

### DOPE PAIL UPSET BY TWO S. I. A. A. FOOTBALL CLUBS

#### Furman Beats Georgia by Score of 14-7 And Mercer Defeats Florida

As fast as the cook can bake a new pot of beans some appleknocker comes along and upsets them. In truth some body certainly spilled the Boston as far as S. I. A. A. football dope is concerned.

The much-touted S. I. C. teams are all going down before their smaller and lesser known rivals—the members of the S. I. A. A. Oglethorpe has downed Centre and Tech, Furman has licked Georgia and North Carolina State, while the Mercer Bears have taken the skin off the Florida Gators.

This seems to point to the fact that the minor teams are the strongest this season, but what we are interested in is the survival of the fittest—in other words, who will cop the S. I. A. A. crown?

Last Saturday's games show that there are four strong teams contending for the title, and one of this quartette is Mercer. Furman beat Georgia by a 14-7 count and thereby proves herself to be as strong as we have predicted in other issues. Just because she beat Georgia and Georgia handed us the small end of the score is no sign that Furman has a better team than we have. That was our first game and Georgia has had a number of men crippled since, while Furman though she has had a full season has not had as heavy a season as Georgia.

Oglethorpe who won over the mighty Georgia Tech eleven was played to a 14-14 tie by a Chattanooga team which has been heard of very little this season. This would speak highly of the strength of the Chattanooga team but for one thing, Howard handed the Petrels an awful wallop to the tune of 23-0. This shows it to be the weakness of the Oglethorpe team and not the strength of Chattanooga that caused a tie last Saturday. Nevertheless, Oglethorpe is one of the main contenders though Furman and Howard rank high above her.

Mercer's win over Florida definitely puts her in the front as one of the strongest teams in the Association for it was not luck that gave Mercer the large end of the score but football. All the breaks went to Florida. Atlanta papers played up the game from the Florida standpoint speaking of the only time she threatened our goal as the feature of the game. But if yardage be compared it will be seen that Smith of Mercer gained more ground individually than the whole Florida backfield. The Gators made a single first down in the first half and they only threatened our goal through a fluke. Mercer threatened their goal at least three other times, one time missing by a half a foot. This win was decisive and shows the Bears as near the top as contenders.

It will be necessary for Mercer to beat Howard to put in a real bid for the title, but if she can beat Furman everything is as well as cinched. A win over Howard will count also as a win over Oglethorpe who has bowed to them, and to beat Furman who is doped to beat Citadel will sew matters up!

### MERCER-OXFORD DEBATE CANCELED

The debate scheduled to be held between Mercer University and Oxford College of Cambridge, England, has been called off. This action was taken by the Mercer faculty because of the lack of time in which our debaters could make proper preparation. The debate was to be held on Nov. 2.

Mercer's prospects for supremacy in the forensic field are very bright for the coming year. Last year Mercer got five citations by debate and four of these went down in defeat. Only one college, Furman, was able to win a citation. This year, however, Furman was defeated by Mercer, and will be eligible for a citation which has not yet been decided.

### HOWARD TEAM AVERAGE

Average of backfield is 161 pounds and that of the line 171. Spicer is captain and is known as Bull, weighs 195 and has played four years on the team. Although 165 is the average of the team or entire squad the team that will start will average on the line, 175 and in the backfield 170. Against this average Mercer will start a line averaging 170 and a backfield of 155.

### Howard squad follows: BULLDOG ROSTER

Player	Wt.	Age	Team	Position
Lollar	195	20	4	Fullback
Garrett	170	21	1	Fullback
McDaniel	170	21	2	Halfback
Morgan	165	19	1	End
Griffith	190	22	1	Tackle
Suddeth	175	18	1	Center
Kelly	180	22	4	Tackle
Smith	185	21	2	Guard
Cawthon	160	22	2	End
Bancroft	148	22	2	Quarter
Wilkinson	165	21	2	End
Fisher	150	19	1	Halfback
Henback	150	22	1	Halfback
Bradley	155	20	1	Halfback
Gibson	168	23	2	End
Brown	165	19	2	Tackle
Wilking	148	19	2	End
Vickery	165	22	1	End
Rhudy	170	19	1	Guard
Brooks	227	22	1	Center
Barton	195	21	4	Quarter
Dowell	165	19	1	End
Weeks	165	18	1	Guard
Anderson	150	18	2	Halfback
Brewster	165	21	4	Center
Clark	175	19	1	Tackle
Rushing	175	25	1	Center
Dobbins	135	18	1	End
Spicer	195	...	4	Guard
Harris	155	20	1	Halfback

### MERCER TO TACKLE HOWARD BULLDOGS

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at 148 pounds, has played two years on the team and is twenty-two years old. His official position is quarterback and his duty seems to be carrying the ball.

To assist Bancroft in this line there is "Slick" Lollar a dainty little fullback of feather weight proportions weighing only 195 pounds.

After the Mercer game they play Mississippi College, Chattanooga, Birmingham-Southern and Millsaps, so if anyone is to stop them in their rush for the title it is Mercer. Well let's don't disappoint them and when they return to Birmingham let it be on the wrong end to a claim for the S. I. A. A. title.

The Starting Lineups will be:

MERCER	HOWARD
Parks	L. E. Rhudy
Pierce	L. T. Brown
Davis	L. G. Spicer (C)
Fleming, Hammock	C. Brewster
Tipton	R. G. Griffith
Nightengale	R. T. Kelly
Butts	R. E. Wilking
Losier	Q. Bancroft
Smith	H. McDaniel
Salter	H. Garrett
Skeleton	F. Lollar

### RECORD NUMBER IN NIGHT SCHOOL

After a recess for a year the Mercer Night School of Commerce is again functioning with the largest enrollment of first year students it has had since its organization several years ago. The total enrollment this year has not reached the number of the year 1924-25 due to the fact that the school was not in session last year, which caused a number of the second year students to sever their connections with the school. The registration in this department so far this year is about eighty students, of whom twenty are regular day students of the University.

The faculty of the Night School includes some of the more successful business men of Macon in their respective lines as well as the regular Commerce faculty of the day school. Among them are Mr. J. M. ...

### HOWARD HAS YET TO BEAT MERCER

#### Bears Trounced Bulldogs, 28 to 0, in 1911, Lee Battle Says

If Howard defeats Mercer Saturday, it will be the first time a football team representing that institution has done so in twenty-five years of athletic relations between the two institutions. According to Lee Battle, chief cook of Mercer's dining hall for the past 27 years and who is the greatest authority living on things concerning Mercer, the Bulldogs have yet to come forth victorious over the Bears.

Lee Battle is also known as the clairvoyant of the Mercer campus. Especially are his predictions valued on the eve of a big football game. It was Lee who foretold Florida's downfall at Mercer's hands, 10 to 0, in 1924 and it was Lee who said that Florida would go down before Phoney Smith Inc. in Saturday's game. When interviewed by a Cluster reporter as to what were his predictions for the Mercer-Howard game, Mercer's Ethiopian oracle returned the following prophecy:

"Why chile, what you worryin' 'bout? In all dese 27 years what Ie ben' at Mercer, Howard ain't never even come close to beatin' Mercer. Nawair, I ain't eben thinkin' 'bout Howard beatin' Mercer. Mah bones feels jus' fine and my muscles don' wiggle a 'tall when I talks about Howard." Lee here dismissed the question with a characteristic wave of his hand and a disdainful quirk of his shaggy eyebrows.

The oldest account of a Howard-Mercer game is gleaned from the "Cauldron" of 1911, which Lee Battle had in his possession. The Bears (they were called, "Baptists" then) defeated Howard, 28 to 0 that year.

Jack Zellars, now coaching at Lanier High School, was quarterback of the Bears that year. Another outstanding player was Bradley Hogg, end, who later became nationally famous as a big league baseball pitcher with the Philadelphia Athletics.

Mercer's record on the gridiron for that year follows:

- Mercer 32; Locust Grove 0.
- Mercer 3; Clemson 0.
- Mercer 22; Ga. Medical College 0.
- Mercer 0; Tech 46.
- Mercer 14; University of Fla. 0.
- Mercer 0; Georgia 21.
- Mercer 0; Chattanooga 6.
- Mercer 23; Citadel 0.
- Mercer 28; Howard 0.

The Bear varsity squad that year consisted of the following men: Grace, center; Burns, Kelley, and Herndon, right guard; Conger, left guard; Tutt Dunaway (Capt.), right tackle; Burns and West, left tackle; Davison and Lawrence, right end; Hogg, left end; Zellars and Cook, quarterbacks; Binton, right half; McDaniel and Maret, left half; Norman and Foxworth, full back.

Tutt Dunaway was captain of the team; R. C. Gresham was manager and R. L. Meeks was assistant manager.

### LET'S FIGHT OUR OVERCONFIDENCE


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row's game. Don't get that idea for, if anything, Howard has a much better team than Florida. But we have found that we can win. We should have beat Florida much worse than the score read. But the point is let's don't sub out in our games which means whether or not we will stay in the race for the crown. Talk football, think football and as for overconfidence, well, just remember the monkeys that we looked like the year we lost to Oglethorpe after beating Florida.

mercator Law, and Mr. S. J. Baker of the Odum Realty Co., instructor in Business English.

According to information available at this time, the Night School holds the record for the largest enrollment in the history of the school.

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