

MERCER CAGERS WIN AND LOSE LAST WEEK-END

Bears Beat Chattanooga Friday Night, But Lose to Vandy Saturday

SMITH AND DICKS STAR

Losing their first home game in four years, the Mercer Bears went down in defeat before the fast team of Vanderbilt, coached by Josh Cody, last Saturday night by the score of 36-33. The Mercer five defeated Bill Redd's Chattanooga Moccasins last Friday night by a heavy margin, 55-32.

There can be no alibi for the Vandy victory. They haven't a better team than Mercer, but they played better basketball than did the Bears. Their passwork was good, and when they worked the ball down within scoring distance, there were two men who could drop the ball through the basket, Stuart, center of the Commodores, and Baker, a slim little forward.

Contrary to reports the Moccasins did not have such a strong team. But the Mercer five had their eyes on the basket that night and a large score could not be denied them. "Phoney" Smith dropped them in from all angles of the court and at the end of the game he had twenty-three points. Wilbur Dicks, running guard, who exhibited his skill in passing, dribbling, and shooting was second for point honors with twelve scores, while Captain Malcolm Green ran his former high school mate a close race with eleven points.

McKoy, forward of the Chattanooga team, also shot eleven points and handled the ball well. Braidwood, running guard of the visiting team, seemed to be the star, but was banished from the game before the first half was over because of personal fouls.

Vandy deserved to win. Josh's boys simply played better basketball than did the Bears. Mercer suffered some bad breaks on several occasions, but there were breaks against Vanderbilt, too.

The boys from Tennessee scored eight points in their starting rush before Mercer awoke. Green broke the ice for Mercer with a pretty, fling of the ball over his head for two points. The score went up to 14 and 5 with Vandy leading, but the Bears recovered, and two pretty shots by Smith from out at center, ended the half with Mercer leading 17 to 16.

The two teams tied up at 19-all and 20-all immediately after the second half began, but the Commodores forged ahead and the Mercer five never overcame the lead again. The score stood 35 to 31, with ten seconds to go, and little Wilburn Dicks, who had been playing his best game so far, dropped out in from center. The Mercer supporters arose, thinking there would be a victorious climax, but before the ball could be brought back again, the timer's gun sounded and the struggle was over.

The game was exceedingly rough throughout. Numbers of fouls were called on both teams. One Vanderbilt player was put out of the game, and Smith and Parks also had to leave the court because of the same reason. Parks was the brunt of much unnecessary rough play.

Captain Green, and Wilburn Dicks were easily the stars, while Smith seemed to be a little off in his shooting. Stuart and Baker were the outstanding men who are coached by Josh Cody. Both games saw some real refereeing. Ashby Frazee, who has worked in all of Mercer's games so far, handled the play with an eagle eye, and was close on fouls. This made the game somewhat slow at times, but it was going by the rules.

After the game the cheering whistle, the crowd's loud huzzas, "Big Boy" and "Big Boy" were heard.

Penfield Police Catch Pie Thief Mercer Has Young Sherlocks!

"Someone is in the dining-hall. I saw him when he turned off the lights, just as I stepped out of my room."

"Well, let's go see who it is." These words were passed hastily between two Mercer students on the porch of Penfield Hall Sunday night about 11:30 o'clock.

So with a mysterious air the two adventurers started out to see who the intruder might chance to be. They started out the back door of Penfield Hall but decided that such a move would be inadvisable. The pie, thief might see the door when it was opened and flee before the two students could trap him.

So, resorting to strategy, the two Sherlocks started up the path to Sherwood Hall. When they had gone about half of the way, they turned down toward the dining-hall.

With swiftly beating hearts they explored the territory around the hall. One of them even dared to look in a window. He said that he saw a light. In fact both of them thought that they heard slight noises as a crook would make in plying the burglar's trade.

"Let's call the police," suggested one. "I have a nickel!" "I'm afraid so," answered the other. "Let's let this 'bull-session' in on it, and we will go 'trap them ourselves'."

So it was that seven of the flower of Penfield's occupants set out on a task that was unpleasant, yet, their duty to perform. All of them were grim-faced and determined to mete out justice to the culprit.

One boy called the dining-hall from Penfield. Someone answered and said that it was one of the dormitories at Mercer. The boy immediately dispatched a messenger to the bunch at the hall and told them that someone had answered the phone. Was it not perfectly natural for a crook to say that it was a dormitory at Mercer so as to arouse no suspicions from the caller? At least the Penfield police force thought so.

The hall was surrounded, and one boy beat on the door and invited the intruder to come out. Nothing stirred on the inside.

"He's in there, he has turned on the light," announced one of the watchers. Sure enough a light had flashed on and all expected to see the thief jump out at any minute.

Then someone appeared at the back door. There he was. He was going to surrender without a struggle. He unfastened the door and came out on the porch of the dining-hall.

"What are you boys doing here?" he asked.

"Who are you?" someone from the crowd who found his voice asked.

"I am the night-watchman," answered the stranger as he exhibited his badge.

COME YE HEATHENS LETS HEAR YE!

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gested it, that the majority denied its existence so far as they could discover. It is to be supposed, that if a student were interested enough to go to Sunday school, that he would be correct in hoping, at least, to experience some spirituality there. It is certain that Mercer men will not take a substitute for the genuine. Why not have a class on the campus that has got the stuff?

Other indictments against the teachers were: hypocrisy, teaching on Sunday and cursing and swindling during the week; lack of knowledge; poorly prepared lessons; inability to teach; and partiality, inviting some to their homes and shunning the "lesser lights."

Sleep was given as one of the greatest hindrances to Sunday school attendance. Besides this, there is complaint of it not being the custom among some to go to Sunday school. Lack of habit another great hindrance. The other reasons for non-attendance were few and trivial.

What seems to be clear, however, is that for all these faults, if we had a class on the campus, we could make it show up and have one that would be a credit to the school.

PLAYERS SCORE IN INITIAL BOW TUESDAY NIGHT

Large Audience Views Performance Staged at Perry High Auditorium

"GIRLS" MAKE BIG HIT

"Nothing But the Truth" Well Performed by Student Dramatists

The Mercer Players made their first appearance of the season at Perry, Tuesday night. The Players motored to Perry after classes and returned the same night after the performance.

A very large and appreciative audience greeted the actors at the play. The large auditorium of the new building which would do justice to most any college, was filled, and from start to finish the crowd was in an uproar of laughter that seemed to be uncontrollable. People in the audience said, that the performance given by the Players was the best ever to be shown in Perry, and immediately asked for a return engagement when they put on the new play, in the spring term.

All Perry seemed to be determined to make the Players enjoy their visit. As soon as they arrived there, they were met by a bevy of charming girls, who showed them the interesting points about Perry, suburban and otherwise. After the motoring was completed, supper was served the players by the chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy of Perry.

Many humorous events took place during the trip, among the most humorous being the curling of the feminine impersonators' boyish-bobbed hair. Curling irons, not being a regular utensil of masculine dress curled about as much skin as it did hair, considering that the little irons quite often got to an unbearable heat.

Lewton Boykin, one of the principal male characters, was sick and unable to take the trip, but the place was capably carried out by Hamilton Hall, one of the directors of the club.

Other members of the cast are: Wink Walker, Eatonton; Henry Stokes, Savannah; Jim Paul Evans, Sylvania; V. V. Harris, Monroe; Habonicht Casson, Macon; William Jordan, Macon; Hal Harris, Americus; Harold Raymond, Fort Myers, Fla.; Fred Kendrick, Eiba, Ala.; Hugh Sconyers, Swainsboro; Burdette Lane, Statesboro, Business Manager of the club, accompanied the Players, as did Professor Edgar E. Folk, Director.

The next trip for the Players will be a journey to Shorter College, at Rome, via Newnan and Cedartown, which will probably be made next week end. An early performance in Macon at the Wesleyan auditorium is promised for February.

PINDAR EXCELLS IN LAW SCHOOL

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has a degree from Mercer. Those who have A.B. degrees are: H. G. Eberhardt, Ga.; R. B. Jones, Ga.; A. E. Smith, Duke; G. B. Hasty, Mercer; J. O. Davidson, Ga.; and L. H. Fowler, Fernman; W. E. Smith and H. L. Jay are the ones who have completed courses at Tech. F. W. New is from the University of Kentucky.

It will be noticed that ten out of the nineteen honor students have attended other colleges before coming to Mercer. One law student offered as an explanation of this fact that the students from other colleges, being new, have not had as much time in the Mercer students to become engaged in extra-curricular activities.

MERCERIAN WAS QUEEN'S HELPER ON OCEAN LINER

Howard Littlefield Returns to School With Over 200,000 Miles of Hoboing to Credit

IS SYNDICATE WRITER

Howard E. Littlefield, former Mercer student, who has "hoboed" all over the world, is in Macon again and contemplating returning to Mercer.

Littlefield, who is a journalist, author, and feature story writer, has just returned from a trip to Europe, having been Queen Marie's bellboy on the Leviathan. He did this in order that he might write a number of articles on the intimate life of the Roumanian queen.

"I learned of Queen Marie's trip and secured the position of bellboy in the suite which she was to occupy. I wrote accounts of her trip and got it syndicated," he said. "When we arrived in New York she gave me an autographed picture of herself."

The former Mercer student says he has "ankle-toured" more than 5,000 miles on land and traveled 200,000 miles at sea. During this time he has met and interviewed many prominent people. Littlefield says that a hobobing trip which he took from Macon to Atlanta in 1921 to see Mercer win the S. I. A. A. championship was responsible for his return to Mercer.


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