



The 249th General Hospital from Camp Drake, winner of the 1966 U.S. Army Japan Softball Tournament, line up for a victory photograph. They are (kneeling, from left) Frank Gillanyi, Jimmie Gipson, team captain Ed Williams, Louis Raysor, Vaughn Blakemore and Hobert Eddy; (standing,

from left) coach Bill Buster, bat boy Gred Schmidt, Rudy Sanchez, Frank Gates, Howard Moore, Vernon Kleen, Candy Carabello, Fred Washer, Al Price and manager Carlos Castelo. Drake's 249th downed the 106th General Hospital of Yokohama 11-4 for the crown after losing a first game 5-2 in the finals at Camp Zama. (USA)

USARJ SOFTBALL

Drake Hospital Takes Tourney

ZAMA, Japan (USARJ) — The 249th General Hospital from Camp Drake outlasted the 106th General Hospital of Yokohama in doubleheader action at Camp Zama to capture the 1966 U.S. Army Japan Softball Tournament crown.

The 249th, winner of the recent Camp Drake company-level competition, came back from a 5-2 loss to the 106th in the first game and beat Yokohama 11-4 to win the tourney.

The 106th had entered the final day of the double-elimination tourney with a 4-1 record, while 249th reached the finals undefeated in three contests. A second contest was necessary to determine the champion.

In the first game, the 249th got on the scoreboard in the initial frame on catcher Al Price's run-scoring double against the left-field fence.

The 106th evened it up in their

half of the first when shortstop Hal Reid walked, moved to third on a passed ball and wild pitch and streaked home on third baseman Charlie White's single.

Yokohama's 106th sent a run across in the third on White's double and two Drake miscues, and scored three in the fifth on three singles and a two-bagger.

The 249th added its final tally in the seventh frame when first baseman Candy Carabello hit one over the right-field fence.

In the final game of the day, the 249th caught the 106th without strong relief in pitching and dealt them an 11-4 setback to capture the crown.

The 249th opened the game with a pair of runs in the first on Price's single, sent six runners home in the third on Price's center-field homer, two singles and four Yokohama miscues, and added three more in the sixth.

The 106th scored twice in the bottom of the first on two singles and another White double, and added two in the sixth on first baseman George Stokes' two-bagger.

Besides dropping the 106th, Camp Drake's 249th downed the MP Co., 1st DPU and Garrison earlier in the eight-team six-day tournament. The 106th lost to Personnel Center on opening day, but came back through the loser's bracket to eliminate ASA Communications Unit from Drake, DPU and Personnel Center. They knocked Garrison from the tourney in the semifinals.

Capt. William R. Carey, USARJ Special Services officer, presented team trophies and individual awards following the final game.

Johnson Is Named Marauder Coach

TACHIKAWA AB, Japan (OI) — Paul Johnson of Owensboro, Ky., was named head basketball coach of the Kanto Base Command Marauders.

Johnson succeeds Russell Pentz, who rotated to the United States in March.

KBC's new cage mentor takes over a team which unofficially boasts the longest winning streak in the Air Force. KBC has won 44 consecutive games over a two-year span which includes exhibition and Kanto Plain Interservice Basketball League (KPIBL) games and Pacific Air Forces and KBC-sponsored tournament contests.

The Marauders have won the KPIBL and the KBC invitational tourneys three straight years and the PACAF Basketball Tournament two successive years.

"It will be difficult to duplicate Pentz' perfect record (29-0) of a year ago," Johnson said. "However, we are fortunate in having basically the same team returning for another season."

Front-line returnees include London Bradley, the team's most valuable player last year, John Penebacker, Troy Collins and Rescoe Townsend. Missing will be the PACAF tournament's most valuable player, Barry Ayers, and possibly KBC's star guard-forward, high-scoring Bill Generette, who is awaiting word on his extension.

"The loss of Ayers and the possible departure of Generette next month will surely be noted," Johnson said, adding, "But I am counting on three newcomers to take up the slack."

They are Hayward Robinson and a pair of 6-3 jumping jacks, Johnny Morris and Jerry Arceneaux.

"I feel we will have an excellent chance to repeat as KPIBL and PACAF champions again this year," Johnson beamed.

He fears Camp Zama. "The Ramblers," he said, "were the only team to give us trouble last year. They fielded a fine team a year ago and I'm sure they will be equally strong this season."

First call for practice is set for Oct. 17 at Tachi's West Gym. Johnson plans to schedule five exhibition games against local Japanese teams prior to commencing play in the KPIBL.

KBC will host its annual Christmas Invitational Basketball Tour-

namment Dec. 15. Fourteen teams are expected to enter the KBC-sponsored meet.

Johnson, who was also a member of the 1965-66 Marauders, lettered four years in basketball at Owensboro High School. Following graduation from high school, he received a basketball scholarship to the University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale, Ill., where he graduated first in his class in physical education.

He received numerous offers to coach high school basketball upon completion of college but decided to join the Air Force in 1963. His first Air Force assignment was at Williams AFB, Ariz., with duty in the personnel services field.

When Johnson arrived at Williams, the base did not sponsor a basketball team. He organized and coached the base to a two-year record of 32-20.

Johnson was assigned to the Kanto Base Command Personnel Services Division at Tachikawa AB in September, 1965.



Team captain Ed Williams (right) of the 249th General Hospital team accepts the first-place trophy for the 1966 U.S. Army Japan Softball Tournament from Capt. William R. Carey, USARJ Special Services officer, following the championship game at Camp Zama. Eight Army teams participated in the six-day tourney. (USA)

Cheju-Do Hunting Applications

TACHIKAWA AB, Japan (OI) — Applications are being accepted from 6100th Support Wing military personnel wishing to hunt on Cheju-Do Island in Korea this season.

Interested personnel may fill

out applications at the Tachikawa Recreation Services Office, Bldg. 1466. All applications must be turned in by 4 p.m., Oct. 26.

Cheju-Do is located off the southern tip of Korea and boasts one of the most lucrative pheasant hunting spots in the world. Also included in Cheju-Do's season are duck and roe deer.

The Cheju-Do season opens Nov. 1 and extends through Feb. 28. A lodge, sponsored by the 6314th Support Wing on the island, is provided for hunters. Quotas and dates the lodge will be available to KBC personnel will be announced later.

Prospective KBC hunters are advised that a primary and a waiting list will be made up.

Persons on the primary list will be determined by a drawing to be held Oct. 28. Those whose names are not selected for the primary list will be placed on the waiting list in the order their names are drawn. In the event of cancellations or vacancies on the primary list, waiting list personnel will be afforded the opportunity to hunt.

Hunters desiring to make the trip to Cheju-Do must attend a National Rifle Assn. (NRA) safety class here. Dates of the safety class, to be conducted by the Tachikawa Skeet Club, will be announced when they become available.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Tachikawa Recreation Service officials at TAB 28575.

Converse Places 2d In Friendship Shoot

FUCHU AS, Japan (OI) — Competing against approximately 100 Japanese and American shooters, Clarke Converse of the 1956th Comm. Gp. (AFCS) took second place honors in Class A at the semiannual Japanese-U.S. Friendship Shoot held at South Camp Drake, Japan.

Converse, president of the Tokyo Skeet and Trap Club which sponsored the match, hit 41 consecutive clay targets before a single miss and finished with a score of 49 out of a possible 50.

Also competing from the 1956th was Pobbie Pendleton, who finished third in Class C. Pendleton is also a member of the Kanto Base Command rifle team.

When the match is completed, participants are divided into A, B, and C classes in accordance with the Japanese classification system. For example, if 60 shooters are entered, they are divided into three classes. The top 20 shooters are in Class A, the second 20 in Class B and the remaining 20 in Class C. When ties develop, the winner is chosen from the individual having the most consecutive hits.

The Tokyo Skeet & Trap Club has seven members from the 1956th Comm. Gp. comprised of Michael Yopchick, Thomas Newsum, Converse, Pendleton, Jerry Weston, Edwin Proudfoot and Robert Farrier.

609th Wins Softball Meet

TACHIKAWA AB, Japan (OI) — The 609th Military Airlift Support Sq. routed 1st Air Postal Sq. 21-7 here to win the first annual Kanto Base Command Intramural Slow Pitch Softball Tournament.

Emmett Williams powered 609th MASS to its lopsided win by connecting for a pair of home runs. Don Kelley clouted a two-run homer and Ken Munn blasted a solo four-bagger. James Brevee had a perfect day at the plate with five hits in five times at bat.

The 609th MASS scored two runs in the first, three in the second, tallied seven runs in third and fourth innings and climaxed its scoring spree by adding a pair of runs in the fifth.

Postal came up with three runs in the first. Bill Dotson, Sam Jones, Louis Digiovanni and Ken Pope hit solo home runs to account for Postal's other four runs.

Sam Welker received credit for the win.

3 Win Net Honors

MISAWA AB, Japan (OI) — James Brown took the tennis singles while James Dresser Jr. and Albert Thomas won the doubles in the tennis portion of the Minor Sports Tournament here.