

## Basketball Most Popular Sport

Basketball has undoubtedly become number one in sport popularity aboard the Buss "B", including both officers and enlisted personnel. Interest developed beyond all expectations, and before long every division on the ship had organized a team hot after competition. A divisional tournament resulted, in which fine ball and spirit were displayed.

The two teams to reach the final playoff game were those of the M and V-3-T Divisions. V-3-T was victorious by a score of 24 to 16, and was awarded the ship's basketball plaque. The spirit of this Division surpassed all others in their enthusiastic support, with Coach Robert's antics following the best Madison Square form. J. Marks of the M Division team was high man in points scored with a total of 33; W. Kinnis of V-3-T Division was second with 31.

The ship's regular basketball squad showed their usual brilliance in victories over the USS BELLEAU WOOD (36-26), and the USS SOUTH DAKOTA (28-31). One game was dropped to the USS SHANGHAI-LA (45-37). R. E. Pierce of V-3-T was high man in points scored for these three games with a total of 41. Coach Haffgo did an outstanding job of building a smooth working fighting team in a very brief training period. The ship's squad was composed of:

### FORWARDS

Cook, D. E.	Worin, J.
Mauldin, P. W.	Sobel, L.
Latulippe, G. H.	

### CENTERS

Hamerichhouse, D.	Pierce, E. E.
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### GUARDS

Waggett, J. W.	Rosenfeld, M.
Edmonds, G. H.	Devine, E. M.
Ebbitt, W.	Kaumann, H.
Cuthbert, L.	Delmontas, J.

The officers whipped a team together and were victorious over the officers of the SHANGHAI-LA by a score of 43 to 40. A very close game was played with the officers of the SOUTH DAKOTA - the Buss "B" loopers being edged out by three points - with a final score 34 to 31. T. E. Blount and J. M. Juett, WF pilots, shared honors for high points with 14 apiece. The team was composed of the following:

Embery, T. C.	Nelson, E. W.
Fisher, E. J.	Burpo, H. L.
Riever, E.	Walkley, C. J.
Haffgo, I. A.	Snodgrass, H.
Blount, T. E.	Fithian, L.
Frank, S.	Reacher, H.
Juett, J. M.	Brad, E. W.

## The Man Behind the Nose

Ernesto Natali Lombardi, the big bull cow of the New York Giants, was given the nickname Schorschella by one of the great men of our times, Jimmy Durante, after the pair had matched snouts. Durante admitted on that occasion that Lombardi had a handle comparable to his own but ruled that he himself was still the world's champ because his own nose was "more educated lookin'."

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By any other name Big Lou would smell as sweet, however, for he is truly one of the great hitters in baseball as anyone will allow. Handicapped by a distressing aloneness of foot which

## Exercise Rooms

Muscles are expanding while leather and sand are knocked about the crew's gym these days. The thickly matted deck is littered with Hercules forces twisted in every shape imaginable to develop muscular strength. Many a pound is made to defy gravity as weights are raised to the overhead and lowered in perfect, rhythmic motion. Medicine balls can be seen bounding hither and yon from what were once protuberant tumies.

The Officers have their muscle expanding compartment, too, located on the forward port gallery deck where grunts and groans run close competition with the aircraft above. The rattle of the punching bag apt of leather on canvas sides with the quiet swish of the rowing machine. A steam room is an additional feature - seawardpoints literally runs down the drain. A daily massage with dexterous and professional touch of Joe Petrolle keeps pilots in top condition.

Lieutenant "Buddy" Bennett, assisted by Chief Fier and Joe Petrolle, are to be given credit for all these gym facilities. They expended a great deal of effort to make such an entertaining and profitable pastime available to the men aboard. All hands are encouraged to make use of these facilities, not only for their personal benefit, but in order to make this ship a leader of the Fleet in all respects.

requires him to hit a triple overtime he wants to reach first base, he nonetheless has amassed a series of great batting records. Twice he led the league in batting. Once he was voted the league's most valuable player.

-- Sgt. Frank DeBlais



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