

MERCER CAGERS UNDEFEATED

Bears Trip Hapless Hatters

Coach Bobby Wilder displayed his Christmas present from Santa Clause last Saturday night in Porter Gymnasium when the Mercer Bruins came from underneath and sank the Hatters from Stetson University 76-71. A tight game throughout showed off the Bears' style and ability to perform well under pressure. Stetson had the height advantage over M.U. for only two of their ballhandlers were under six feet.

The Mercer roundballers were slow in the first few minutes and never gave Stetson an early lead. However leading by more than three points, the Hapless Hatters controlled the game for twelve minutes. Senior Captain Steve Moody and Sophomore Jud Roberts combined for eight points in a two-minute span to bring the Bears from behind 15-17 to a 23-17 lead at 6:40 left in the first half. Wilder's cagers never lost the lead throughout the evening. At the half-time intermission Mercer was ahead 35-32 after Stetson cut the lead from seven points to three.

As the last twenty minutes started to tick away the Stetson Hatters began to chip away at Mercer's lead and had the crowd going wild as they were behind by two.

For the next eight minutes both teams were scoring equally, but somehow the Bears built their margin up to ten points. The Bruins tried to freeze the ball with approximately six minutes to play. This proved to be their greatest mistake for the Hatters took advantage of the ball passing and made a quick eight points.

With 1:35 remaining to be played, Walter Chandler and Jud Roberts pulled Mercer ahead on the foul line. Bill Naylor also added to the score board with two buckets and Coach Wilder sat down and relaxed for the first time since eight o'clock that evening.

High scorers for M.U. were Jud Roberts and Tom Mitchell, both sophomores, who recorded 21 and 19 points respectively. Others in double figures were Steve Moody who scored 14 and Bill Naylor with 12.

| STETSON (71) | FG | FT | PF | TP |
|--------------|----|-------|----|----|
| Vacher | 2 | 3-4 | 2 | 7 |
| Jenkins | 5 | 4-7 | 1 | 14 |
| Kilcullen | 6 | 9-11 | 2 | 21 |
| Woodbury | 2 | 4-6 | 2 | 21 |
| Ralston | 3 | 2-2 | 3 | 8 |
| Boone | 5 | 3-6 | 2 | 13 |
| Buchanan | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 23 | 25-36 | 11 | 71 |

| MERCER (76) | FG | FT | PF | TP |
|-------------|----|-----|----|----|
| Moody | 6 | 2-3 | 5 | 14 |
| Chandler | 1 | 2-3 | 5 | 4 |
| Mitchell | 9 | 1-4 | 4 | 19 |
| Roberts | 9 | 3-3 | 3 | 21 |
| Belloir | 2 | 2-4 | 4 | 6 |
| Naylor | 6 | 0-3 | 1 | 12 |
| Weston | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Childs | 0 | 0-0 | 3 | 0 |
| Corbert | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |



Mercer vs. Tech Jan. 30th In Atlanta

All alumni, students and friends of the Mercer BEARS are invited to attend the Georgia Tech-Mercer game in Atlanta January 30, 1967 at the Tech Coliseum.

Buses for alumni will depart from the Stetson Library Parking Lot at 4:00 and return after the game. The cost is \$3.25 per person. The area alumni will be guests of several Atlanta sport fans at a pre-game party and "rally" in the Penthouse of the Fulton Bank Building.

Student game tickets are being paid for by Atlanta alumni. Mercerians must sign up in the Student Center for a seat on the bus and pay Jerry Stone \$3.25. The bus leaves at the same time as the BEAR'S Station wagons.

All Atlanta and Macon Alumni and students will sit in four reserved sections in the Coliseum.

ATTENTION

Those interested in student teaching, 1967-68, meet with Dr. Smith 10 a.m., Jan. 25, Room 203, Knight Hall.

Bruins Soc The Mocs 81-69

Many Bear Burgers have been sold since the last season when the Mercer Bruins had an undefeated record. Coach Bobby Wilder sent his cagers into Monday night's contest with a record of 4-0. The Bears seem to be taking advantage of the opportunity of having such a fine team and are practicing for the big Tech-Mercer game. That game to be played on January 30th at the Tech Coliseum in Atlanta.

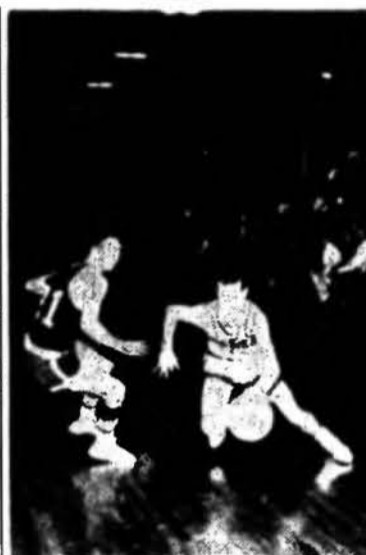
None of the contests so far have been easy, for if they were, the B Team would certainly have played the last ten minutes of the contest. The squad has great ability, spirit, and most of all an excellent coach. Many words can also be said of Assistant Coach Donnie Veil.

The contest against the Moccasins from Florida Southern ended with the Bears on top 81-69. The offensive attack was engineered by Freshman Walt Chandler who scored 15 points. Bill Naylor and Steve Moody entered 14 points each in the scorebook, and Jud Roberts and Robert Belloir had 13 and 11 respectively.

Florida Southern took an early lead of 2-0 and then 4-2 over the Bruins, but, never again held a margin over Mercer. The Bears tallied 6 straight points to break a 4-4 tie and the near capacity crowd rose to their feet in excitement. With 9:45 left to play in the first half the Moccasins closed the gap to five points. Wilder's cagers then widened their lead to five buckets. The spectacular play of the game was when Walt Chandler deposited a fifteen footer with five seconds left to play before intermission.

After the break, Florida Southern took advantage of Mercer's overconfidence and hit four buckets in a row to bring the score to 60-56. The Bears settled down and the Mercer Five showed their capabilities by widening the difference to 13 with seconds to go before the buzzer sounded.

The final score was 81-69 and now the Mercer Bears must prepare for tomorrow night's game against Wilmington College from South Carolina to be held at 8 o'clock at Porter Gymnasium.



FLORIDA SOUTHERN (69)

| | FG | FT | PF | TP |
|------------|----|-------|----|----|
| Fitzgerald | 1 | 0-1 | 4 | 2 |
| Bowman | 9 | 3-4 | 3 | 21 |
| Hayes | 3 | 1-3 | 4 | 7 |
| Jurecko | 6 | 1-2 | 2 | 13 |
| Shaw | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Denis | 3 | 1-3 | 5 | 7 |
| Spiro | 3 | 1-3 | 3 | 7 |
| Lewis | 1 | 1-1 | 1 | 3 |
| Preasley | 1 | 7-10 | 4 | 9 |
| TOTALS | 26 | 17-27 | 27 | 69 |

MERCER (81)

| | FG | FT | PF | TP |
|----------|----|-------|----|----|
| Roberts | 4 | 5-6 | 4 | 13 |
| Belloir | 5 | 1-2 | 5 | 11 |
| Moody | 4 | 6-7 | 3 | 14 |
| Mitchell | 2 | 0-2 | 2 | 4 |
| Chandler | 7 | 1-1 | 4 | 15 |
| Naylor | 7 | 0-2 | 1 | 14 |
| Weston | 1 | 2-3 | 0 | 4 |
| Taylor | 0 | 6-7 | 0 | 6 |
| TOTALS | 30 | 21-30 | 10 | 81 |

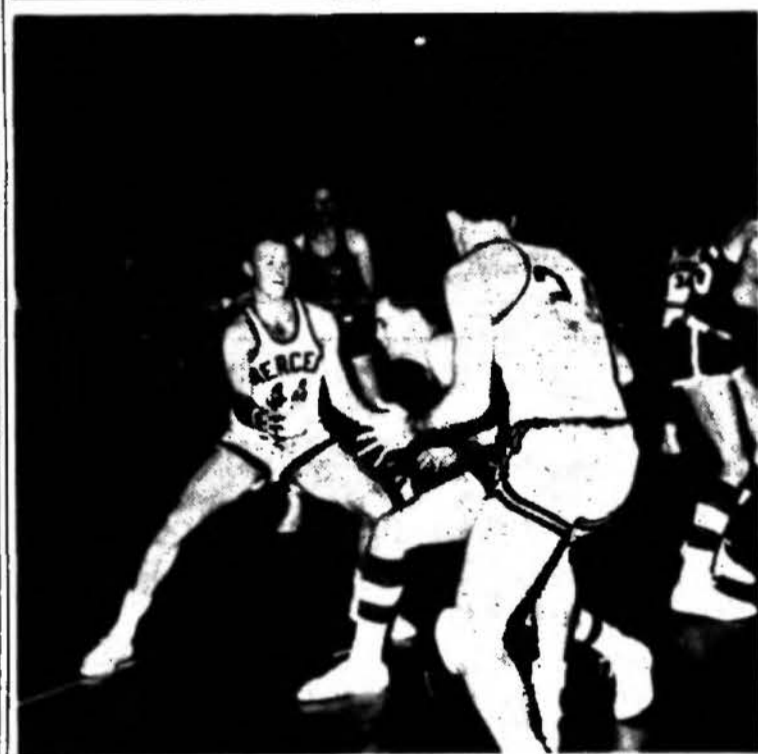
Basketball Schedule

- Jan. 14 Willington College
- Jan. 16 Georgia State College*
- Jan. 18 Georgia Southern College*
- Jan. 21 Rollins College
- Jan. 23 Carson Newman College
- Jan. 28 Tampa University*
- Jan. 30 Georgia Tech*
- Feb. 1 Tampa University
- Feb. 4 Samford University
- Feb. 8 LaGrange College
- Feb. 10 Jacksonville University*
- Feb. 13 Georgia State College
- Feb. 17 Rollins College*
- Feb. 18 Stetson University*
- Feb. 22 Ga. Southern College
- Feb. 25 Jacksonville University

* Indicates Games Away

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