

NUMEROUS WINS GAINED BY BEARS ON HOMECOMING

Mercer Has Never Lost on Day Old Grads Return According to Records

FLORIDA ONCE VICTIM

Saturday, when the dull thud of the opening kick-off of the Mercer-Florida game is heard, when the thousands of spectators rise to their feet as the ball is run back, it will be Homecoming Day but not the first. On occasions before, Mercer alumni composed of young grads, old grads, and those who were not grads at all, but who attended Mercer and caught its spirit, have returned on the annual day of celebration.

These past Homecoming Days have been never-to-be-forgotten days. Old classmates, never expecting to meet again, returned and found familiar faces of old times, long past, but still dear to the memory. Old college pranks were recalled, old acquaintances renewed, get-together meetings were held, and the Homecoming Day was an event to cherish, to look forward to in the following year.

Mercer's Homecoming Days have extended back several years. Each time the celebration has had an increased attendance, more alumni returning each year to see the Bears battle some adversary on the grid-iron and on these Homecoming Days, never yet have the Bear warriors failed to bring in a victory.

Furman Doomed

In the Fall of 1923, Homecoming Day for Mercer was set for the date when Mercer and Furman were to battle on the old Alumni Field. The space is now used by the Bruin players for their practice but then the field was the most up-to-date in Macon and the great wooden stands offered the largest seating capacity.

Hundreds of alumni returned on that date and the day was a complete success until the opening of the contest with Furman. The Purple Hurricane scored a field goal in the first quarter of the contest, putting them in the lead 3-0, and then demonstrated such a stubborn defense that the Bear thrusters were unable to penetrate it. Mercer spirits dropped to the lowest ebb. The game wore on and the end with defeat for the Bears was apparent.

The spectators in the stands groaned in despair and the alumni silently resigned themselves to seeing their Alma Mater go down before the onslaught which Furman was putting over in the closing minutes of the game. Then the miracle happened. With three minutes of the battle remaining, "Red" Simmons, Mercer's fiery headed tackle, flashed through the Furman line on a fake play, and ran thirty yards to place the ball over the goal line for a touchdown and six points.

Florida Next

Then the Homecoming Day in the Fall of '24, Mercer and the fighting 'Gators from the University of Florida were meeting each other on the field of battle that day. Florida had come to Macon from West Point where the 'Gators had held the Army to a 14-7 score. Mercer was doped to lose by several touchdowns and the crowd which came to view the battle resigned themselves to Mercer's evident defeat.

True to previous reports, the Florida gridders displayed a flashy attack in the opening minutes of play. Many an old grad of Mercer squirmed in the stands as play after play went for Florida gains. The Bears did not seem to be set for the drives which went through them. Then the tempo subsided, the 'Gator attack halted, and Mercer gained the ball. Several quick, determined drives and the ball was carried within striking distance of the 'Gator's goal.

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ELLIS PICKS WINNERS

The Cluster submits the following in competition with the football scores which are prophesied each week by Coach Bernice Moore and printed in The Macon Telegraph. The following are the games to be played this week-end and the scores, as prophesied by "Bugs" Ellis, who has learned to pick the winners since he is an understudy of Coach Moore.

The following is furnished as information, but not guaranteed. Save this list and check after the games Saturday.

Tuskegee College 7, Ballard School 11.

Dennishawn Dancers 0, Moler Barber College 0.

Macon Art School 50, Kaigler's Business College 60.

Women's Institute 70, Mercer Night School 80.

International Correspondence School 0, Keeley Inst. 13.

LaSalle Extension Univ. 57, Leiderman Physical Inst. 21.

Atlanta Journal Radio School 1/2, Mt. de Sales 666.

Federal School of Illustrating 99 44/100, G. A. B. College 100.

Aunt Jemima Instit. 0, Sunrise Sewing Circle 1.

Ingleside Kindergarten 4, Cincinnati Conservatory of Music 5.

Central City College 2, Macon Beauty Culture School 1.

Mercer Co-eds 2, Pleasant Hill 2.

Blackshear School of Dancing 7, Macon Business College 11.

Miss Arbaugh's School 113 3/4, Macon Cooking School 12.

Wesleyan 0, Strangler School of Wrestling 999.

TIME MOVES ON, BUT DOPE FINDS MATTERS MIXED

Statistics Find S. I. A. A. Title Resting In No Man's Land With Many Attackers

BEARS MUST TAKE TWO

"What'll it be lad?" said the soda jerk at the Bears' Den.

"Dope with cherry", answered the student.

"—and you?" the carbonated water slinger asked his companion.

"I'll take my dope straight", replied the other.

Thus one may gather that a lot of people prefer their dope straight. This aforesaid dope may be football dope or the variety that is largely composed of the Ocmulgee's soothing waters. Whether taken straight or diluted however, dope is one popular thing—but like laundry it gets mixed up quite often, that is football dope.

Dope Straightened

But here is the dope straightened out as much as possible, until next week and then—well wait and see. However Mercer still has as good a chance as ever for the S. I. A. A. crown.

Oglethorpe won over Tech 7-6. She beat Centre 12-0 which shows that she has a strong team, but Howard turns around and whips Oglethorpe 23-0. This then established Howard as one of the two strongest contenders for the title.

Furman won over North Carolina state 31-0, and nosed out Wake Forrest 10-0. Clemson barely won over N. C. State 7-3, which all points to Furman being one of the other strong teams to bid for the championship.

Citadel plays both Howard and Furman. Furman and Howard both play Oglethorpe and Mercer plays all three of them. Howard has beat Oglethorpe, and the Cadets have won over Mercer.

Somewhat Mixed

Then it follows, Q. E. D. that if Oglethorpe loses to Furman, Citadel will have to win over Howard and Furman both. But if Oglethorpe beats Furman, Citadel will have only Howard to beat as the latter has already downed Oglethorpe.

But if Mercer can win over Howard or Furman our chances are practically cinched for the championship. Most all remember last year when Oglethorpe won the championship of the S. I. A. A.—but yet she lost to Mercer. The goose hangs high then!

Rollins played South Georgia A & M Saturday and won by a large margin, 21-0. This does not show Rollins' strength however as their opponent was only a prep school and not of the S. I. A. A. More can be learned tomorrow when several Association teams meet. But as last Saturday's games were played with other than S. I. A. A. teams no comparative dope as to scores can be given, only comparative strength.

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other in their frenzy of excitement.

Mercer's drive was not to be stopped and on a second occasion, a Mercer player crossed the Florida goal line only to be called back because of some technicality. Mercer did not score another touchdown in the remainder of the battle, but late in the contest came within striking distance and the Bears attempted a field goal which was successful. Expected to lose by a decisive score, the Bears emerged the victors, 10-0.

The last Homecoming Day for Mercer is still fresh in the minds of all who were present at the celebration last year. The ancient rival of the Bears returned to do them battle once more, but this time the Purple Hurricane of Furman brought a new innovation in the world of football. The "crazy quilt" formation which Furman used had been the downfall of several teams and Mercer was slated as its next victim.

Instead of lining up in the usual manner and allowing the quarterback to call the signals, the Purple Hurricane employed a baffling shift which began from small huddled groups of its players, one of the Furman ends barking the signals and acting as field general. The battle this time was played in the new Centennial Stadium which had been recently completed. The old grads on returning for the annual celebration found a giant concrete horse shoe with a seating capacity of twelve thousand ready to accommodate them for the battle.

Odds Against Bears

With the odds against them, Mercer entered the game and proceeded to wreak havoc on the touted formation of the Purple Hurricane. The "crazy quilt" shift which had worked so successfully on other teams became useless against the Bears. Mercer's feet ends worked down into the back-field territory of the Hurricane as the Bears began their offensive play and Mercer began to gain ground.

In the first few minutes of play, Mercer carried the ball within striking distance of the Furman goal line. John Parks, at end, slipped through the Furman line, caught a pass of twenty yards over his shoulder and scooted across the end of the field for a touchdown. Mercer then added the extra point by a placement kick.

The "crazy quilt" of Furman was soon in shreds and the Bears proceeded to shatter the remaining. Mercer kicked off the beginning of the second half and John Parks, at end, got away to a good start with his feet and landed the ball in the

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Bears, men of the same name and title as those who rose up and smote a worthy foe. They too are fighters, they too are in the smiting mood and they too are going to fight, fight, fight. But in the stands, the rest will be doing their part.

Florida, it is true has not the mighty Golstein or the famed Jones or the plunging Newton but they have their own men as Mercer, men who will fight their best in the place of those who have gone before them.

Last year the old Bears had to wait until the Homecoming day to have a chance to show their mettle. At that time they were up against the Purple Hurricane and they were defeated. But now they have a good start with their feet and they are going to