

AJAX

helps Naval Station scrub down NIOC

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Personnel Specialist 3rd Class Aaron Jackson, Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTA) quarterback, tossed two touchdown passes and ran in another while Chief Firecontrolman Ryan York recorded two picks as NAVSTA shut out Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii (NIOC), 18-0, at Ward Field, Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Jan. 14.

The victory not only gave NAVSTA the Ashore Intra-mural League regular-season title with a 13-1 record but also helped the team avenge its only loss of the year – a 13-12 defeat to NIOC in week three. Jackson, who goes by the nickname Ajax, gave a virtuoso performance, as he helped NAVSTA clean up on its nemesis, which also entered the game with only one loss.

Throughout the game, Jackson continually eluded NIOC defenders, while torching the secondary with pinpoint accuracy with his passes.

“I know that if I can buy my receivers time to get

open, it’s devastating for the defense,” stated Jackson. “I knew it was going to be a challenge because they (NIOC) got some good athletes. But I wanted to get back at them.”

Although NAVSTA struggled against a swarming NIOC defense in the teams’ last encounter, Jackson and his teammates wasted little time in attacking their foe this go-around.

In the team’s first possession, Jackson led NAVSTA on a six-play drive that covered 65 yards and culminated with a scoring strike from Jackson to Master-at-Arms Seaman Brandon Thomason, who covered the final 49 yards on a catch-and-run.

After stopping NIOC at its own 39-yard line, Jackson rolled the dice and lofted a bomb to Ensign Rod Smith for a quick strike that gave NAVSTA an early 12-0 advantage.

York ended NIOC’s next drive by intercepting his first of two picks and gave NAVSTA the ball on its own 30.

Seven plays later, Jackson completed the team’s scoring for the night with a short three-yard plunge that pushed the final score to 18-0.

While NAVSTA didn’t post any points in the second half, the team aided its cause when it ate up most of the clock on a 64-yard drive that placed the ball inside the NIOC one-yard line.

NIOC tried to make a comeback late in the game, but after bringing the ball up to mid-field, quarterback Chief Cryp-

tologic Technician (Collection) Joe Cantu was sacked and intercepted on the final two plays of the game.

“Hat’s off to them (NAVSTA). They played a heck of a game,” said Cantu. “This lets us know where we’re at and where we need to be in order to make it all the way. Hopefully, we’ll see them again in the playoffs.”

York said that even though Cantu was able to burn NAVSTA on the deep passes during their first matchup, the team just went back to basics in stopping NIOC this time around.

“We really didn’t do anything differently,” he noted. “The last game we played them (NIOC), we had a lot of people playing out of position. We come into every game with the same mentality. We feel that we’re the team to beat. We want to be in the best position possible and represent Naval Station.”

Jackson added that even though it felt good to close out the regular season on top of the division, he realized that there is much more work to do in the playoffs.

Still, while he acknowledged that the post-season would pose a significant challenge to him and his teammates, he is confident that NAVSTA will walk away with the overall championship.

“This (regular-season champs) give us a lot of momentum,” said Jackson. “It gives us a big bull’s-eye on our back, but we know that we can beat everybody so it’s up to us to just do it. We’ll win it.”



Chicago keeps hopes alive for playoff berth

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USS Chicago proved that on any given day, any team could rise to victory in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Afloat Intramural Flag Football League.

Even though Chicago entered its matchup with USS Port Royal (CG 73) in last place among the league's 13 squads, the team met the challenge with a dominating, 27-0, win at Ward Field, Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Jan. 16.

While the triumph improved Chicago's record to 3-7, it is still a long shot to earn a place among the final eight teams in the upcoming playoffs - especially with only one more week to go in the regular season.

Meanwhile, Port Royal, which appeared to be a cinch for the post-season after getting off to a 3-1 start, may also have to keep its fingers crossed after it saw its league record fall to 4-6.

"We didn't have anybody," said Electronics Technician 3rd Class Chad Sieg, who served as QB for Port Royal during most of the game. "None of our starters were here to today so I got pulled to play quarterback and we just got our fastest guys to play receiver."

With Port Royal scrambling for players, Chicago went right to work and took full advantage of its opponent's mix-and-match lineup.

On the first play of the game, Logistics Specialist Seaman Jerry Acosta, who doubled as quarterback and linebacker for Chicago, stepped in front of a pass by Electronics Technician 2nd Class Jason Leube of Port Royal and scampered into the end zone for a quick score. Chicago converted on its point after touchdown (PAT) to take an early 7-0 lead.

Sieg immediately took over as Port Royal signal caller following Acosta's interception, but he also struggled at QB.

On his second play from scrimmage, Sieg was picked off by Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Travis

Thieke of Chicago and had another pass taken away by Yeoman 2nd Class Serge Kabanda on the team's next offensive series.

Kabanda's interception set up Chicago's second touchdown of the day. The drive covered 44 yards, with Kabanda running the final 23 yards to pay dirt on a pitch out from Acosta.

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"I figured that if I got open, nobody was going to catch me," said Kabanda after streaking down the right sideline for the TD.

After halftime, Acosta almost repeated the first play of the game when he opened up the second half by intercepting a pass from Sieg and taking it down to the five-yard line.

Instead, Kabanda scored on Chicago's first play from scrimmage on a shuffle pass up the middle. Chicago made good in its PAT to go up 20-0.

"As soon as they threw it, I just broke for the ball," said Acosta about his two interceptions. "We communicated well. That's all there is."

Acosta scored Chicago's final touchdown on a three-yard run late in the game.

Although Chicago's record reflected a down season, Kabanda said that the win over Port Royal is proof that the team is far better than its overall league mark.

Chicago may have struggled in the past, said Kabanda, but if the team should make it to the playoffs, it could go all the way.

"At the beginning of the season, we were in dry dock and didn't have anybody coming out," he explained. "Now we have a little more time on our hands so people are showing up. I don't see us losing again any time soon."

As for Port Royal, Sieg stated that although the team has only won one out of its last six games, things would change if it gets into the playoffs.



Yeoman 2nd Class Serge Kabanda of USS Chicago (SSN 721) goes up over a receiver from USS Port Royal (CG 73) to grab an interception during the teams' Afloat Intramural League flag football game at Ward Field, Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Jan. 16. Besides the pick, Kabanda also scored two touchdowns in helping Chicago to a 27-0 win over Port Royal.

Pearl Harbor Lakers topple Hickam youth

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The Pearl Harbor Lakers doubled up on a squad from Hickam Air Force Base, 14-7, to win their first game of the season in a Hawaii Military Youth Athletic Association (HMYAA) Mighty Mite (ages 7-8) basketball game at Bloch Arena Annex Gym, Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Jan. 16.

The HMYAA is an inter-base youth organization that includes teams from Pearl Harbor, Hickam Air Force Base and Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Led by the shooting of Rashod Tanner, who connected on the first three baskets of the game, Pearl Harbor got out to a 6-3 advantage after the first two 10-minute quarters.

Following halftime, the team, under the guidance of Religious Program Specialist 1st Class Elliot Warley, head coach, and Chief Logistics Specialist Earl Navarro, assistant coach, Pearl Harbor continued to build upon its lead by switching to a strong inside game, where Cayden George cleaned up under the boards.

George pumped in two baskets in the third quarter and added another basket in the fourth to help keep Pearl Harbor on top.

"We practice that (inside game) a lot," said Warley, who holds three practice sessions per week. "We know all the other kids focus on the ball so we can isolate him (George). So if we can get the ball to him, it's an easier shot."

For the game, Tanner led Pearl Harbor with seven points, George with six points, and EJ Warley, the coach's son, added a free throw to round out the scoring.

Meanwhile, Omar Valle, who scored all seven points for the team, led Hickam. Valle's three-point bomb in the second quarter helped keep Hickam in the game as the teams entered intermission.

Air Force Lt. Bill Sullivan, who is in his second year as



Cayden George of the Pearl Harbor Lakers goes up for two of his six points during the team's meeting against a squad from Hickam Air Force Base in a Hawaii Military Youth Athletic Association (HMYAA) Mighty Mite (ages 7-8) basketball game at Bloch Arena Annex Gym, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, on Jan. 16. Pearl Harbor defeated Hickam, 14-7, to even its record at 1-1.



end, he was extremely happy by the team's effort and improvement.

"In our last game, the kids just kind of ran a fast break and got frenzied out," admitted Sullivan. "This game, I told them to walk the ball up and get back on defense, and we got all five guys with good options for shots. All of the shots didn't go in, but they got some good shots and that made me happy."

Sullivan added that after two games, he believes that the team will improve as each week goes by. He stated that his objective is to keep the players moving forward while

"We hope to get better each game, but at the end of the day, we all hope that the kids are enjoying themselves," said Sullivan. "If we teach the fundamentals of teamwork and working together towards a common goal, then it will help them make some sound decisions later in life."

Warley also believes that his team, whose record now stands at 1-1, is on the right path towards improving its skills as the season progresses.

Using a system that focuses on ball control and passing, Warley said the if the Lakers continues to refine their game, then they should make a run for the championship.

"I think we can go all the

getting better."

Pearl Harbor Youth Sports is currently holding registration for NFL Flag Football, girls' fast-pitch softball, baseball, tennis and volleyball.

For more information, log on to the Web at www.greatlifehawaii.com, or call 474-3501.



Showtime Performers, a joint home school choir and music group, presents a holiday concert at Personnel Support Detachment and Fleet and Family Support Center, Pearl Harbor.

Showtime Performers present holiday music

Story and photo by Liz Gocong

Navy Region Hawaii School Liaison

Pearl Harbor Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) and the Pearl Harbor Fleet and Family Service Center (FFSC) and their guests were recently treated to a special performance from the Showtime Performers, a joint home school choir and

music group. The children ranged in ages from four-14 and were led by Angela Harris.

The Showtime Performers are a home school music, dance and showmanship course that runs for nine weeks.

The children entertained the crowd with an assortment of holiday songs. They drew a large crowd in the PSD/FFSC foyer where the performance was held.

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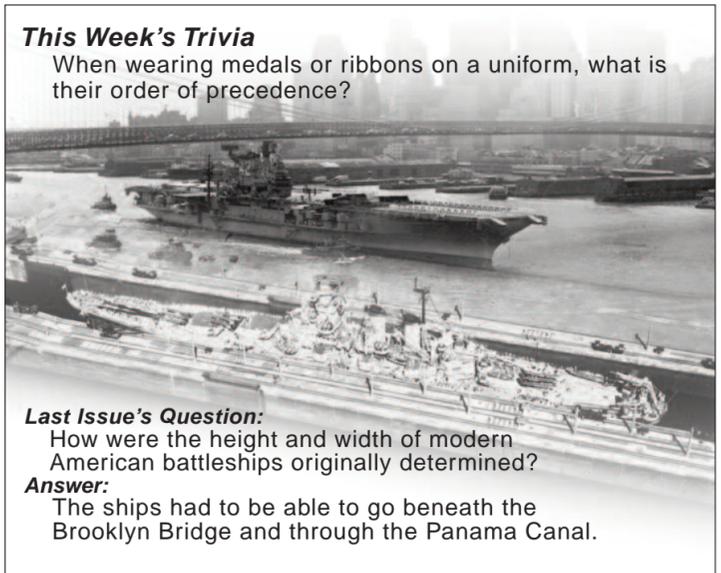
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This Week's Trivia
When wearing medals or ribbons on a uniform, what is their order of precedence?



Last Issue's Question:
How were the height and width of modern American battleships originally determined?

Answer:
The ships had to be able to go beneath the Brooklyn Bridge and through the Panama Canal.

Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

Morale Welfare & Recreation

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE
The intramural basketball league at Naval Station Pearl Harbor will be open from Jan. 16 to March 10 to active duty service members only from Pearl Harbor, Barbers Point, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, West Loch and Kunia commands. All games will be played at Bloch Arena. Registration and participation is free. FMI: 473-2494 or visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

ANGER, TEMPER TANTRUMS AND SIBLING RIVALRY WORKSHOP
Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) Navy Region Hawaii will host a children's anger workshop from 9 to 11 a.m. Jan. 26 at Moanalua Navy Services Center, near the Navy Exchange and Navy-Marine Golf Course. This workshop will help parents to minimize sibling rivalry, address temper tantrums, understand what triggers young children's anger, and provide positive safe ways to deal with it. The class is offered to all active duty, reserve, and retired personnel, family members, and Department of Defense (DoD) employees. Moanalua Navy Services Center is located at 4827 Bougainville Drive. There is no charge for the class. FMI: 474-1999.

REGISTER NOW FOR YOUTH SPORTS
Youth sports offers activities to help keep children fit and involved. Registration for NFL flag football, girl's fast pitch softball, baseball, volleyball and tennis is now open. Participation is open to all military-affiliated youth. Fees are due at the time of registration. For a complete list of youth sports teams available and registration dates, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 474-3501.

SEATTLE SEAGALS SWEETHEART BARBEQUE
The Seattle Seagals will host a free meet and greet event on Feb. 12 at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station with a lunchtime barbecue at the Wahiawa Annex. The event starts at 11:30 a.m. There will be a sweetheart Hawaiian luau at Liberty in Paradise at 5:30 p.m. The event is open to all single Sailors and their sponsored guests 18 and older. FMI: 473-4279.

FREE YOUTH NFL AND CHEERLEADING CLINIC
There will be a free youth NFL and cheerleading clinic from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at Kapiolani Park. Military youth ages nine to 18 years old are welcome to participate in these free clinics with NFL players and cheerleaders giving tips, discussions and directions. Space is limited and registration is via the Web site online. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 474-3501.

Community Calendar

January

29, 30 ~ Actor Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band will perform a concert from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Pop Warner Football Field at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe and from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Freedom Mall Tower located at Hickam Air Force Base. FMI: visit www.uso.org.

February

2-5 ~ A Retirement Transition Assistance Program (RTAP) seminar will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC). This four-day seminar provides vital career/employment information and assists all military members and their spouses within two years of retirement with a smoother transition from military to civilian life. Registration is required through the service member's command career counselor. FMI: 474-1999.

6 ~ Pearl Harbor Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a Super Garage Sale and Craft Fair from 8 a.m. to noon at Richardson Field on Kamehameha Highway across from Aloha Stadium. The cost for each 10 foot-by-10 foot spot ranges from \$10-\$15 for garage sellers and \$20-\$25 for crafters/businesses. Common items for sale normally include fitness and outdoor recreation equipment, furniture, toys, books, and clothing (especially for children). FMI: 473-0606 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

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Everybody's Fine (PG 13)

Widower, Frank Goode spent his adult life working in a local wire factory earning every dollar he can to support his family, his late wife was always his main point of contact with his kids, but he decides that it's now his responsibility to keep an eye on them. He is inspired to invite the whole extended family for a barbecue weekend. Preparations go well until one by one, they all have good reason to cancel. Frank sets out on a journey to make his own personal connection with his kids. Before long it becomes clear to Frank that his children are not quite as happy or successful as his wife had always reported.

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7:15 PM Did You Hear About the Morgans (PG 13)

