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Navyators Beat St. Mary's, 37-14, as Eshmont Runs Wild

PLAY CAL TODAY

The Navyators today end their football season as guests of the University of California Bears in Memorial Stadium at Berkeley. The game will start at 1430.

A crowd of 37,000 last Sunday paid $30,000 to see the Navyators at their best and left Kezar Stadium thrilled by the experience of watching Eshmont & Co. humble Bruce Smith and the St. Mary's Pre-Flight Air Devils, 37 to 14, in an excellent football game.

Favorites to win by seven points, the Navyators turned on the power at the opening kickoff and with 7 minutes, 18 seconds played in the first quarter, had a 13 to 0 lead. The Air Devils were temporarily back in the ball game with a touchdown in the second period but the Navyators countered with two more tallies, added another in the third stanza and another in the final when the losers added seven points.

It was the game Lieut. Kern and his men had been waiting for since the season opened and when the opportunity came to avenge the double loss suffered in baseball last summer, the Navyators took full advantage of the situation. Fired to a high pitch, the Kernmen were unbeatable and earned the praise of writers and coaches as the best team ever to see action on the West Coast—a high compliment considering California's "Vow Boys" and the powerhouse outfits fielded by the late Howard Jones at U.S.C.

The pre-game buildup featured the individual duel between our Leonard Eshmont and the ace St. Mary's back, Bruce Smith. Eshmont, regarded as one of the best backs in America today, was the brightest star on the star-studded field as Smith, the former All-American from Minnesota, turned in a sub-par performance because of illness.

Eshmont lugged the leather 29 times and (1) scored two touchdowns; (2) gained 154 yards, more than the total registered by all the St. Mary's backs; (3) averaged 5.3 yards per carry

(See FOOTBALL, page 4)

Battalion Quotas Are Set for Pearl Harbor War Bond Drive

The Pearl Harbor Day cash sale of War Bonds now is under way here and all hands will go "all out" to surpass this School's quota of $50,000. During the past week officers, Ship's Company and civilian personnel have been making their pledges and Monday the cadets will be on deck to Bomb with Bonds.

The quotas of the various departments are as follows: officers, $20,000; Ship's Company, $2,500; civilian employees, $1,000; cadets, $27,750.

Breaking down the cadet quota by Battalions: the 288 cadets of the Seventeenth will aim at the purchase of $10,00 in Bonds costing $8,100.

The 272 cadets of the Eighteenth will set their sights on an objective of $10,200 at a cost of $7,650.

The Nineteenth, with its 180 cadets, opens fire on a target of $6,750 costing $5,062.50.

These quotas, based upon the number of cadets in each Battalion, call for an average purchase of $28.12½ per cadet. Many cadets with private incomes and those with no personal obligations will far exceed this average. It is contemplated that most cadets will purchase a $50 bond costing $37.50, while a few will find a $25 bond costing $18.75 all that they can afford. It is expected that all cadets will go the limit, even though it may call for a small sacrifice.

On Monday cadets will be supplied with forms to make their pledges. On December 6 and 7, these pledges will be redeemed by the actual purchase of the bonds which will be stamped with the seal of the Postmaster at Pearl Harbor and dated December 7. All Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser at whatever address he designates, within ten days.

EXTRA LIBERTY

Extra Saturday night liberty of one hour will be granted to each Battalion attaining its Pearl Harbor War Bond Quota.

Two hours extra Saturday night liberty will be granted each Battalion exceeding its quota by 25 percent or more.

In addition, to the Battalion having the highest per capita purchase based on the total number of cadets in the Battalion, a special dinner will be served on "Sauerkraut Night," with the smoking lamp lit.

Note: The above liberty will be in addition to the extra liberty granted the company winning the weekly Sports Program competition.

On the occasion of the Fourth of July cash sales of War Bonds, cadets at St. Mary's Pre-Flight School averaged $40 per cadet. Can Del Monte equal that figure? Captain Steele thinks it can.

Of special interest to cadets is an announcement of extra liberty appearing elsewhere on this page.

Checks for payment for War Bonds may be made payable to the Treasurer of the United States.

"Well done and congratulations," says Ensign Brill to four members of the crew. These four mates went all out for the Pearl Harbor Day War Bond Drive by purchasing a $500 bond each. They are, left to right; Phil Benedict, SK3c, Jack Freemond, PhM2c, Jacob Fishke, PhM2c, and Leonard Walker, PhM2c.

Sixteenth's Honor Man Is C. E. Todd With 3.46 Average

Charles Eugene Todd, Laguna Beach, Cal., and former four-letter man at Laguna Beach High School, is offered by the graduating Sixteenth today as its prize product. Todd registered a composite grade of 3.46 in topping the battalion and three men — Wallace E. Amling, Santa Ana, Cal., Thomas Egan, Des Moines, Ia., and William Fitzsimmons, La. Jolla, Cal. — were tied for the runner-up spot with composite grades of 3.43.

CADET TODD
Prize produce of the Sixteenth

Speakers today will be Lieut. Comdr. Fitzhugh, Lieut. Comdr. Forsberg and Lieut. Hole. The destinations of those being detached: 120 to Hutchinson, Kans., 65 to Norman, Okla., and 20 to Olathe, Kans.

Egan recorded one of the highest grades ever given in athletics with a mark of 3.92. Second best in this division was Clyde C. Spear, Bringhurst, Ind., who had a grade of 3.77.

Top man in ground training was Hugh E. Lang, Tecumseh, Neb., with a mark of 3.66, and was followed by William R. Clark, Phoenix, Ariz., with 3.59.

The highest officer aptitude mark went to Fitzsimmons, with a grade of 3.90 and Charles R. Fullar, Lorain, O., deadlocked with Todd, for second place with marks of 3.50.

Of the forty-five members of the Seventeenth who depart with the Sixteenth tomorrow, Ralph H. Worley, I-1, Grandview, Wash., recorded the highest composite mark of 3.60, and he also scored the highest mark in athletics with 3.64.

Runner-up to Worley in composite grade was William E. Wentzel, I-1, Hollywood, Cal., with a mark of 3.46. Worley was seconded in athletics by James B. Delehanty, I-1, Cleveland, Ohio, who had 3.39.

Wentzel topped Worley in ground training with a grade of 3.71, the latter recording 3.57.

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The Quality Of Silence

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WE HAVE had many pithy sayings to remind us of the importance of keeping silence in this war. Many seem to have been forgotten and it seems important now and then to re-emphasize the necessity of retaining secrets until they no longer contain military secrets. But we all find that there is certain quality in our silence.

Thomas Carlyle wrote: "Silence and secrecy! Altars might still be raised to them for universal worship. For we realize with him that silence is the element which great things fasten themselves together, that at length they emerge into the daylight which they must eventually rule. For we learn that speech is of time, but silence is of eternity."

However that eternal silence will be of little import to the future unless it is and active silence for men have indulged in passiye silences. That is to say, their silence is a lethargy and a languid attitude toward life for the quality of one's silence determines the quality of one's work. If a person's silence is active, he will retain that silence, but his actions will be greater efforts to attain a pattern of life so that silence may one day be uttered as an eternal truth for living.

Thus some secret uttered today may be of little value. However, if we retain for the tomorrows of life it might easily become an axiom for living.

We retain the good; let us not utter the inconsequential. Man must speak with authority when he knows it is time to speak.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR

Lieut. (jg) France and Ens. Bray are wearing the "Proud Poppa" tag as the result of blessed events last week. Born to the France household was Joseph Wellman, 9 pounds, 1½ ounces, Monday, 22 November, at 1627 at the Monterey Hospital.

Robert Raymond Bray, Jr., weighed in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces, Sunday, 14 November, at 1500 at the Monterey Hospital.

Captain Kiefer Is NAPrimTra Chief, Succeeding Buckmaster

Rear Admiral Elliott Buckmaster, USN, who has been Chief of Naval Air Primary Training since the Command was organized in October, 1942, left his Kansas City, Kansas, headquarters last Saturday to take up his new duties as Commandant of the Naval Air Center, San Diego, with additional duty as Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station, San Diego, where he will replace Rear Admiral Ernest L. Gunther, USN.

Admiral Buckmaster was detached as Chief of Naval Air Primary Training and Captain Dixie Kiefer, USN, Chief of Staff, became Acting Chief of Naval Air Primary Training.

Admiral Buckmaster holds the Distinguished Service Medal for services as Commanding Officer of the aircraft carrier Yorktown in the Battle of the Coral Sea, May 4-8, 1942. He received a Gold Star in lieu of a second Distinguished Service Medal for service as Commanding Officer of the Yorktown in the Battle of Midway, June 4-7, 1942.

Following the loss of the Yorktown at Midway, Admiral Buckmaster served as Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va., until 2 October 1942, when he became Chief of Naval Air Primary Training. He was designated a Naval Aviator in 1937 and has piloted nearly all types of aircraft extensively since that time.

The Acting Chief of Naval Air Primary Training . . . Captain Dixie Kiefer, USN.

Seventeen Officers To New Stations As Orders Arrive

Change of duty orders for seventeen officers arrived this week to continue the general exodus pending the closing of the school in January. Those departing and their destinations:

NAS, Norman, Okla. — Lieut. (jg) Eshmont, Ens. Vavra, Lieut. (jg) Kellogg, Lieut. (jg) Cooper, Lieut. (jg) Patterson and Ens. Harris.

NAS, Bunker Hill, Ind.—Lieut. (jg) Furey, Ens. Baer.

NFPS, Mt. Vernon, Ia.—Ens. Duncan, Ens. Sekerak, Lieut. D. E. Smith.

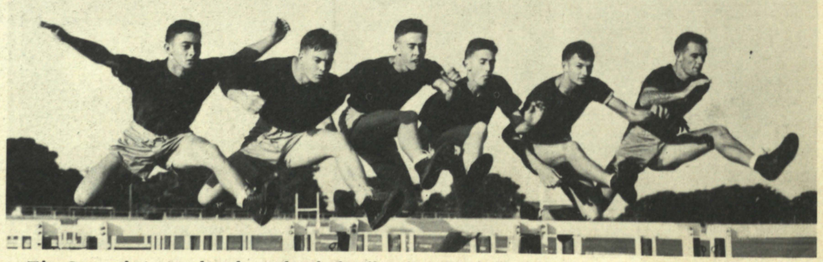
NFPS, St. Olafs, Minn.—Lieut. Humphreys, Ens. Boyda.

WTS, Mankato, Minn. — Ens. Burnette; NFPS, San Luis Obispo —Ens. Werner; NFPS, Austin, Tex. — Lieut. (jg) Edwards; NFPS, DePauw, Ind. — Lieut. (jg) Kinnan.

Comdr. Middlestadt has temporary duty orders for Kansas City, Kansas; Lieut. (jg) Callagan has temporary duty orders for San Luis Obispo and Lieut. Harbison is on temporary duty in Washington.

Divine Services

0940—Eighteenth and Nineteenth Battalions.
1025—Sixteenth and Seventeenth Battalions.
0935—Catholic, Bali Room.
0940—Jewish, Chaplain's Office.
1045—Episcopal, St. John's Chapel.
1330—Latter Day Saints, Powers Hall.
1900—Christian Science, Powers Hall.



The Coronados' record-making shuttle hurdle relay team, Kenefick, Loposep, Sodowsky, Davis, Bosak and Cox.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

TODAY
Aboard
Movie — "Girl Crazy," Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland. Showings at 1620 and 1910 for all Battalions and 2100 for officers, Ship's Company, guests.
Ashore
1430 — Football, Navyators vs. University of California, Berkeley.
State Theater — "Bombadier," Pat O'Brien, Ann Shirley.
Carmel Theater—"First Comes Courage," Merle Oberon, Brian Aherne.

TOMORROW
Aboard
1400—Band Concert, Pool Area.
Ashore
1400—Dancing, Mission Ranch, Carmel.
State Theater — "Mr. Lucky," Cary Grant, Lorraine Day.
Carmel Theater—"Dubarry Was a Lady," Red Skelton, Lucille Ball.

THURSDAY
Ashore
2000 — Officers' Smoker, Del Monte Golf Clubhouse.

FRIDAY
Aboard
1900 — Happy Hour in Bali Room, featuring Navyator Orchestra.

Shuttle Hurdle Record By Coronado Squadron

First track record to topple for several weeks was the shuttle hurdle relay mark and a swift sextet from the Coronado squadron did the job. The mark of 1 minute, 9.6 seconds, established by the Buffaloes, was replaced by a time of 1:09.4.

Leading light of the team is R. W. Cox, Lomita, Calif., former letterman in track at the University of Oregon. With Cox on the team are R. O. Davis, Sullivan, Ill., D. J. Kenefick, Platsville, Conn., E. M. Bosak, Crete, Neb., C. D. Sodowsky, Blackwell, Okla., and A. M. Loposep, Gulfport, Miss.

Herrman Leads Sixteenth To Three New Testing Marks

The upward trend of physical excellence continued with the graduation of the Sixteenth today. Three records were set—one individual and two battalion marks.

Cadet Scott C. Herrman, 16-H-2, Hutchinson, Kans., and Navyator fullback, set a new mark in the jump-reach department with an exceptionally high leap of 32½ inches, bettering the old record of 32 inches set by M. L. Tinsley of the Ninth. R. D. Morgan, H-2, St. Louis, Mo., made the second best jump, reaching 31½ inches, which can be classified as fair in any league.

A battalion record was set in push-ups when the Sixteenth averaged 29.25 per man and shattered the old record of 28.93 set way back there by the Fifth battalion. The Sixteenth also has the highest initial average in push-ups with 26.42 per man average.

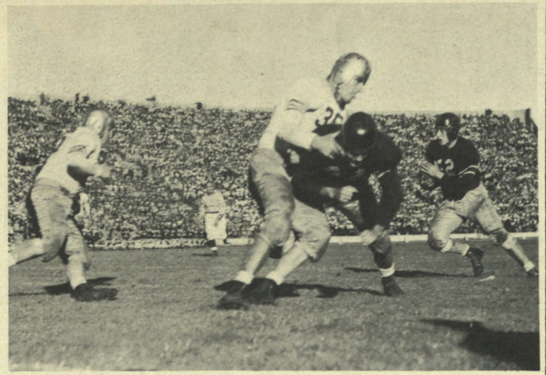
In individual testings Robert J. Chote, M-3, Los Angeles, Cal., did the most push-ups totaling 63 of 'em. Second best was Robert J. Bell, Glendale, Cal., with 55.

Gordon Wright, G-2, El Segundo, Cal., hoisted himself up to 21 chins to record the best mark and was seconded by Edward O. Mercer, Kansas City, Mo., with 20.

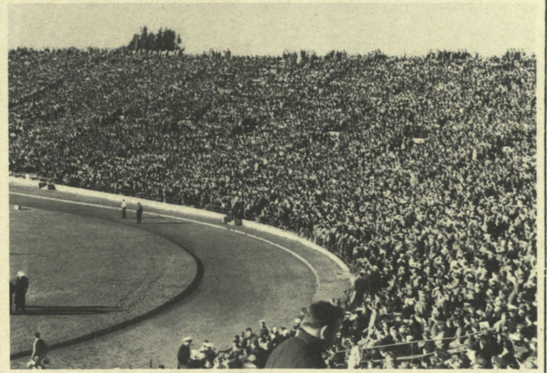
Robert D. Morgan, H-2, Detroit, Mich., scampered the speed agility course in a near record time of 27 seconds and next best time was recorded by Roland Morris, H-1, Manhattan, Kans., with 27.7 seconds.

Dick E. Rasplicka, G-3, Comstock, Neb., had the highest physical fitness mark of 115 and next in line was R. E. Bowker, Chicago, Ill., with 114.

The Sixteenth's per man average has been the highest so far recorded by graduating battalions. The battalions averages: Chins 9.99; Jump-Reach 21.67; Speed-Agility 3.14; Push-Ups 29.25; and Physical Fitness 88.19.



Brightest star of last Sunday's great victory over St. Mary's Pre-Flight was Leonard Eshmont (right), shown on one of his numerous ground-gaining jaunts as Bowden Wyatt provides blocking assistance. Eshmont, one of the best backs in the nation, gained 154 yards (more than the combined total of the St. Mary's backs) in 29 tries for an average of 5.3 yards per carry. He scored two touchdowns and kicked twice for a 52.5 yard average.



A portion of the crowd of 37,000 fans that saw the Navyators whip the St. Mary's Pre-Flight Air Devils, 37 to 14, in San Francisco's Kezar Stadium last Sunday. A total of $30,000 was taken in at the box office as the largest crowd of the season turned out to see the best game of the 1943 campaign.

Best Obstacle Course Mark By Emil De Smet

Cadet Emil De Smet, 16-G-1, again topped the regiment in obstacle course running last week but slipped far over his excellent time of 2:36 recorded a week earlier. The best the Springer, N.M., youth could do last week was 2:41. Close behind, with 2:42, was L. R. Simmons, 17-J-2, Simms, La., and next in line was J. C. Fischer, 18-L-1, Monticello, N.Y., with 2:45.

De Smet's 2:36 was three seconds off the record for the 500-yard course containing 17 barriers.

Coronado Squadron Sets Fast Pace In Sports Program

The Coronado Squadron displayed further power by topping the Sports Program for the second consecutive week by scoring 64 points. With two weeks remaining of the Fall season the Coronado squad has maintained an unblemished record in soccer, football, wrestling, basketball, swimming and track. They have won eight track meets and six soccer games.

The Hellcats showed some of their earlier season form in tallying 56 points and although they have been defeated in every bracket of competition at least once, they still show a form of consistency that keeps them near the top.

Third place was taken by the Mariner squad with 49 points for their weekly effort. The Mariners have shown potency in two divisions — wrestling and basketball, where they have thus far been undefeated. Fourth spot was taken by the Seagulls who were close by with 48 points.

In the cumulative standings the Coronado squad is far out in front with a total of 217½ points and it is unlikely they will be overtaken. Second bracket is occupied by the Hellcats who have 191 points. The Seagulls and Mariners are tied away for fourth spot, however, with the Seagulls and Avengers graduating today, third place goes automatically to the Mariners —both have totaled 171 points.

Although the Vindicators are far down the rung they still have a commendable record on the basketball court with eight victories and no defeats.

The Catalina team had a hard time of it in last week's competition when they were barely able enough to eek out one triumph in eight attempts . . . points for the week 11, cumulative points 66, tsk, tsk.

OFFICERS' SMOKER

All officers aboard are invited to attend the Smoker at the clubhouse of the Del Monte golf club at 2000, Thursday, 2 December.

Cadet Choir Loses Thirty Members

Chaplain Wolf and Craig Nelson, Sp(W)1c, choir director, wish to thank the following men of the Sixteenth Battalion for their participation in the cadet choir:

Andrew J. Anderson, William B. Asunma, Asmundur S. Benson, Everett Buchanan, James L. Burchfield Adam R. Burns, Robert L. Butcher, Norman L. Buxton, Harold E. Carlson, Elmer M. Davis, James E. Dimmette, John H. Falen, James E. Harrison, Raymond E. Keithcart, Richard R. Lundberg.

Warren D. Mackender, Reuben Meline, Roger D. Morgan, Wallace J. Osborn, Glenn C. Pool, Lewis Rodman, Kenneth Sill, Ronald Sorensen, Lloyd Steuart, Richard K. Stevenson, James F. Strasser, Billie Tucker, David Vequist, Willis Walden, Raymond J. Welch.

Dr. Wiggam To Speak

Dr. Albert Edward Wiggam, author of an Educated Man" and "The Fruit of the Family Tree" among other books, is to speak before the Monterey Evening Forum on December 6. Dr. Wiggam is replacing Dr. Frank W. Hart who was to speak on "Education for the New World." Dr. Wiggam's subject is "Educating Ourselves for the Post - War World."

Undefeated in their last ten starts, this Vindicator basketball squad has tallied 247 points against 134 in its last four games. The Vindicators won six games under the coaching of Lieut. (jg) Kinnan and the last four with Ens. Warmerdam directing from the beach. Tied with 53 points each for high scorer in the last four games are W. J. Forgy, Grand Island, Neb., and F. P. Saeger, Fremont, Neb., with R. G. Burris, St. Joseph, Mo., next in line with 47 points.. The squad, front row, left to right: J. M. Hindeaks, Des Moines, Ia., Forgy, Burris and L. D. Jones, Beatrice, Neb. Standing, left to right: R. D. Terry, Gardena, Calif.; M. N. Marotta, Jersey City, N. J.; D. R. Mayer, Asbury Park, N. J.; Saeger and W. J. Houston, Elizabeth, N. J.

Eshmont's 54 Points Tops Scoring Parade

The Navyators' Len Eshmont did everything asked of him and then some in last Sunday's game against St. Mary's Pre-Flight. The erstwhile Fordham Flash crossed the opponents goal line twice during the afternoon to run his total points scored to 54 and cinched his chances for walking off with the scoring crown.

All-American Bruce Smith, St. Mary's Pre-Flight's mighty back, had a tough day of it but managed to tally six points and run his total to 42 points, which is second best in the scoring parade.

The Navyators placed fourteen men on the scoring list and have scored 209 points thus far for seven games played.

FOOTBALL

and (4) averaged 52.5 yards with his two punts during the game.

It was Eshmont who scored the first touchdown from a yard out to climax a 70-yard sustained drive on 14 plays after receiving the kickoff. Bowden Wyatt converted and exactly 20 seconds later Fred Gage made it 13 to 0 when he went 40 yards to pay dirt after intercepting a Smith pass.

With a minute gone in the second period, St. Mary's tallied on an 8-yard Engle to Gentry pass to end an 88-yard march that saw one McCarthy to Smith pass account for 59 yards.

Eshmont rang the bell again in the second quarter, this time on a 5-yard smash to cap a 65-yard march and the Navyators led, 25 to 7, at the half when Parker Hall electrified the 37,000 with a 70-yard off-tackle sprint for a t.d. after his mates had taken the ball on downs on their own two.

Del Monte took the third period kickoff and went 71 yards to score with Jim McDonald going over untouched from the two. That constituted the scoring action in that stanza and in the final period both teams added to their totals, with the Air Devils the first to score. Recovering a fumble on the Navyator 44, Smith & Co. went across in seven plays, Smith himself going the final yard.

Three minutes remained in the game when Del Monte ended the scoring festivities. This time Christman went over from the one on the fourtenth play after starting on the Navyator 49-yard line.