

Plane Talk

Sports



A SMASHING RETURN—is delivered by Lieutenant Irwin Hoffman during a recent match with Clark Field in the Philippines. (Photo By Eley)

Tennis Team Treks To Tropics

Itazuke's winter-bound tennis team journeyed to Clark Air Base in the Philippines for a series of games with teams in that area.

Each of the members experienced an uplift in his game after strenuous workouts in the tropical sun. These workouts included three match meets and three workout meets twice daily.

A match meet each was played against Clark Air Base, Philippine Military Academy, Angeles Tennis Club, and Sangley Point (Navy). Round robin workouts were held with the Clark team, Angeles Tennis Club and the Philippine Columbine Club.

A round robin match with Clark featured a marathon game between Lieutenant Irwin Hoffman and Mr. Lange, a DAFC from Clark, which lasted three and a half hours and took two days to finish. Lt. Hoffman won by 6-1, 9-11, and 12-10.

An interesting sideline in the matches was the "secret weapon" employed by Clark in the number four singles division. The "weapon" came in the form of the lovely Mrs. Rosser who, nonetheless, was defeated by Colonel William S. Heavner, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2. In the only other match against Clark S/Sgt Charles Wilson of Itazuke won against Lt. Conaway 10-8 and 7-5.

The Philippine Military Academy boasts a fine team and Itazuke's net men were able to take only one match from them, the number one doubles which teamed Lt. Hoffman and Sergeant Wilson against Colonel Leo Saliman and Captain Aquino.

Itazuke's team members making the trip included Colonel William S. Heavner, Major Ralph M. Gibson, Lieutenant Irwin J. Hoffman, Master Sergeant Charles G. Williams, Staff Sergeant Charles W. Wilson, and Private First Class Lacque W. Youngblood. Lieutenant Niles R. Saari was called back to Itazuke before engaging in any competition.