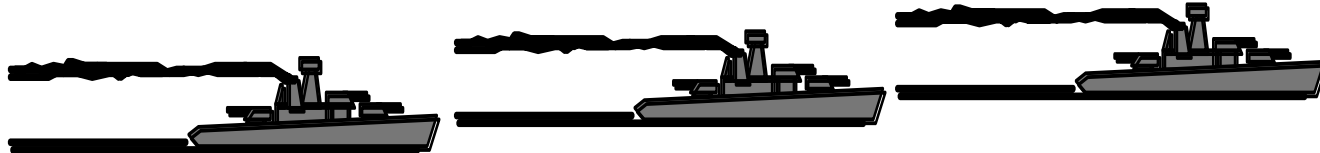


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**The Fray:**

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**NATs 2007 !**

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**August 31 – Sept 3:**

**The Fall Fray:**

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Was this the moment that Chris turned to the dark side? Photo - JB

Our Prez ! Bright & chipper on a Friday morning

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Nice shot Portland !

(Friday, AM battle) Photo - JB



Get out of there Des Moines!

(Friday AM battle) Photo - JB



A small ship in harms way...

(Friday AM battle) Photo - JB





# WEDNESDAY: GROUP BATTLE

## "HUG N SLUG"

TEAM	# SHIPS	# UNITS	DAMAGE	PEN	TEAM SCORE
Flag	6	30.0	3000	0	3000
No Flag	4	17.5	8925	0	8925

### FLAG

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Dallas Fluegel	Baden	13	6	23	No	1430	None	985.20
Dana Graham	King George V	9	5	12	No	815	None	1589.45
Chris Kessler	USS Brooklyn	15	2	4	No	400	None	953.67
Charley Stephens	HMS Hood	222	5	16	Yes	4145	None	519.23
Ty Supancic	HMS Inflexible	56	5	7	No	1035	None	1271.56
Joel Goodman	USS Indiana	50	4	10	No	1100	None	1589.45

### NO FLAG

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Lief Goodson	Molke	19	0	5	No	440	None	875.74
Bob Hoernemann	HMS Warspite	59	10	13	No	1490	None	1430.51
Randy Stiponovich	Von Der Tann	14	4	1	No	290	None	875.74
Steven Reynolds	HMS Invincible	33	0	9	No	780	None	1271.56

HMS HOOD...

Photo by G



GOING DOWN...

Photo by G



I WONDER WHY...

Photo by G



Photo by G



**WEDNESDAY: ONE ON ONES**  
**“North Carolina vs Yamato”**

TEAM	# SHIPS	# UNITS	DAMAGE	PEN	TEAM SCORE
Flag	1	6.0	3690	0	3690
No Flag	1	8.0	420	0	420

**FLAG**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Charley Stephens	Killerina	12	4	4	No	420	None	1589.45

**NO FLAG**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Rob Stalnaker	Yamato	109	14	13	Yes	3690	None	1094.67

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A LITTLE OFF THE BOW...

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DOWN SHE GOES !

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**WEDNESDAY: ONE ON ONE**  
**"RIGHT TO WEAR WHITE"**

TEAM	# SHIPS	# UNITS	DAMAGE	PEN	TEAM SCORE
Flag	1	4.5	785	0	785
No Flag	1	4.0	615	0	615

**FLAG**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Luis Negron	Osfriesland	9	5	8	No	615	None	875.74

**NO FLAG**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Tim Krakowski	USS S.C.	76	1	0	No	785	None	1271.56

**WEDNESDAY: GROUP BATTLE**

**CRUISER BATTLE**

TEAM	# SHIPS	# UNITS	DAMAGE	PEN	TEAM SCORE
Flag	3	8.5	1985	0	1985
No Flag	3	12.0	270	0	270

**FLAG**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Chris Pierce	Froggy	2	0	0	No	20	None	635.78
Bob Hoernemann	USS Minn.	15	2	0	No	200	None	0.00
Chris Kessler	USS Brooklyn	5	0	0	No	50	None	953.67

**NO FLAG**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Dave Au	Glorie	12	1	0	No	145	None	635.78
Joel Goodman	Augusta	65	1	0	No	675	None	0.00
Brian Lamb	Bismarck	54	3	11	No	1165	None	1094.67

**WEDNESDAY: ONE ON ONE**  
**"TIM VS "PIRATE SMURF"**

TEAM	# SHIPS	# UNITS	DAMAGE	PEN	TEAM SCORE
Flag	1	4.0	380	0	380
No Flag	1	4.0	580	0	580

**FLAG**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Randy Stiponovich	Von Der Tann	13	6	6	No	580	None	875.74

**NO FLAG**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Tim Krakowski	USS S.C.	38	0	0	No	380	None	1271.56

**WEDNESDAY: ONE ON ONE**  
**BISMARCK VS HOOD**

TEAM	# SHIPS	# UNITS	DAMAGE	PEN	TEAM SCORE
FLAG	1	6.5	2770	0	2770
NO FLAG	1	5.5	245	0	245

**FLAG**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Brian Lamb	Bismarck	7	1	3	No	245	None	1094.67

**NO FLAG**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Joel Goodman	HMS Hood	47	6	23	Yes	2770	None	245.00



**WEDNEADAY: ONE ON ONE****RANDY VS STEVE**

TEAM	# SHIPS	# UNITS	DAMAGE	PEN	TEAM SCORE
FLAG	1	4.0	1290	0	1290
NO FLAG	1	4.0	460	0	460

**FLAG**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Steven Reynolds	HMS Invincible	36	0	2	No	460	None	1271.56

**NO FLAG**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Randy Stiponovich	Von Der Tann	24	6	18	No	1290	None	875.74

**WEDNESDAY: ONE ON ONE****KIDS BATTLE**

TEAM	# SHIPS	# UNITS	DAMAGE	PEN	TEAM SCORE
Flag	1	4.0	1375	0	1375
No Flag	1	6.0	315	0	315

**FLAG**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Nathaniel	Von Der Tann	19	1	2	No	315	None	1069.86

**NO FLAG**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Bryan Bray	Mammie	10	1	1	Yes	1375	None	315.00

**BATTLE: WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

TEAM	# SHIPS	# UNITS	DAMAGE	PEN	TEAM SCORE
Allied	7	32.0	3490	0	3490
Axis	10	32.5	3300	0	3300

**ALLIED**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Charley Stephens	Killerina	16	4	2	No	360	None	1589.45
Bob Hoernemann	HMS Warspite	25	1	0	Yes	<b>1275</b>	None	1430.51
Steven Reynolds	HMS Invincible	15	1	3	No	325	None	1271.56
Joel Goodman	USS Indiana	13	0	0	No	130	None	1589.45
Peter Demetri	USS Des Moi.	22	3	2	No	395	None	953.67
Ty Supancic	HMS Inflexible	35	4	4	No	650	None	1271.56
Chris Kessler	USS Brooklyn	4	1	2	No	165	None	953.67

**AXIS**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Wade Koehn	Bismarck	20	6	5	No	600	None	1094.67
Randy Stiponovich	Von Der Tann	5	0	2	No	150	None	875.74
DW Fluegel	Karlshruha	7	0	3	No	220	None	218.93
Chris Pierce	Froggy	0	0	0	No	0	None	635.78
Brian Lamb	Bismarck	1	0	0	No	10	None	1094.67
Luis Negron	Osfriesland	1	0	2	No	110	None	875.74
Lief Goodson	Molke	43	3	5	No	<b>755</b>	None	875.74
Dave Au	Glorie	0	0	0	No	0	None	635.78
Tim Becket	Bismarck	15	2	6	No	500	None	1094.67
Alan Oster	Konig	6	5	5	No	435	None	492.60
Dallas Fluegel	Baden	11	2	11	No	710	None	985.20

BATTLE: THURSDAY AM								
TEAM	# SHIPS	# UNITS	DAMAGE		PEN	TEAM SCORE		
Allied	17	79.0	16035		200	15835		
Axis	19	94.5	21885		3400	18485		
ALLIED								
CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Don Cole	USS Alabama	13	1	4	No	355	None	1589.45
Joel Goodman	USS Indiana	16	1	8	Yes	1785	None	1589.45
Bob H.	HMS Warspite	66	11	15	Yes	2685	None	1430.51
Dana Graham	King George V	13	6	19	No	1230	None	1589.45
Brian Koehler	HMS Vanguard	31	8	19	No	1460	None	1589.45
Chris Pierce	Froggy	0	0	0	No	0	None	635.78
Kevin Bray	Big Mammie	42	6	12	Yes	2370	None	1589.45
Steve R.	USS Portland	3	1	0	No	55	None	476.84
Steven Reynolds	HMS Invincible	94	13	36	Yes	3865	None	1271.56
Tim Krakowski	USS Augusta	26	0	2	No	360	None	728.90
Charley Stephen	Killerina	26	2	38	Yes	3410	None	1589.45
Doug Hunt	USS West Virg.	38	9	39	No	2555	Ram Below	715.25
Chris Kessler	USS Brooklyn	6	1	1	No	135	None	953.67
Ty Supancic	HMS Inflexible	34	2	8	No	790	None	1271.56
Frank Falango	USS Arizona	9	1	5	No	365	None	1430.51
Peter Demetri	USS Des Moines	28	2	1	No	380	None	953.67
Dave Au	Glorie	1	1	1	No	85	None	635.78
AXIS								
CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Trystan Thompson	Graf Spee	10	1	2	No	225	None	656.80
Peter Kunisch	Derflinger	8	2	5	No	380	Ram-Below	875.74
Luis Negron	Osfriesland	0	1	0	No	25	Ram-Below	875.74
Lou Mes	VV	50	4	25	No	1850	None	1094.67
Alan Oster	Konig	37	6	18	No	1420	None	492.60
Dirty Dave	Mutsu	10	0	0	No	100	Early withdrawl	1094.67
Tim Becket	Bismarck	45	7	21	No	1675	Ram-Below	1094.67
Rick King	Adm Scheer	18	0	0	No	180	None	830.06
Steve Crane	Nagato	19	1	4	No	415	None	985.20
Lief Goodson	Molke	49	12	22	No	1890	Ram-SinkCL7	875.74
Wade Koehn	Bismarck	12	0	0	No	120	None	1094.67
Dallas Fluegel	Karlusche	6	0	0	No	60	None	267.46
Brandon Smith	Fuso	69	4	10	Yes	2290	None	985.20
Brian Lamb	Bismarck	72	9	15	No	1695	Ram-Below	1094.67
Rob Stalnaker	Yamato	58	3	0	No	655	None	1094.67
Mark Roe	Scharnhorst	29	6	13	No	1090	None	985.20
Gerald Roberts	Oyodo	7	1	9	Yes	945	None	477.03
DW Fluegel	Baden	35	4	6	No	750	None	1203.59
Randy Stiponovich	Von Der Tann	12	0	3	No	270	None	875.74

<p><b>THURSDAY AM</b> - PKD</p> <p>Morning battle. Don't remember much of the morning battle. Went out, shot some bb's, came back, and did the same for the second sortie. By this time of the week I was getting pretty tired. NATs is not a vacation by any means, it's a tough working schedule even when your ship is working correctly. And up till now my Des Moines had performed quite well, despite the operator head space errors I was getting.</p> <p><b>THURSDAY CAMPAIGN</b> - PKD</p> <p>I only made three sorties during this campaign. I made some successful gun runs</p>	<p>on a (green) Axis convoy ship, which only made the run in one direction. Chris and I also went after Trystan Thompson's Graf Spee, who was hanging too close to shore for his own good. We also managed to get cannons to bear on a Fuso. During the third sortie I had started having cannon problems. And at one point, when I wasn't paying attention (only once?), Brian Lamb caught me and opened me up pretty good. I didn't sink, my pump was holding it's own, but I decided not to push my luck, and didn't try to make a forth sortie, for fear of getting sunk. I also started having CO2 bottle issues (I have two), I lost one when the o-ring between the bottle</p>	<p>and valve ruptured, and then later the second bottle did the same.</p> <p>At this point in NATs, it wasn't really clear who was winning. The scores seemed to be see sawing between the two sides. The most interesting thing during this campaign was when Brian Koehler got his Vanguard lodged in the dock support structure, and several Axis ships spent most of their time pumping bb's into his stranded ship. I don't know if they thought it wasn't sunk or what, but they sure spent a lot of time on him.</p> <p>Unlike Tuesday's campaign, Chris and I weren't able to hit the Axis targets as readily as we had before. Wade's Bismarck</p>
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had been fitted with four bilge pumps, and Luis Negrón's Osfreisland were the ships on defense. The Osfreisland is one of the best defensive ships for this type of work. And Luis is one of the best captains for this type of ship; I tried not to get near him during any of the other battles. We tried to get in there, but to no avail. Wade & Luis did a fine job defending the Axis targets. I did get one target during this time. It wasn't until much later during campaign that someone actually got in there and knocked down a few more.

THURSDAY AM, ACTION OUTSIDE THE NARROWS... Photo by G



WARSPITE & VV EXCHANGE PLEASANTRIES...

Photo by G



YAMATO PINNED AGAINST THE SHORE...

Photo by G



KEVIN GETTING MAMMIE FROM THE BRINEY DEEP

Photo by G



STRANGE THINGS ABOUND IN THESE HERE WATERS...

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DES MOINES AND BADEN FACE OFF...

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PICTURESQUE...

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THURSDAY AM BATTLE



AXIS BIG GUNS WAITING FOR ACTION...

Photo by G



THURSDAY CAMPAIGN						
TEAM	# SHIPS	# UNITS	CAMPAIGN PTS	DAMAGE	PEN	TEAM SCORE
Allied	9	27.0	14100	1600	1350	14350
Axis	5	7.0	3200	2400	0	5600
CONVOY SHIPS						
ALLIED						
CAPT	SHIP	FWD RUN	RTN RUN	SUNK?	PENALTIES	
Ty Supancic	CVL	4	4	No	None	
Kevin Bray	LST	5	5	No	None	
Charley Stephens	Imp	5	5	No	None	
AXIS						
CAPT	SHIP	FWD RUN	RTN RUN	SUNK?	PENALTIES	
Mark Roe	Europa	1	0	No	None	
Mark Roe	Akashi	1	0	Yes	None	
Mark Roe	Akashi	1	0	Yes	None	
WARSHIPS						
ALLIED						
CAPT	SHIP	PRI/SEC SHIP	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Steve Reichenbach	USS Portland	Primary	No	0	Ram-Below	476.84
Don Cole	USS Alabama	Primary	No	0	Ram-Below	1589.45
Chris Kessler	USS Brooklyn	Primary	Yes	600	None	953.67
Bob Hoernemann	Q-ship	Secondary	Yes	400	?	0.00
Brian Koehler	HMS Vanguard	Primary	Yes	1400	None	1589.45
Frank Falango	USS Arizona	Primary	No	0	Ram-Below	1430.51
AXIS						
CAPT	SHIP	PRI/SEC SHIP	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
DW Fluegel	Karlshruha	Primary	Yes	200	None	218.93
Steve Crane	Nagato	Primary	Yes	1000	None	985.20

<p><b><u>THURSDAY CAMPAIGN</u></b> – Bob H.</p> <p>This battle started out a lot more relaxed than the Tuesday battle. The Axis had started to pull away with victories Monday afternoon, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The Allies were barely hanging on with the strength of their Tuesday Campaign. We knew going into this battle we need a big victory to get back into it. The biggest thing for us was to cut back on the warship sinks we had in the last battle. Our basic strategy would be the same as Tuesday, run lots of convoys and run them often. I had got the leaky rudder box on the Princeton fixed and the wind had died down so the Yorktown was also available. Missing from our convoy fleet were the Pink Sub and PT boat. Both of them had broken down from their sinks on Tuesday. The Axis added Steve Crane's Altmark and lost Wade's Bremen (It might have worked but it did not run). Martin Helsing was able to get his Cleveland class cruiser out on the water for the first time in this battle.</p> <p>The Allies were ready for the start of campaign this time. We</p>	<p>launched our three CVLs, run by Charlie, Doug Hunt and Steve Reynolds. Ty Supancic took out Charlie's Empire Campton and Kevin Bray started with his LST. Both Ty and Kevin made five complete runs. The last of Bray's runs were done by his son Bryan. The CVLs went out to the far shore and made their first complete run without much damage. As they started back the Axis launched the Altmark. It came under attack by several Allied cruisers and battleships. It made the forward base with some damage but not in danger of sinking. Steve emptied out the water and put it back out for the return run. It ran into more trouble going back and was sunk. The Axis again made quick work of the Allied targets. While Luis and Wade did an even better job protecting their targets then they did Tuesday. The Allied cruisers were able to get a few shots in here and there. When Wade started to chase off one cruiser and Luis was blocking another I made a quick run and knocked down three targets in</p>	<p>one pass. I was able to get a few more shots and take out two more targets before going to reload. Mark Roe had launched his Akashi and was making a forward and return run. As I was coming in to reload he was going out on his return run. I was able to break in to the open and toss a few sterns at him before being blocked by one of the Bismarck's. Mark completed this run and got the ship patched for another run.</p> <p>The Allied CVLs were starting out for their second run when I saw that the Bismarck's were chasing the Vanguard again. It was about half way into campaign and Brian had told me he had taken some damage but was still good to protect the CVLs on this run. Before he started his escorting job the wolves had taken after him. Brian headed to the far shore and was walking under the dock when he looked down at where he was stepping. In that instant that he lost site of his, and ship it got hung up on the dock. The dock had an X brace right at the water and the Vanguard had become wedged in-</p>
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between the two pieces of wood. There was no getting out. Along with the Bismarck's Randy's & Leif's VDTs and a few other ships went to go shoot him up. I let Brian know not to declare and just let them use up their bbs. A couple of captains were telling Brian to declare but he had learned from Fluegel's sink on Tuesday. The Axis ship punished the Vanguard but the boards were holding him up. Tim was finally able to prop wash enough water into him to get the stern under for a sink. This kept the Axis distracted from our convoy runs and used up a lot of bbs.

The CVLs made a complete run again, but we lost the "Q" ship on the way back. Bryan Bray had taken it over from Steve and it sank on the far side of the pond. Charlie was starting to have rudder problems with one CVL and put it away to get his NC out. Doug also shelved the CVL and took his battleship out. Mark had launched the Akashi again and made a forward run but sank on the return. This is where I made a mistake. I had only counted three of Ty's runs with the little Class 1 ship. I thought we still had ten points to run the Yorktown. I wanted to get Charlie, Bray, Reynolds and myself on the water to protect it at the end of campaign. Steve had her ready to go and launched just as I found out Ty was on run number four and we were at 41 points, but now over at 51 points. This caused a little discussion after the battle as there is no set rule what to do if this happens. I wanted to call it a warship run and set out more LSTs and the Empire Campton to up some more points. Steve actually had a pump in his hand before he launched the ship. We talked later about the laughs we could've had if he had actually put it in and turned it on just as he pulled into port. The Axis had put quite a few bbs into her, on a mostly un-escorted run. Only two cruisers had gone down by this time. Each side lost one ship, DW's Karlshruha and Martin's Cleveland. Mark now took the Europa out for a run. The Allies had big fresh battleship on the water to take care of her.

DW PROPPED UP, HIS SHIP I MEAN, NOT HIM... Photo by G



NAGATO DOWN, KARLSHRUHA SOON TO FOLLOW ! Photo by G



VANGUARD JAMMED BETWEEN THE TIMBERS OF THE DOCK... G



The escorts disappeared about halfway to the far shore. I was able to keep my bow sidemount on the big ship until it was empty. Steve's I-boat was also getting some good shots in before the Axis escorts made it back. Europa made the forward run but was too damaged to make it back. Charlie and I now started after Steve Crane. Steve made the mistake of going behind Charlie and he got a bow full of holes. As he ran, his ship got gradually lower. Several other Allied ships joined in the chase. Steve and I traded sidemounts for a while seeing who would sink first. Steve finally did sink, next to the Axis base. I called my five and

pulled the Warspite in order to put Minneapolis back out to see if I could get some more targets down. I was reloading and gasing one ship while the other was sitting on the water waiting out her five. I wanted to have someone run my LST to use the last of our points up but we had just called our extension and did not have the time so the run would not count. I took Minneapolis out to the targets. It was turning into a big pushing match of Axis and Allied ships. I was one of the few that had bbs left but I could only turn one way. Charlie managed to push the Axis out of the way and I backed in to hit two more targets. Charlie got another hole open for me but I could not get into it with my

rudder problems.

Campaign ended with 5 Axis targets still standing. Added up with the three from Tuesday this was another thing that decided the winner of NATS. Since most of the ships had sunk next to shore it was a lot easier for the divers to find them. The only one that gave them trouble was the "Q" carrier. As we added up the scores we found that the Allies had won a large victory (8,750 points). We knew we were now ahead by about 2,000 points. NATS would be decided in the fleet battle on Friday. Too bad there was not one more campaign left.

The "World Series of NATS" was tied with each fleet winning four battles. -----

### **BATTLE: FRIDAY AM**

TEAM	# SHIPS	# UNITS	DAMAGE	PEN	TEAM SCORE
ALLIED	15	75.0	13470	200	13470
AXIS	20	100.0	18600	1400	17200

#### **ALLIED**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Chris Kessler	USS Brooklyn	24	1	1	No	315	None	953.67
Doug Hunt	USS West Virginia	29	3	4	No	565	None	715.25
Clark Ward	HMS Invincible	35	3	34	No	2125	None	1271.56
Dana Graham	King George V	95	7	23	No	2275	None	1589.45
Joel Goodman	USS Indiana	96	8	25	Yes	3610	None	1589.45
Don Cole	USS Alabama	32	1	4	No	545	None	1589.45
Kevin Bray	Big Mammie	59	5	3	No	865	None	1589.45
Bob Hoernemann	HMS Warspite	27	6	21	No	1470	None	1430.51
Ty Supancic	HMS Inflexible	17	0	0	No	170	None	1271.56
Peter Demetri	USS Des Moines	16	0	3	No	310	None	953.67
Charley Stephens	Killerina	80	19	12	No	1875	Ram-Below	1589.45
Brian Koehler	HMS Vanguard	28	2	27	Yes	3080	None	1589.45
Steve Reichenbach	USS Portland	10	2	0	No	150	None	476.84
Steven Reynolds	HMS Invincible	53	2	7	No	930	None	1271.56
Frank Falango	USS Arizona	19	1	2	No	315	None	1430.51

#### **AXIS**

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Wade Koehn	Bismark	13	2	1	No	230	None	1094.67
Mark Roe	Scharnhorst	31	2	2	No	460	None	985.20
Gerald Roberts	Oyodo	8	2	1	Yes	580	None	477.03
Rick King	Nagato	33	3	7	No	755	None	985.20
Brian Lamb	Bismark	33	8	14	No	1230	None	1094.67
Randy Stiponovich	Von Der Tann	18	2	2	No	330	None	875.74
Chris Pierce	Froggy	0	1	0	No	25	None	635.78
Alan Oster	Konig	3	1	0	Yes	1055	None	492.60
Lief Goodson	Molke	30	3	13	Yes	1825	Ram-Below	875.74
Rob Stalnaker	Yamato	104	2	2	No	1190	None	1094.67
Luis Negron	Osfriesland	7	1	4	No	295	None	875.74
Tim Becket	Bismark	69	8	25	No	2140	None	1094.67
Lou Mes	VV	22	6	3	No	520	None	1094.67
Steve Crane	Nagato	23	4	15	No	1080	Ram-SunkCL6	985.20
Dirty Dave	Mutsu	20	0	0	No	200	None	1094.67
Dallas Fluegel	Baden	48	7	9	No	1105	None	985.20
Peter Kunisch	Derflinger	17	0	5	No	420	None	875.74
Brandon Smith	Fuso	1	0	0	No	10	None	985.20
Dave Au	Glorie	0	0	0	No	0	None	635.78
Trystan Thompson	Graf Spee	2	0	0	No	20	None	656.80



WARSPITE HOGGING ALL THE ATTENTION AGAIN...

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JOHN BRUDER STOPPED BY FRI AM... G



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KILLERINA GIVING THE DERF' A LITTLE PUSH... G



A DIVER'S JOB IS NEVER DONE... G



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TAIL TO TAIL WITH THE AXIS !

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A LOVE TAP FROM THE BISMARCK !

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AXIS SNEAK ATTACK ON  
GRAND ADMIRAL PURVIS !

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OYODO TAKES ON A SLIGHT LIST...

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NO RESPECT FOR THE TEACHER...

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## WELL DRESSED, BUT ARE THEY WELL MANNERED?

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## EVER THE MODEL, DW STRIKES A POSE FOR HIS ADORING FANS...

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### NATS Numbers and Misc Fun Facts

By Bob Hoernemann

Each year I take a look at the scores from NATS and find what percentage of bbs that go on the water make holes in the other fleet's ships. I find the hit percentage by taking the units for the ships and subtracting 1 or 1/2 units for each ship's pump. I adjust for people who sank in the first sortie. Then I take that number as the Gun Units and multiplied it by 100 to get the total bbs that could be shot. Then I add up the number of holes and divide by bbs. I do not have the number of bbs left in captain's guns at the end of each sortie or when they sink. I guessed that for every 100 bbs that could get shot, only 75 did get shot.

This year the Allies were outnumbered in ships and in even more outnumbered in guns. This created a target rich environment. The Allies ended the week with a higher percentage of hits then the Axis 17.1% to 12.5%. For the week, the Axis had 137 more gun units (**13,700** more bbs) on the water then the Allies. Even with this large disadvantage, the Allies were able to keep the battles close enough to give the Axis a very close NATS. The number of holes made by each fleet was also very close. The Axis had a total score of 2989-337-706 (4032 total). While the Allies had a total score of 3012-321-890 (4223 total).

In the "Hug n Slug" small fleet battle on Wednesday the No Flag fleet shot an incredible 63.1%. Most of this damage was done to the Hood, as that ship took a stern gun pounding for 222 aboves.

Every year I give Chris Kessler a hard time for the small number of hits he

takes during NATS. His first two years he used the same hull skin and had a total of 52-9-17. He only took damage in five of the ten battles he participated in. All of NATS 2004 he took 11-0-0. This year Chris got into the furball a little more often taking 63-7-20, passing his total from the past two NATS.

The most aboves taken in a fleet battle (Not counting the Hood's 222) were 164 by Wade's Bismark and 135 by Brian Kohler's Vanguard. The most ons go to Charlie's NC and Dallas' Baden each with 19. The most bellows went into Frank's Arizona (42), and Ty's I-boat (40), both in the Monday afternoon battle. The most holes taken in a battle go to Charley and the Hood (243), followed by Wade's Bismark (198), and Ty's I-boat (181). I did not think you could get 181 holes in an I-boat, there's just not that much room! In the battle of the future stars Nathaniel Goodson (19-1-2) beat Bryan Bray (10-1-1) when Bryan forgot to turn on his pump and sank.

Once again history repeats itself, as the Bismark sinks the Hood in a quick one sided battle, 7-1-3 to 47-6-23.

There were a lot of cruisers running around in campaign this year. Tuesday something strange must have happened to them as five of them sunk. I saw two of the Houston class ships floating down the pond with their bows sticking out of the water. It would have been really funny if they were not on my team.

The "World Series of NATS" was tied with each fleet winning four battles. The 1530 point difference in the NATS score was the amount of damage

taken by 47 ships in fleet battles. Twelve ships took twice that damage. In the Monday afternoon battle Ty took almost three times that in damage. How close is 1530 points? That's 153 aboves or 62 ons or 31 bellows, seven allied ships took more bellows then that in a single battle. Thirteen targets knocked down in campaign would make up 1530 points (The Axis kept 8 standing). One Class 10 return convoy run is worth 2000 points. A Class 10 sink is worth 1500. The return convoy run of a Class 8 is worth 1600 points. Getting your ship stuck under a dock and sunk is worth 1400 points.

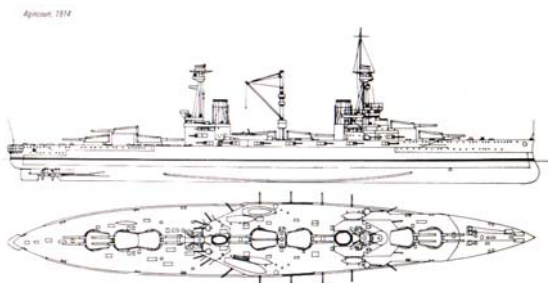
Out of the 38 sinks in fleet battles 11 were in the first sortie. Of these 11 sinks, 8 ships sank with very little damage. Leaving only 3 ships to sink from combat damage in the first sortie. Ten ships sank in the 2<sup>nd</sup> sortie with low damage totals, including a few withdrawals. This leaves us with 20 sinks from combat damage and 18 from systems failures, most likely a pump. I'm sure that a few of the 20 sinks from combat damage had that damage caused by some other system failing (drive or rudder). The Allies lost at least 11 ships (50 units) with suspected systems failures, while the Axis only lost 7 ships (26 units). Once again if all of your systems work and the captain does not do anything stupid (Leaving a pump off, getting beached) you will stay afloat. This difference in reliability was easily the main factor in the Axis victory at this years NATS.



Well here it is! The U.S.S. Gearing in Iraq! Cruising in the waters near the Perfume palace, which is off to the left in the lefthand photo. She's flying the American & Iraqi flags in the righthand photo. There's even a movie of her steaming around, as soon as we can figure out how to get it back from Iraq!- PKD

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"All right, they're on our left, they're on our right, they're in front of us, they're behind us... they can't get away this time" – Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, USMC