

FIRST SMOKER BIG SUCCESS

Before a packed hangar deck crowd of fight fans recently, eighteen glove slingers exchanged blows in a nine-bout card to give the BENNINGTON her first ship's smoker. Work-outs before the bout were run by "Kid" Joe Petrolle, assisted by Izzy Kednan and L. C. "Skip" Fanger, under the general direction of Athletic Officer Lt. J. A. "Buddy" Hassett. Judges for all contests were our Air Group and Fighter Squadron Commanders. The ref job was split between one of our fighter pilots and CSp (A) Bob Fiser.

The card and decisions:

Hunter, R. K., S1c, 3d Div. (won) vs Macaldi, J., S1c, 1st Div.

Price, W., S2c, 1st Div. vs Johnson, R. F., B Div. (won).

Beale, R. C., Pfc, 7th Div. (won) vs McCutchan, J., S1c, 5th Div.

Gionataiso, A. S., AMM3c, V-1-G (won) vs Carbone, S. T., Cox, 6th Div.

Edmonds, G., Pfc, 7th Div. vs. Saeriglio, M., S2c, 6th Div. (draw).

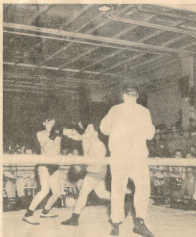
Garrell, J., Cpl., 7th Div., (won) vs Mafucci, J., S1c, 3d Div.

McCaughan, M., S1c, 3d Div. vs Jefferson, T. STM, S-2 Div. (won).

Hodges, H. F., SC2c, S-1 Div. (won) vs Cox, W. F., Ekr2c, S-1 Div.

Main Go: Montgomery, W. C., EM2c, E Div. (won) vs Hunka, J., MM2c, M Div.

Chaplain M. W. Smith manned the squeak box, and the ship's band, directed by Chief Terwilliger, were in the groove between bouts. Aspiring champs are urged to report to Joe Petrolle now to train for the next smoker.



Gionataiso vs Carbone



Bennington Fight Fans' Eyes Follow Flying Fists