



Benn Cagers Ready For Games As Varsity Tryouts Progress

Sunday, November 27th brought back many memories to the sports-minded sailor. A hoop was hoisted by the Special Services men in hangar bay one, and the old leather ball was put into action for varsity practice. Basketball started moving in full swing.



DROP ANCHOR, men, and cast an eye on our Jet Blast Beauty. With a smile as winning as this and all the armanent supporting her, Colleen Miller has no difficulty in explaining the fact she's one of Universal International's newest inspirational starlets.

Ensign D.C. Ulmer, coach of the varsity team, and LTJG L. Lewis, Gunnery, his assistant sent the men through a brief, but brisk, workout. About 75 men turned out for the one and a half-hour shooting and scrimmage drill.

The next tryout should produce the 15-man squad which coach Ulmer hopes to carry as the ship's varsity basketball team.

Earlier in the season at Yokosuka, a make-shift lineup from Bennington played two ball games. The first, with the USS Frontier, resulted in an 82-62 loss. However, the Frontier is one of the better teams in the West Pacific. The USS Hornet was Big Benn's first 1955 victim. Playing steady ball, the Bennington men came out on the top end of a 70-64 score. Cloutier, Walters, Littlejohn, Turner and Haynes all played progressive roles in this upset.

Epperson Adds More Victories

The Navy's Middleweight Champion, Robert N. Epperson Jr., AKA, of the Big Benns, chalked up another title by punching his way to the top and winning the Armed Forces North Eastern Boxing Championship in Yokosuka, Japan last week.

Bob, of S-1 Div., was sent TAD to Headquarters Support Activities, Yokosuka when Bennington took a break during her Far Eastern Cruise. He will be training for 14 weeks for a future spotlight in the World-Wide Olympics as a Champion of the Ring.



QUESTION:
ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE SHIP'S RADIO STATION?



WRIGHT



STORCH

C.B. WRIGHT SD1 S-5 DIV. Yes **WBN** has good music. It isn't too often that I get a chance to hear it but when I do I enjoy the fine collection of records.

W.C. STORCH AN VF-13. I think it is a very fine station. It keeps with all the popular songs. Another good feature is that it is done with the disc jockey style like they use back home.



RITCHIE



SALTZGAVER

J.C. RITCHIE Cpl 7th DIV. Yes I am. The request show is mostly what I like, we can request whatever music we want to hear. It also helps us to keep up with what is popular back in the states.

L.B. SALTZGAVER SN X DIV. Yes I'm satisfied, but I would enjoy it more if they played more Armed Forces programs, like **Dragnet**, on Sunday.

The saga of the U.S. marines in the Pacific, "Battle Cry", emerged the top money-making picture of the 1954-55 season in the annual poll of independent motion picture theater owners and film buyers.