



LANGLEY MEMORIAL AERONAUTICAL LABORATORY

MCCONNELL GETS 16 AS IRD WINS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

With big Jim McConnell pacing the attack, IRD walked off with the men's basketball league championship Monday night at the YMCA, turning back the 8-Foot High Speeders, 35-25.

McConnell, held scoreless for the entire first half, suddenly came to life and pumped in 16 points. His teammate Frank Liberatore added 10. Luke Liccini topped the losers with eight.

IRD got off to an early lead, having the best of a 7-4 count at the quarter mark. In a listless second quarter, 8-Foot got four points, held IRD scoreless, and led at halftime, 11-10.

At the beginning of the second half, McConnell dropped in two quick baskets and Liberatore one to take a five point lead. Beiduk narrowed the count two points but the IRD circus was off again

with McConnell and Taylor leading the way. Each connected for two from the floor and Mac added a foul shot. Beiduk hit on a layup and Liccini added a free throw and the three-quarter score was IRD 25, 8'HST 16.

Things got more interesting in the last stanza with IRD making 10 points to 8-Foot's nine. Final score, IRD 35, 8'HST 25.

IRD (35)	G	F	TP	8'HST (25)	G	F	TP
Liberatore	4	2	10	Perry	1	2	4
Taylor	3	1	7	Fedziuk	2	1	5
McConnell	7	2	16	Liccini	3	2	8
Mann	0	0	0	Vincke	0	1	1
Schettler	1	0	2	Beiduk	3	1	7
Hanson	0	0	0	Baals	0	0	0

Total 15 5 35 Total 9 7 25

Officials: DeVoto and Cancro

COMMITTEE SAYS "GIVE 'EM RAISE"

A 17 percent across the board increase and the establishment of two additional scientific and engineering grades at \$12,000 and \$14,000 were recommended last week by the Jackson subcommittee of the Civil Service Committee of the House of Representatives.

These recommendations along with several others will be made to the House committee where it is anticipated they will receive little or no opposition.

The Senate has already passed a bill calling for an approximate 11 percent increase.

In addition to the provisions already mentioned, double pay for holiday work and the extension of the 10 percent night differential to include the sixth and seventh working days were asked.

Sample pay rates, if the committee recommendations are enacted by Congress, will be:

Old Base	Present Base	Proposed Base
\$1260	\$1506	\$1762
1440	1704	1993
1620	1902	2225
1800	2100	2457
2000	2320	2714
2300	2650	3100
2600	2980	3486
3200	3640	4258

PLANS STARTED TO FORM PHOTO CLUB

Plans are being made to organize a camera club for MACA employees. It is known that quite a number of staff members are interested in photography, but until now a satisfactory place to work and hold discussion or instruction groups has not been available.

A room has been reserved at the Syms-Eaton Community center for use as a dark room and space is also available for meetings. All who are interested are asked to attend the meeting at Syms-Eaton on Tuesday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m.

TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES

Registration for state-aided classes in elementary, intermediate, and advanced typing and shorthand will be held Monday, April 1, and Wednesday, April 3, at the Hampton high school. Anyone is eligible to register and the fee for each course is \$1.75.

TYPISTS, STENOS NEEDED STILL

Norwood Evans of Employment announced this week that vacancies are still open here at the Laboratory for clerk-typists and stenographers and also that the Lab is in need of a few lithographers and photographers. Anyone knowing of persons qualified for these positions and interested in working at the Laboratory are asked to contact the Employment Office, telephone 2325 or 2272.

Coming Events

- March 30 - 1:30 p.m. Men's Basketball Quarter-finals, Fort Monroe Y
- April 1 - 7:30 p.m. Men's basketball semi-finals, Fort Monroe YwCA
- 7 p.m. Women's basketball semi-finals, Hampton High
- April 2 - 8 p.m. Bridge Club, USO
- April 4-7 p.m. Men's basketball finals and dance, Hampton Armory
- April 5 and 6 - 8:15 p.m. 'I Remember Mama', Hampton High.

HOOP LOOP PLAYS, DANCES THURSDAY

The Community Basketball Leagues will close their 1946 season of play with the finals in the second annual basketball tournament followed by a dance at the Hampton Armory on Thursday night, April 4. The events of the evening will get underway at 7 p.m. with a game between the AWT girls, 1946 champs of the Girls' Community Basketball league, and an All Star team. At

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LINE of the LABORATORY

April 27 will be the big day in

Eleanor McKinstry's life when she *does* away with the 'Miss' before her name and substitutes 'Mrs.'. The prospective groom is T. A. Andrews of AWT.

Happiest man in the world.

or at least in Auxiliary Flight is Louis Kellam. The arrival from England of his wife, whom he met while stationed overseas, is the reason he whistles on his way to work.

Everybody seems pretty happy.

now that IRD has come in first in one of the Laboratory athletic leagues. Everybody in IRD is, anyhow. The usual line of wives stuck by their team to the glorious end, aided and abetted by their new head cheerleader, Dave 'Tubby' Newby.

7 X Foots and ALD.

may be racing each other for top honors in the baby derby but no divisions have come any where near challenging the Tank for their undisputed title of romatical champs. All persons who are contemplating matrimony but whose prospects don't look too bright are guaranteed results if they transfer to the Tank, the haven for prospective brides and grooms. The fifth intra-Tank romance has just reached the engagement stage and wedding plans are being made for the marriage of Beth Hay'and Hugh Fraser. Four of the five matchings took place in a little more than a year's time.

Dressed in pajamas (men's).

bathrobes, and carrying lighted candles, the AWT girls entered the Hampton High School gym in a solemn mournful

LAB BRIDGE CLUB MEETS TUESDAY

Seventeen bridge enthusiasts turned out for the second meeting of the LNAL Bridge Club Tuesday night; rubber bridge was played.

Carl Rossman of the tournament committee announced that that group was ahead for plans for the tournament on April 9, and that arrangements were being made to take care of any size crowd. Anyone desiring any information on the tourney may contact Rossman at 4459, Bruce Amole at 2377, Bill Sperry at 2336, or Gene Frank at 2302.

The next regular club meeting will be held next Tuesday night at the USO on Academy Street. Rubber bridge will be played and newcomers are invited. Special tables will be reserved for the less experienced players and if interest warrants, a class in the finer points of bridge will be offered.

HOOP LOOP

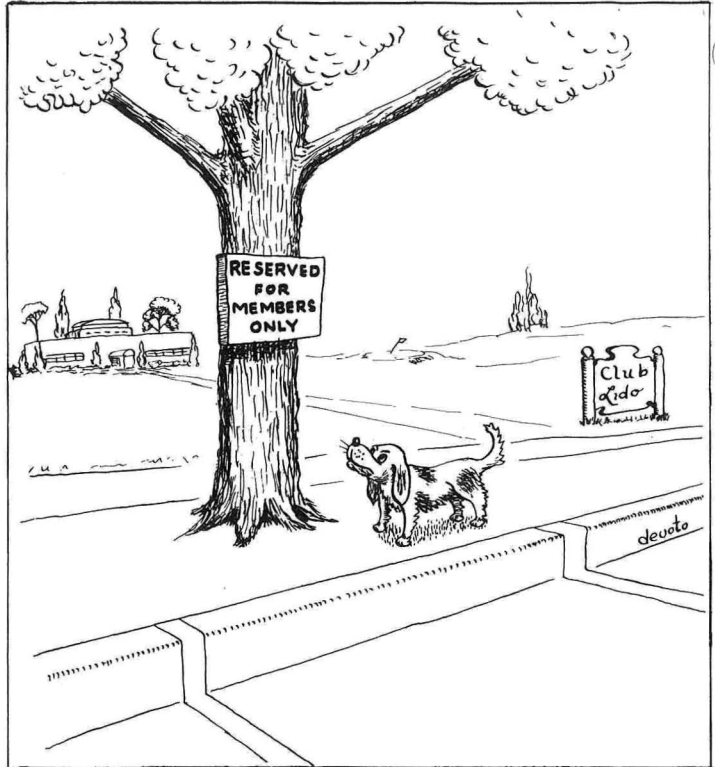
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8 o'clock the final game in the men's tourney will be played followed by dancing 'til 12.

Music will be furnished by Blair Blanton and the Southerners and admission will be \$1.00, stag or drag. Tickets may be obtained from Pete Korycinsky, 16-Foot Tunnel; Jack Kinzler, West Machine Shop; Charlie Clark, 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel, or the Air Scoop Office, Utility Building.

LATE SPORTS

The 16-Foots took the first game in the men's basketball tournament, nosing out Auxiliary Flight 34-33. Ted Himka was high scorer with 17 points. Flight Blues forfeited to the Low Turbs.



procession to meet the flippant giggly boys of AWT who were dressed in fancy blousing bloomers trimmed in hamburg lace and the latest thing in bra-tops. After about five minutes of play, the girls called time out while they stood in the middle of the court for the unveiling - in a burlesque manner, they peeled off their pajamas and played the remaining part of the game in their regular white uniforms. Slightly in the lead throughout the game, the boys managed to score 24 points to the girls' 19. Bellerin' Boykin was high scorer for the girls with 12 points and Bowlegs Bates managed to take top honors for the boys with 8 points. Other players were: for the girls - Lukewarm Lishman, Hot Shot Scott, Muscles McKinstry, Murderin' Mikell, and Ball Stealin' Scott, a recruit from the 16'-PRT team. For the boys - Romantic Rossi, Jitterbug Johnson, Sentimental Smith, Cuddles Comenza, Beaucatcher Bridges, and Mermaid McKee.

SOFTBALL MEETING

The men's softball league will have a meeting on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the Syms-Eaton Community Center. Teams are urged to have a representative present.

WANTED: Ride to Baltimore or Washington on April 12. Alice Aronson, PRD.

NOTICE: Will the section that borrowed the Editorial Office's paper trimmer (drop knife, wood base, 15-inches, Eastko No. 5, Inv. No. 9626) return it to the Editorial Office, Room 205, Administration Building.

FOR SALE: Brand new Marlin 39A, 22 cal. lever action repeating rifle. \$36.50. Dan Germansky, IRD, Metallurgy Lab.

POLHAMUS LEADS LEAGUE SCORERS

Eddie Polhamus, Stability's hot shot forward, came through with 40 points in the season closer with the Flight Whites to grab first place in the high scoring race. His total of 70 field goals and 10 foul shots accounted for 150 points in 8 games, also giving him the high game average of 18.8. Eickmeier of IRD took second high honors with 135 points and McWilliams of Langley View had second high average of 18. Liberator of IRD made good on 38 free throws, leading in that category.

Three players made good for more than 30 points in a single game this season. Polhamus hit for 40, McWilliams for 38, and Liccini of 8'HST got 31.

The complete list of the men who tallied at least 100 points and who averaged at least 10 points a game is as follows:

Player	Team	G	FG	F	TP	AVG.
Polhamus	Stab.	3	70	10	150	18.8
Eickmeier	IRD	12	60	15	135	11.3
Liberator	IRD	11	46	38	130	11.8
Davis	Presby	11	55	20	130	11.8
Liccini	8'HST	12	49	25	123	10.3
McConnell	IRD	11	49	20	118	10.7
Perry	8'HST	11	48	19	115	10.6
aylor	Presby	11	53	7	113	10.3
ritch	T-P	11	46	20	112	10.2
McWilliams	L.V.	6	48	12	108	18
Catlett	Presby	10	44	15	103	10.3

AWT SURE THING IN DUCKPIN PLAY

The AWT Characters are practically assured of first place in the NACA Duckpin Championship Round, needing only one game out of three with the last place Gutter Rats from Structures to put the title on ice.

Ray Comenzo took highscoring honors last week with a 152 game and a 392 set to pace the Characters in the clean sweep over the Electrical Exciters. The total team pinfall for the night tied their previous record of 1588.

Irma Twyman of Full Scale has a 116 game and Sadie Miller of the Gutter Rats has a 303 set to lead the women.

Leading averages for the men are Comenzo, 110.4, and Bernie Smith, also AWT, 109.1. Another Character, Edna Lishman leads the women with 93.9 and Sadie Miller is also second with 90.3.

PLEASE RETURN long-borrowed copy of Sokolnikoff's 'Higher mathematics for Engineers and Physicists.' H. S. Ribner, Stability Analysis, 4405.

FOR SALE: Ohlsson 23 model airplane engine. Eugene Hunt, PRT.

REACH SEMIS IN PLAYOFFS

With the first round of playoffs over, four teams remain in the run for the tournament title in the Girl's Community Basketball League.

Last Monday night 16-Foot knocked Administration out of the running by a score of 21-12 and Presbyterian took a 29-24 victory from Loads.

Getting off to a good start, 16-Foot lead the Administrators throughout the game and were well ahead at half-time by a score of 16-8. Maxine Horne led the winners with 10 points and Frances Leigh, the losers, with 6 points.

Leading at halftime 19-11, Presby managed to hold a lead over the losers throughout the game to win by the narrow margin of 29-25. Putting up a good fight, Loads threatened the winners several times in the second half but failed to pass them. Dot Beadles, Loads forward, was high scorer with 13 points.

Next Monday night Presbyterian will meet the 7 X rooters and AWT will tangle with 16'-PRT. The winners of the two games will meet Monday night, April 8 at the Hampton High School gym for the final playoff.

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pctg.
AWT	7	0	200	95	1.000
7 X 10	6	1	156	87	.857
Presby	5	2	149	127	.714
86'PRT	4	3	119	94	.571
PRD	3	4	77	124	.429
Adm.	2	5	100	126	.286
Loads	1	6	80	161	.143
8-Foot	0	7	30	96	.000

JACKIE POTEAT SCORES HIGHEST

Jackie Poteat, 7 X Foots forward, took top scoring honors for the season in the Girls' Community Softball league with 42 field goals, a total of 90 points and a 12.9 average. Becky Boykin AWT forward, came in second with 81 points and a 11.6 average. Leona Hofmann, Presbyterian, took top honors in the foul shooting category with 13. The AWT champs took their share of honors with all three forwards rating the list of high scorers; Boykin and Louise Crane ranked second and third respectively and Edna Lishman came in for fifth place.

The high scorers in the league are as follows:

Player	Teams	G	FG	F	TP	AVG.
Poteat	7 X 10	7	42	6	90	12.9
Boykin	AWT	7	36	9	81	11.6
Crane	AWT	7	26	8	60	8.6
Hofmann	Presby	7	22	13	57	8.1
Lishman	AWT	7	27	3	57	8.1
Horne	16'-PRT	7	23	5	51	7.3
Beadle	Loads	6	21	6	48	8



Now that basketball is bowing out and softball is charging in to rule the Lab sports whirl for a few months, the air is filled with talk about certain individuals who have announced retirement plans for this year - not retirement from work but simply placing themselves on the inactive player list for the more active sports.

Some folks claim that you're never too old to play. Maybe that depends on the sport you follow but Pudge Heffelfinger, Yale's all-time all American guard had to be asked to cease and desist when he went out to scrimmage with a college team when he was past 50. Of course the baseball world is full of youngsters of 35 or 40 summers and it's seldom that they are pushovers.

Even here at Langley we have out old timers who have been known to make it rough for the lads just out of college. Take Jack Westfall for instance. In 1943, while still a youngster of 31, Jack rocked 'em and socked 'em for dear old Air Flow Research to the extent that he was named by his opponents to the second string of the all star football selection. Joe Kotanchik played regular first or second base for Structures through his thirty-fifth year, hitting .375 for his last full season. Last year he stepped out occasionally and demonstrated that he could still hit better than the average. Red Neihouse is another top man of the younger set. Red helped to celebrate his thirty-fifth year of existence just after being named as shortfielder and captain of the all star softball team and most valuable player of the season. Even the following year his challenge to meet Paul Marchal, who nosed him off the all stars by a scant three vote margin, in a one hundred dash went unaccepted.

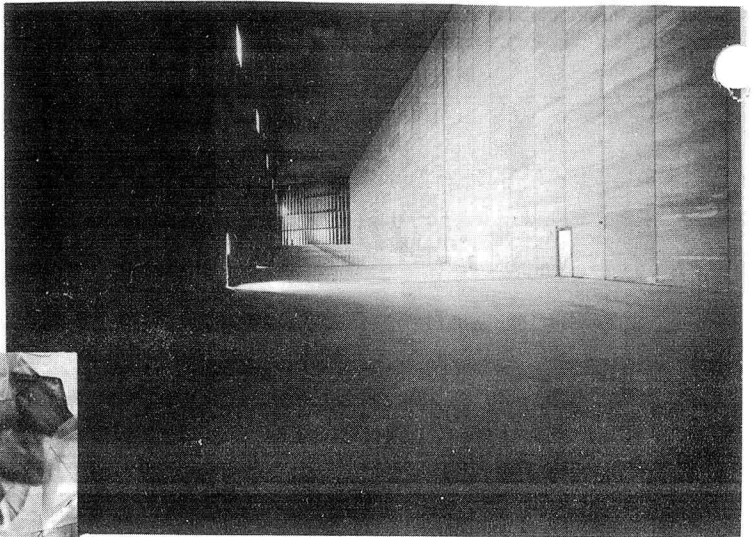
Granddaddy of 'em all is Bruce Amole whose opponents voted all star center after the touch football campaign of 1943. While the votes were being counted, Bruce turned 38.

Maybe today's old men of 27-30 are made of softer stuff.

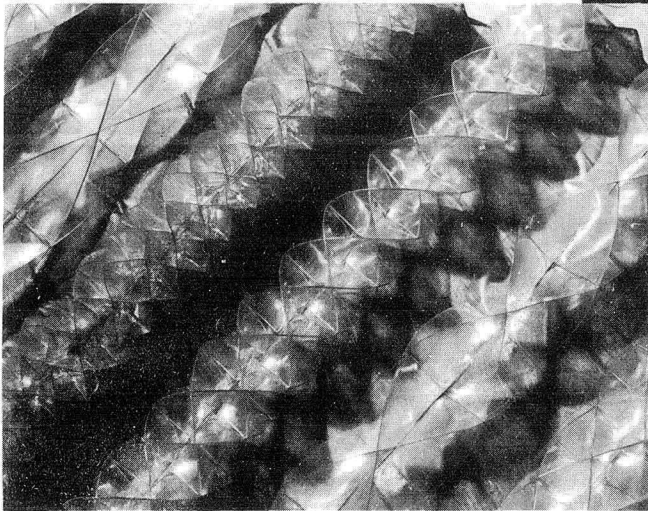
FINAL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pctg.
IRD	11	2	.846
8'HST	10	3	.769
Presby	8	3	.727
Seals	8	4	.667
Langley View	7	4	.636
Stability	7	5	.583
Eagles	7	5	.583
Low Turbs	5	6	.455
Tank-PRD	5	7	.417
Aux. Flight	3	7	.300
16'HST	3	8	.273
Flight Blues	0	9	.000
Flight Whites	0	11	.000

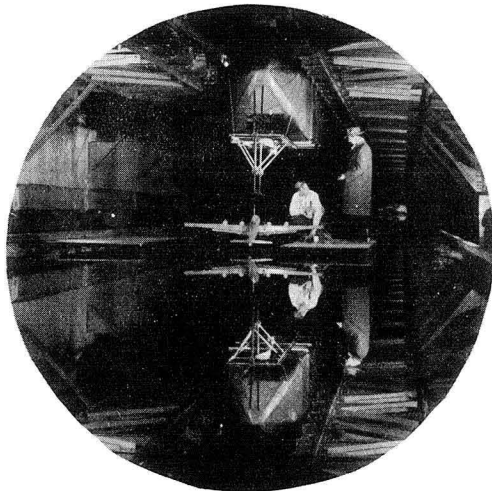
Something that would appeal to the reading public was the order that was given to A. R. Handy, photographer from the Cleveland Laboratory who came down to assist in the readying of publicity for the writers' conference in February. Handy's choice of subject matter, lightning, and angle of attack made his pictures something a bit out of the ordinary.



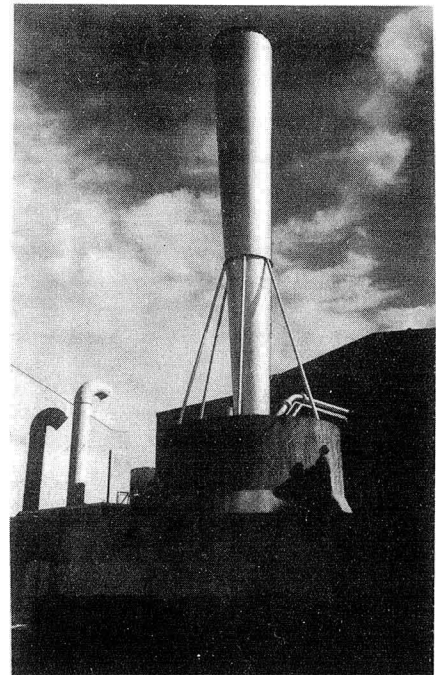
This is not a long dark passageway out of a tale by Poe, simply one of the twin return passages of the full Scale Tunnel. Down that corridor passes a lot of wind -- wind, that is.



Regardless of what you may think it is, it's not that. These little plastic doodads are models used to study the behavior of propellers over Physical Research way. Each helix represents a single propeller.



Checking the installation of a ditching model above the mirrow-like placid waters of Tank number 2.



A long silver finger pointing into the sky, that's the 24-inch high speed tunnel. The best thing about pictures of wind tunnels, they never show the noise.