

Houston Has Three Cruiser Champions

Chick, Hodge, and Harris are now heavy cruiser champions as a result of their bouts last week in Guantanamo Bay. Two more meets to go, the semi-finals on 25-26 March and the finals on 1-2 April, before this ship should be able to boast of three All-Navy Champions.

As the Houston is scheduled to be in the Guantanamo area during the final two meets every last man aboard will be as close to the ringside as possible to cheer for our fighters. They are certainly putting out for us.

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Dear Editor:

Thought perhaps a little writeup regarding the Houston's representatives in the Cruiser Finals would be of much interest to you so am forwarding the results to you with the hopes that you may find space in the "Blue Bonnet".

The Houston's All Navy Wrestling Champ, Chick, proved to the crowds that he could justly be called just that by defeating Miller from the INDIANAPOLIS in a fast and interesting match by taking this match via the fall route in the small fraction of time of 2 minutes and forty five seconds. Miller vainly tried to put Chick down on the mat but to no avail as the master of his weight easily ended this match with his skill of the game.

When the mighty "Major" Hodges entered the ring he was given a mighty cheer by numbers of onlookers who remembered him from his last bout and it is easy to see that he is a well liked fighter. His opponent was the highly claimed future champ from the ASTORIA, none other than Capelli. This bout proved a fast one while it lasted with Hodge wining by a TKO in the second round.

Harris showed the crowd what a real fighting heart he has when he won his bout from Clark of the CHICAGO by a KO in the fourth round. In the first round Harris had his right eye cut pretty badly and it looked as though the fight would be given to Clark but Harris held that he was all right and proceeded to give Clark a lot of grief during the rest of the fight. The canvas was used as a resting spot for Clark three times before the final knockdown which ended the fight. Immediately after the fight Harris was worked over by the pharmacist's mates who sewed him up with three stitches. This cut will have six weeks in which to heal and Harris should be none the worse for this when he enters the ring on April 2nd for the Fleet Finals.

The Officers and Crew of the Houston should be very proud of these three men and the way they are carrying her name through the Fleet. Much credit must be given to "Archie" Arsenault for the thorough way he handles his men. Letters from members of the Houston to these men would certainly cheer them lots while they are away from their home, which they sure will be glad to get back to.

Well, hope you don't mind me writing this article and hope you can use it.

Your old shipmate,
Steve Sivak Jr. SK1c.

President Boards Ship At Key West

President Franklin D. Roosevelt ended a journey down the Atlantic Coast by embarking aboard this vessel at Key West, Florida, Saturday afternoon at five ten P.M. The arrival of the President and his party marked the start of his fourth cruise with the Houston.

All hands extend to the President a sincere welcome and desire that he shall have a most enjoyable cruise. To the Chief of Naval Operations Admiral W. D. Leahy, and to members of the Presidential party we wish the same hearty welcome and happy voyage. Your presence aboard serves as a high spot in the history of this vessel.

Saturday's arrivals include: President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Admiral W. D. Leahy, Rear Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Colonel E. M. Watson, Captain D. J. Callaghan, Lieut. Comdr. Freseman, Chief Pharmacist G. Fox, Mr. Russel C. Wood, Mr. T. J. Qualters, Mr. M. F. Reilly, Mr. E. J. Michel, Mr. C. F. Pattavina, Mr. W. D. Simmons, Chief Yeoman J. L. Learson, and Irving McDuffie. Others who arrived previously are: Lieut. L. M. LeHardy, Lieut. H. L. Reed, Lieut. R. J. Fabian, Lieut. M. S. Holmes, and Chief Boatswain's Mate W. A. Bartos.

New Coach at Academy

Captain Emery E. Larson, U.S.M.C. newly appointed head football coach for the Naval Academy, played center on the Annapolis team in 1919, 1920 and 1921 (all years in which Navy defeated the Army). From 1922 through 1924, he played on the All-Marine team at Quantico, Va. In 1925 and 1926 he coached the All-Navy team in Hawaii. He was line coach at the University of Hawaii in 1928 and three years later went back to Parris Island, S.C. to coach the Marines. In 1934 and 1935 he coached the USS Pennsylvania teams, which won two successive fleet championships. Prior to being ordered to Annapolis as head coach he was on duty out in China.

When nature wants an oak she works on the job a hundred years; if a squash, a few months are sufficient.