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TENNIS CHAMPS TO BE DECIDED IN HARD TILTS

Both Branches of Tourney Narrowed Down to Few Survivors.

FINALS THIS WEEK END

Heyward Brothers to Meet the Bivins-Burns Team for Doubles Title.

This week-end will reveal to Mercer and tennis lovers all over the city the Mercer singles champion. Also the final lap of the doubles championship will be played. The participants will be Heyward and Heyward against Bivins and Burns.

The singles tournament has been waging all of this week, having started on Monday afternoon at which time there were more than thirty entrants. By rapid elimination the number has dwindled down to the few men who are now entering into the final rounds.

Thirty Entered

The following men entered the contest: Bob Bivins, the champion of last year; Roy Smith, Mack Alfriend, Hansel Stenbridge, Henry Stoecker, Tom Jordan, Jimmie McGohtin, Emory Heyward, Jim Tweedy, W. O. Brown, Sam Grice, Ed Martin, Campbell, Goode, Frank Jordan, Tom Nalls, Kenmore Burns, Duggan, Charlie Cork, Louis Peacock, Shi Goodwynne, Shorty Pettaway, Walter Burke, Chappel Collins, Jimmie Sharp, Kyle Alfriend, A. S. Bradley, Charlie Rogers, S. E. Odum, Freeman Hart, Price, Bowen, Bill Greene and H. T. Warlick.

On the first afternoon the victors were Bivins, M. Alfriend, Stoecker, Tom Jordan, Emory Heyward, Grice, Goode, Nalls, Burns, Goodwynne, Burke, Sharp, K. Alfriend, Rogers, Brown and Andy Heyward.

Bivins is Pushed

The following afternoon Bivins barely escaped defeat at the hands of Mack Alfriend. The latter took the first set in a brilliant play and the score was 4-6. After this Bivins rallied and took the next two with the scores 6-0 and 6-2. Five strenuous sets were played between Burke and Sharp before the victor could be ascertained. These were the closest of the season to date. The scores of the matches were, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 4-6 and 6-2 in favor of Sharp.

Stoecker won from Stenbridge in two sets which carried the close scores of 6-4 and 6-4. Rogers defeated Odum in two good sets of 6-3 and 6-2, only to lose to Kyle Alfriend.

Later Bivins downed Stoecker in two well played sets by the count of 6-2 and 6-2.

Interest Aroused

At the completion of Wednesday's matches, Bivins, E. Heyward, Nalls, Burns, Sharp, Alfriend and Andy Heyward were left in the race for first honor.

Much interest has been shown on the campus over the tournament as well as the unfinished doubles tourney. Tennis is one of the growing sports at Mercer. It is planned now to have a varsity squad, the members of which will be picked from the winners of the two racket tilts.

This week-end tennis fans have an opportunity to see in action some of the best players in Macon. On the same afternoon that the singles tournament will close the delayed doubles will be completed. Andy and Emory Heyward will battle Bob Bivins and Kenmore Burns for the top places in the doubles windup. This game should be a good one as the participants have shown up exceedingly well in both branches of the game.

The games will be played on the courts of the Vinsville Tennis Club.

BOYS, GET TUNED IN WITH MOUTH ORGANS

Tune your mouth organs, fellows! Station WMAZ is going to broadcast a "harmonica convention."

It happens this way: "Bo" Burns, the outharpingest harper that has ever harped a harp since the harping days of Timotheous, has issued a challenge to every Mercer man gifted in the art of forcing the nickel-plated apparatus to give harmonious strains by puffing hot air into them.

The date will be Friday night, April, 24th, in the WMAZ studio. Tune your harmonicas to suit solos, duets, trios, and quartettes, for it will not be a single handed affair. Form your music companies, for "Bo" is aspiring for the championship crown.

ATHLETIC BOARD WILL AID TRACK

Appropriate Money to Place Cinder Squad in Realm of Minor Sport.

SMITH WORKING HARD

The most scintillant light of the athletic firmament at the present time is doubtless the unvanquished and invincible Paavo Nurmi. At Mercer the earliest devotees to the branch of sport made famous by Nurmi and the Olympians of old are dancing and prancing about Alumni Field in their abbreviated costumes.

Track at Mercer is a tradition. There is no doubt but that it is not now maintained on the high plane which was so characteristic of track at Mercer when it was the custom to travel over to Birmingham and up to Atlanta and enter several meets each season. Mercer had some track stars of no mean ability at that time. The athletic board of control has taken a decided step forward toward invigorating track at Mercer. At a recent meeting of that body an appropriation of \$300 was voted for the maintenance of track at Mercer for the season of 1925. While only a drop in the bucket, comparatively speaking, this amount will go far toward the proper equipping of the team.

Minor Sport

It must also be remembered that the board has placed track on a definite basis as a minor branch of sport at the university. In the last few years it has been the custom for track men to indulge in that sport merely from a standpoint of physical development, with nothing to look forward to in the way of a varsity letter or any similar award. The progressive step taken by the board now makes it possible to award each varsity track man a six inch letter, ornamented with the wings significant of Mercury as he sped to and fro answering to the whims of old Jupiter.

Each of the above mentioned items has its value in the development of track, but by far the most interesting

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CLASS OUTFITS BEGIN PRACTICE IN NEAR FUTURE

April 15 is Time Set for First Meeting on Diamond.

ARRANGE SCHEDULE SOON

Ike Cowart Being Favorably Mentioned As Official Umpire for Season.

Class baseball will begin about the middle of this month, according to an announcement from Coach Robinson, who will be the Kennesaw Landis of the classmen this spring.

As soon as managers for the various classes have been selected they will meet with Coach Robinson and arrange a schedule and draw up regulations for the clouters. As yet the sophomore and senior classes have not selected managers, but are expected to do so within the next few days. The junior class have selected Bela Lancaster as their manager, while the lowly frosh chose Courtland Gilbert.

Plans Thwarted

It was first planned to have literary societies, School of Theology, and the various fraternities to enter teams as well as the classes. In this way a real schedule could have been arranged. The authorities were forced to abandon this idea because of the lack of a field on which to play.

As soon as the new field for intramural athletics is graded down and sodded, the system of intramural baseball will go into effect. Just how soon this will be done is not definite, due to a hitch in the preliminary plans.

Reports coming from the freshman camp indicate that the Rats will put out a team that will rival the varsity freshman squad. The prospects for the other teams also bright.

Cowart May Umpire

The problem of selecting coaches is puzzling the brain of Coach "Kennesaw Landis" Robinson, due to the letter men being engaged in varsity baseball at this time. The question will be threshed out at the meeting to arrange a schedule.

Ike Cowart, the largest man on the campus, is being prominently mentioned as umpire. If he selected, he will have as his assistants "Kid" Cecil and a squad of policemen.

It is planned for the games to be played on Gray's Hill and Alumni Field, in this way having two games going at the same time.

One of the chief problems confronting the committee is the arranging of dates for the games to be played so as not to conflict with the varsity games. At this writing it is thought that the games will be played on Wednesday and Thursday, except during weeks when the varsity has games on these dates.

FLUSHED BY SUCCESS BEARS TO CROSS BATS TWICE WITH INDIANA

Batting averages of the Bear sluggers through the Furman series:

Player	AB.	R.	H.	Aver.
Stapleton	4	2	2	.500
Carson	2	2	1	.500
Parks	22	9	8	.364
Smith	28	11	10	.357
Poore (Cap.)	36	7	12	.333
Hamilton	13	2	4	.308
Wade	8	8	10	.278
Riddle	4	0	1	.250
Lawrence	21	6	5	.238
Pinkston	34	2	8	.241
Roney	9	2	1	.125
Reese	24	0	3	.125
Dunn	13	0	1	.077
Ryals	4	0	0	.000

Big Ten Team to Arrive Today for Two Tilts With Mercer.

FURMAN EASILY TAMED

Final Was Not Baseball Game, But Was Game With Baseball.

The Hoosiers from the University of Indiana will furnish the opposition this week-end for the Bear ball tossers, beginning this afternoon at Central City park, at 3:30.

Little is known of the Hoosiers except that they are members of the Big Ten and are supposed to have a good team. Mercer met Indiana on the basketball court while on the Western trip last January, and left with the utmost respect for their athletic ability. The game this afternoon will afford an opportunity for the Bears to avenge this defeat in basketball.

Many rough spots were shown up in the Bear team during the Furman series, and it is rumored that there will be several changes in the lineup this afternoon. Nothing definite could be learned along this line from the Athletic Department, only that changes were to be made.

Hamilton is slated to do the hurling this afternoon with Parks on the receiving end of his slants. For tomorrow, the battery will probably be Riddle and Parks.

Mercer, 9; Furman, 5

With Hamilton pitching airtight ball in the pinches, Mercer won the first home game of the season Monday afternoon from Furman by the score of 9 to 5.

Furman drew first blood in the opening inning on a double over the right field fence by Galloway, a single by Hipps, and a wild throw. Mercer came back in her half of the inning and scored three runs. The game rocked along with Mercer on the heavy end until the sixth frame, when Furman tied the score, five all, by scoring two runs.

Hamilton tightened up the reins on the Hornets after this inning, holding them helpless the remainder of the game. The score was tied until the last half of the eighth, when Mercer on an avalanche of hits and errors scored four runs, making the score 9 to 5. This ended the scoring for the day.

"Crook" Smith began training for his track career, in this game, crashing out one of the longest three baggers ever seen on the Central City diamond. Only rapid fielding by McElveen, Furman outer gardener, prevented Smith from getting a home run on this blow. Captain "Shorty" Poore and Eddie Wade tied for batting honors for Mercer with two hits each.

Galloway Stars

Galloway was the high light for Furman. This boy is brother of the famous "Chick" Galloway of the Philadelphia Infield, and it might be added that he plays like his older brother as well as looks like him. He proved himself to be the most versatile player on the field, playing third base, short stop, first base, and left field in fine style.

Hamilton was not allowed to cut loose on account of the cool weather. He held the Furmanites in control all during the game, but the only time at which he showed the form of last season was in the eighth inning when with the score tied he pitched only fifteen balls, striking out three men in short order.

The hitting of the Mercer team was very encouraging to the student body, they batting four Furman twirlers to all corners of the lot. The fielding of

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Prince of Wales to Join Mercer Sheiks England's Pride To Enroll Here This Summer; Wesley-Annes Thrilled

A radio-gram has been received over the Mercer University set which announces that the Prince of Wales will be sent to Mercer in the coming summer session.

Probably he will arrive before the present term is over in order to get well acquainted with the atmosphere of the institution. In fact, he may be on the way over the Atlantic at the present moment.

Reasons for his coming to Mercer have been given out to members of the faculty, and they state that his coming is the climax of the growing democratic spirit of England and the desire on the part of the king to have his son educated in a democratic school such as this institution.

It has been learned that Mercer was selected because of the flat country about Macon which will lessen the danger of the prince hurting himself in his frequent falls from his horse. The British are always careful of the safety of their royal prince.

Late last night it was learned that there was still another reason why the prince will come here this summer. The co-eds of the summer school are the reason.

Far indeed has the fame of these girls spread. England wants a good queen, and the aristocrats of Britain hope that the future wife of the prince will be chosen from among the summer-school co-eds at Mercer University.

One thing has been definitely settled, the prince is coming. This fact alone is enough to give Mercer all the publicity that she can hope for in a long, long time.

Out Wesleyan way the girls are girls are very excited over his intended sojourn here and the parlors at the feminine institution are being prepared with more than extraordinary care.

Last but not least, do not forget to pick out the first letter in each paragraph and put them together into the two words that they will spell out. Then you will be assured that the prince will soon be here on the campus with us.