

SPORTS

BEARS MEET MOCCASINS

BENNING GROUND

MERCER FROSH TO END SEASON

Baby Bears Play S. B. C. Tomorrow Night in Last Cage Contest

Coach Bill Underwood's Mercer freshmen basketball team meet the Southern Business College team of this city tomorrow night in a game to be played as a preliminary to the main event of the evening, the Mercer-Chattanooga imbroglio. This will be the last game of the season for the baby bruins, and to close the schedule with a win would be gratifying to them.

The S. B. C. five is amply prepared to give the freshmen plenty of high class opposition, and should Coach Underwood's men come out victorious they may rightfully point to the win with pride.

Concentrated drills and scrimmages, sometimes with the varsity, have about returned the frosh to their ordinary condition after a weeks lay-off following a strenuous south Georgia road trip.

Several members of the squad are out for spring football practice and will not see service tomorrow night. The present squad numbers seven men, all of whom will very likely play in the last game. These seven men are; Wilkes, Etheridge, Marshall, McGinty, Brassilton, Kilpatrick and Marion.

THESE ARE REGULATIONS FOR PROPOSED SYSTEM

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Notes are to be cast.

Sec. 22. Upon each ballot there shall be four columns. The first column at the left, shall contain a list of the offices to be filled. The other three columns shall be left blank. At the top of the second column shall be written "First Choice." At the top of the third column shall be written "Second Choice." At the top of the fourth column shall be written "Third Choice." The voter may fill in these blanks with the names of men who are candidates for the various offices by reference to the list of offices and candidates maintained at the poll, and provided for in Section 21, supra, according to his choice and preference.

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BILL UNDERWOOD FRESHMAN COACH

Young Cage Mentor is Also Student, Basketball Star, And Manager

This concerns William "Bugger" Underwood, student, basketball star, manager, and coach. When it was found that Bill would not be eligible for the varsity basketball squad this year he was offered the job of coaching the freshmen basketball team. He accepted the place and while he is not brushing up on his studies he is down at the Riverside arena drilling the baby Bruins.

Besides playing four years with Lanier, during which time he was picked on the All-G. I. A. A. team for three consecutive tournaments, Bill had some experience with the southern freshmen champions of last season. It is said that he seldom met a man who could get the tip, while none of his opponents could compare with him in general floor work and accurate goal-tossing ability.

"Bugger" is as successful as a coach as he is as a player. The club and the year is made up of unusually small men, but "Coach" Underwood has taught them a fast, shifty, relentless style of playing that has carried them victorious through most of their games this season. Bill scrimmages with the frosh and in this way keeps in good condition at the same time demonstrating to his proteges exactly what he wants them to do or not to do.

Gordon Institute, Middle Georgia College, Brewton-Parker Institute (twice) have fallen before the freshmen, while Douglas A. and M., Jeffersonville high school, and the Vienna "Wonder Five" have been successful in their contests with the cubs.

With Underwood eligible for the team next year there is no reason why the 1936 basketball season should not be one of the greatest in Mercer's cage history.

NIGHTINGALE RETURNS

Commenting on the progress made by his men, Coach Blair said, "The line is looking fine, but there is a scarcity of backfield men."

Red Nightingale, stellar tackle of the '27 team, has returned to school, and aspires to play the role of full-back, and thus brings the major's worries to an end.

While not confirmed in official circles, it is likely that Lake Russell, recently signed to coach here, will come down soon to look over his prospects and when he does, he ought to be well pleased with the array of talent working out on these bleak wintry afternoons.

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OPPONENTS ONE OF BEST TEAMS ON BEARS CARD

Orange and Black Quintet Close One of Most Successful Seasons

Playing their last college game before the tournament, Mercer's basketballers meet the strong University of Chattanooga five, which gave the Bears such a battle in Chattanooga recently, at the Riverside auditorium tomorrow night. Coach Long's proteges will try to add the Moccasins from the Volunteer state to their long list of victims, which now numbers fifteen.

The Bears are about to close the most successful campaign ever waged by an Orange and Black basketball team, as this game and that with the Peeler All-stars, deciding the city championship, are the only contests on the schedule before Mercer makes her bid for the S. I. A. A. title at the tournament held at Jackson, Mississippi, on March 1, 2, 4, and 5. With wins over such teams as Vanderbilt, North Carolina State, Clemson, and Auburn, the orange and black team has a record that is not bettered by any southern cage team.

The game with Birmingham-Southern which was to have been played Tuesday, was cancelled at the last minute by the officials of the Alabama institution, and it was feared that the situation which came up last year, when the same school called off a scheduled game, would result in Mercer not being invited to participate in the tournament because of the fact that eight association teams have not been played. Carey Robinson, a former member of the Mercer coach staff, who is now athletic director at Birmingham-Southern, wired officials here that because of finances and a conflict in the Panther's schedule they would be forced to call off the game for the reason of not having played the required number of games. Robinson stated that he would bring his team to Macon at an early date to give Mercer the right to represent this district in the meet.

Defeat Blues

The game with Chattanooga will probably be the last college game that Mercer will play this year, unless the officials of the association decree that the Birmingham-Southern contest be held.

With Peggy Campbell tallying 24 points, Mercer conquered the Albany Y Blues last Friday night in Albany 46 to 25.

Although this game was the ninth in eleven days for the Bruins, they set a furious pace at the opening of the first quarter and held it throughout, slackening only when the final whistle sounded, signifying the achievement of their fifteenth victory of the season.

Mercer's all-American high school forward, Peggy Campbell, was all over the court, and besides alone almost outscoring the entire Albany team, played a great floor game, passing the ball to team mates when he grew tired of bearing the swish of the ball falling through the mesh, and holding the opposing forwards down to low tallies.

Gaining an early lead in the first quarter when Al Wright sank two field goals in quick succession, the Bruins gradually widened the margin, and at the half had run up the score to 26 to 14. When play was resumed in the second half, Mercer continued to sink shot after shot. In order to give his regulars, Coach Long, Bear strategist, sent in his shock troops, who not only held the enemy at bay, but made advances with Bridges, McWilliams, and Matt scoring.

Robinson made a gallant attempt to stem the tide for Albany, scoring 12 points.



Clarence Stovall

STOVALL MAKES BEARS GOOD MAN

Clarence Stovall, Mercer's dependable basketball center, belongs to that class of athletes who are really stars but who, because of their unassuming manner and unwavering steadiness, are seldom recognized as such.

"Stovall" has never been a brilliant basket tosser, although he sometimes "lets loose" when the opposing guards are partially smothering Mulford and Campbell.

The Bears two point win over Chattanooga on the recent road trip can be directly attributed to "Stovall's" opportune scoring spree.

However, the big center's specialty is defense. His services are invaluable when Mercer is playing a team that boasts tall, high-scoring centers like Croxon of Duke, and Dubose of Auburn. Stovall held these two men to much lower scores than they had been accustomed to tally.

This is Stovall's third year at Mercer. He attended prep school at Georgia Military College where he shone in all the major sports, but particularly in basketball and baseball.

The lineup and summary follows:
Albany Y (25) Pos. Mercer (46)
Brisbois (5) R. F. Mulford (29)
Robinson (13) L. F. Campbell (24)
Dunn (2) O. Stovall
Cherry R. G. Wright (4)
Smith (3) L. G. Carpenter (4)

Substitutions: Albany, Cox (9), J. Smith, Dooley, Gremmer. Mercer: McWilliams (8), Bridges (8), DeVaughn, Matt (2) Field goals: Albany 8, Mercer 18. Foul goals: Albany 6, Mercer 10.

Score at half: Mercer 6, Albany 14. Referee, Roomma.

The season's record for Mercer is:
Mercer 45 Albany 28
Mercer 40 Clemson 24
Mercer 41 Oglethorpe 26
Mercer 38 Albany 48
Mercer 62 Charleston College 37
Mercer 41 Citadel 25
Mercer 52 Citadel 20
Mercer 30 N. C. State 31
Mercer 48 Duke 47
Mercer 46 Oglethorpe 46
Mercer 50 Dalton A. C. 37
Mercer 49 Chattanooga 25
Mercer 60 Vanderbilt 46
Mercer 47 Auburn 41
Mercer 35 Auburn 26
Mercer 46 Albany 25

Test Game Billed For Grid Trainers

Spring Practice Arrangements Scheduled for Feb. 23 or 24

RUSSELL EXPECTED SOON

Mercer football coaches will have an opportunity to look over the 1935 material on Feb. 23 or 24 when a game will be played between two groups of the spring training team which is holding out, pending preparation for the district meet of the coming season.

Coach Blair has divided the 1935 into two teams equally strong, one captained by Frank Branch, while Alternates Capt. Bill Alderman leads the other. Keen rivalry prevails and all of the men are looking forward to the game.

"New is a good change for about 15 men from the student body to make the squad," stated Coach Blair, who directs the drills on Alumni Field.

Basketball still holds the spotlight in the Bear athletic world, and also holds the attention of several football players, including Bagger Mulford, Capt. Al Wright, Clarence Stovall, Dewey Cobble, and Jack Blair, who are the players expected to play the coach began to form the team. However, Alternates Capt. Alderman, Dick Godby, Frank Branch, Lamar Finley, Harry Lane, Jack Bryant, Luther Ray, and other members of last year's eleven, together with a few of the past year's freshmen team, are going through the fundamentals and are learning new plays at present, but are looking forward to the rough work which is slated for the last of this month.

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