



SPORTS



Pistol Team Beats U.S.S. Worcester To Win First Match; Langston Is High Scorer With 288

After only a month or so of practice, our pistol team arranged its first match shortly before we left Gitmo. A four man team---firing only the 22 cal. pistol---had little trouble in

downing the U.S.S. Worcester whose squad, incidentally was the unofficial champion of the Mediterranean during their cruise in that region recently.

LCdr Baker

Coach Baker elected the following men to represent the Bennington on the firing range: F. Langston who shot a score of 288; E. P. Rego, who shot 260; D. E. Flanigan and R. I. Meade who both hit for 229. A perfect score is 300.

Although pleased with his team's performance, LCdr. Baker was quick to point out that, "A definite improvement in scores can be expected when new pistols are obtained." The team is now using pistols from the ship's armory now and although they are useful for most purposes, new Colt Match target pistols would be ideal for precision type target shooting. "The other pistols would add maybe 10 to 15 points to a man's score," commented Coach Baker.

The whole pistol team totals 24 members with each man specializing in one caliber pistol or, in some cases, two or three types. Only 22's were fired because the Worcester's team had not had a chance to practice with other caliber pistols recently. Forty-fives were fired

V-2 Division Wins Intra-mural Softball

Championship by Beating B Division 9-8

With Ernie Graham going all the way on the mound, V-2 beat B Division last Tuesday to win the ship's Intramural Softball Championship. V-2 saw an early 8-0 lead cut down to a final score of 9 to 8 by a very dangerous B Division rally which started in the top of the 4th inning and continued until the last play of the game forcing V-2 to win the hard way.

This is how the game went by innings:

First Inning: Graham fanned Shoplich, Celcine, and McNeil, the first three men at bat. In the lower half of the 1st, five V-2 batters, Stallings, Kachmar, Comisac, Loeffler, and Graham, each rapped out a single to score 4 runs. B Div.'s pitcher, Pyle, finally struck out Dunn to retire the side.

With V-2 scoring two runs in the 2nd and 3rd frames, the score jumped to 8-0 and things looked black for the Boilertenders. But in the top of the 4th, a base on balls by Shoplich started B Div.'s rally and the whole team batted around to score 4 runs before McCluskie was called out.

The sixth inning saw Steve Comisac score another run for V-2 making it 9 to 4. Things got tight in the 7th when Graham walked three men, gave a single to McNeil and a double to Warner. McCluskie hit a stinging ground-er to 3rd base and was called out at 1st base by Umpire Forsallo ---this was all she wrote, and V-2 had annexed the I.M. Crown.

A handsome trophy was presented to the V-2 team Captain, Ernie Graham, by Captain Young at the Happy Hour last Saturday night. The trophy will be kept in the Air Office until next year when it will be played for again.



E.E. Graham

but only an unofficial score was kept.

LCdr Baker, although he did not fire in this match, is one of the best shots on the pistol team. He will represent the ship in the middle Atlantic States Regional Pistol Championships at Quantico, Virginia, on May 23-24. This meet will attract the top marksmen from the East Coast.