. Ships present at Guantanamo:—INDIANAPOLIS, PORTLAND, LOUISVILLE, SALT LAKE CITY, HOUSTON and VESTAL.

Boxing and Wrestling

Divisional eliminations of which detailed schedule is not available at present. Division champions must be determined prior to 8 December, 1934.

OARSMEN GOING STRONG

Every morning finds the crews of our racing whale-boats working out in preparation for the coming contests. The boys are doing an excellent job and it is hoped that by the time of the starting gun, they will be in the best of shape and condition to bring in the bacon for the HOUSTON.

WHY GUANTANAMO?

Indies was developed there, (1904-1916.) Some may wonder just what it was that made Guantanamo Bay a place so selected by the Navy Department. The reasons, a few, are rather self apparent. Its' sheltered harbor, availability as a fueling station, deep water needing very little dredging work, its position as to our interests and its' size.

It was selected in 1901, by the Government, as the site of one of four projected naval stations on the Cuban coast.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Lieut. (jg) H. M. Heming.
 Ensign C. M. Lyons.
 Ensign H. L. Leon.
 Ensign J. W. Williams, Jr.
 Ensign J. E. Bullock (SC).

Divisions

1st — Snyder, W. M., Cox.
 2nd — Campbell, C. T., Cox.
 3rd — Frazer, A. L., GM3c.
 4th — Pemental, J., Cox.
 5th — Withey, C. H., Cpl.
 "A" — Holt, J. A., Sealc.
 "B" — McCarty, O. T., WT1c.
 "C" — McMurphy, D. B., SM3c.
 "E" — Baker, R. E., EM1c.
 "F" — LaTour, L. K., FC1c.
 "H" — Vizard, J., PhM1c.
 "M" — Hall, A. D., MM2c.
 "N" — Botterell, R. E., Sea2c.
 "R" — Yelverton, L. V., Y1c.
 "S" — Sivak, S., SK3c.
 "V" — Post, R. W., AOM3c.

SPLIT ESSES

all roses, as the three recent crashes which cost the life of one man, and a possible second, vividly testify to. They say that they come in three's—lets hope that it is true and that the jinx of Cruiser Wing has been broken.

With the arrival of the CHAUMONT, our division obtained two new seamen from the N.A.S., Norfolk, and an AMM3c from the Nevada. Welcome gent's! We are now practically up to complement and are carrying a number of men for further assignment. Many of them have expressed the wish that they could stay on the Good Ship HOUSTON, but as such is impossible, the best that we can do is wish them luck when they go to their new assignments.