



The WASP softball and basketball teams concluded their stay in Athens by defeating the U. S. S. SEVERN (AO-61) 14 to 1. They had previously beaten the U. S. S. ESSEX (CVA-9) 22 to 7 in softball and in basketball by a six point margin.

Carpino of H Division pitched both softball games giving up five hits in the ESSEX game and limiting the SEVERN to only three. The "Waspmen" hit both the ESSEX and SEVERN hurlers with little trouble. Stone, Pagano, and Carter of 7th Division each had four hits in the ESSEX game with Stone and Carter hitting home runs. Ensign Mullen sparked the hitters in the SEVERN game, while Carpino pitched his second complete game.

The fast breaking WASP basketball team downed the Essex Eagles 75 - 69 on June 19th in their first contest of the Med cruise. It was the team's first encounter since last winter when they won the ComNavAirLant championship.

The "Waspites" took a commanding lead in the early stages of the game and were out in front 43 - 29 at intermission. In the second half the Eagles battled back to within three points, but quick buckets by Bill Gray and Tom McCloskey pulled the WASP five out of trouble.

The long lay-off didn't hamper Bill Gray's shooting eye in the least, as the dead-eye Kentuckian hit for 32 points. Other highlights of the contest was the fine ball handling of Jack Carter and the outstanding rebound play of Tom McCloskey.

At publication deadline Coach Mullen was uncertain as to when the team would battle again. He was in high hopes of scheduling contests while the ship is in Naples.



### WILLIAM KERIVAN WEIGHS IN FOR SMOKER BOUTS

Referee 1st LT Pete Samaras and Matchmaker Chaplain Canfield look on

## Smoker Bouts

Leather flew hard and furious on the evening of June 29 as the all-purpose Pangar Bay 1 served as an arena for the 1958 WASP smoker. A 12-bout card had all the color and competitiveness of the famous Golden-Gloves.

Chaplain Canfield was the card matchmaker, and 1st LT P. Samaras was the slugfest referee. LT G. Palmer was the master of ceremonies for the evening, and LT J. Butner, Chief R. W. Hood and M/Sgt. R. P. Frechette were judges at ringside.

During intermission refreshments were served, and musical entertainment was supplied by the ComNavAirLant band.

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