

SPORTS

IN THE SPORTS EYE VIEW

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RUSSELL AND BLAIR AGAIN

The university and its alumni and students are fortunate that they will have the combination of Lake Russell and J. D. Blair back again next year to handle the athletic affairs of the institution. The past year marked the first one that this combination has worked together, and I am sure that everyone will agree with me when I say that this pair has succeeded admirably in handling the tangled situation at Mercer.

Everyone connected with Mercer, either directly or indirectly, is familiar with the record of Russell since he came to Mercer. His effect on the calibre of Mercer athletics was spectacular if not phenomenal. He lifted Mercer out of the doldrums of athletic decline, and proceeded to let the country know that Mercer was something to be reckoned with in the realm of sports. As mentioned above, it is useless to go into details about his record, as it is familiar enough to every Mercerian.

The workings of the other member of this combination, J. D. Blair, is known only to those who are closely connected with Bruin athletics. He is the man who makes out the schedule of all sports, handles the "game" affairs of the Association, and looks out after the physical well-being of the students as a whole.

Previous to the appointment of Major Blair, the athletic affairs of the institution were in a terrible tangle. The association was deeply in debt, and seemed likely to stay that way. Part of this was due to the decreasing income derived from Mercer games, but I think that the larger part was due to mismanagement. There were constant bickerings between the athletes and the athletic director, with the athletes coming out on the short end most of the time.

Now all of this has been changed. For the first time since I entered Mercer, there has existed a feeling of cordial cooperation between the athletes and the athletic director. Athletes have been treated better this year than ever before, practically the same cost. And the man responsible for this is Major Blair.

Also, in the past year the students were always up in arms against the athletic association. No later than last year considerable rumpus was raised about the matter of athletic fees. The students wanted to know where they were going, and although the Association gave a general report, the students were not satisfied with the account given.

Now, I am about to finish my athletic career, I, along with other students, are bright future cheerleaders for Mercer athletic teams as long as Russell and Blair are at the helm. Here's hoping this pair will continue to succeed in their efforts to place Mercer on the athletic map where it rightfully belongs.

MERCER GRADUATE COACHES

I wonder if many people know how many former Mercer men are coaching in the high schools of the state today. Below is a partial list of them with some left off because I do not know them or where they are coaching. But this list gives a good idea of how many Mercer graduates are actively engaged in the business of teaching youngsters how to develop their bodies.

Wall, Butt at G. M. C.; Harold McNabb at Albany; Bill Alderman at Fayetteville; "Book" Smith at Statesboro; Mike Herndon at Douglas; A. M. Johns, Herndon at Cairo; Kid Cecil at Gordon; Elder Hollingsworth at Elton High; Joe Marion at Sylvania; Joe Matt at Robert E. Lee; Bill White at Thomaston; Bob Sperry and Tom Veazy at Wrightsville; Ed Boughhammer at Norman Park; Red Adams at Jessup; Hub Dows, athletic director of Boys High and Tech High, Atlanta; Carl Lincefer at Douglas Junior College; Eric Staples at Perry; A. L. Johnson at Brantley Park; "Son" Sammons at Darlington; Butch Hammark at Blakely; Ben Buckner at Dublin; Harold Saxoy at Quitman; Tom Connor at Pelham; Wylie Fowler at Carrollton; Arthur Venable at Vidalia; William Gear at Lyons; Six Silver at Dawson; Howard Pizar at Adel; and many others.

BRUIN SPORT SHORTS

Some of the more rabid football fans among the professors are Smalley, Awtry, Shelburne and Clark. By the way, Dan Clark used to coach a high school football team in Alabama. That's where the famous Clark "seventeen" originated. (No hard feelings, dear old boy). In Liberty's All-American, the players voted for their choice. I'll bet that Army gave Bob Lee quite a few votes. Not to mention the votes Clemson should have given Gordy Reddick. Believe it or not, Gene Warlick, a center, was the high scorer on the freshman team last fall. He scored two touchdowns and a safety, which was enough to lead any of the backs. Three Mercer football players are members of Blue Key, honorary fraternity. They are Johnny Cimperman, star of '32, and Joe Popeko and Harry Lichter, present Bear luminaries. That's something for the Carnegie foundation to ponder over. Mercer should have good prospects for a good tennis team next year. They have three excellent prospects in the freshman class, Billy Boggs, "Buggy" Stephenson and Jack Lee could team up with Daly Smith and present a formidable squad. "Jerry" McQuaig is an excellent prospect for big league baseball.

BEARS SHOW BETTER FORM AFTER 4 WEEKS OF SPRING PRACTICE

Reserve Strength For Next Year's Football Team Still Low

MANY SHIFTS MADE

Bruins Lack Sufficiency Of Backs; Freshmen To Be Of Some Help

After four weeks of intensive work, the Mercer Bears are beginning to look a little better in their workout and Coach Russell, although still pessimistic, is beginning to feel a little more at ease over next season's prospects.

It looks now as if that old jinx of the Bears, reserve strength, will still be the bugaboo of next year's season. Russell has some mighty good men at some of the good positions, but he has not enough replacements for the injuries which are sure to come.

Another late change made by Russell, that of shifting Tom Porter to a tackle position, seems to have been a wise one. Tom tips the scales in the neighborhood of 200 pounds, and in the workouts to date has been very impressive. He was a little slow for the back field, and with his surplus of back, Russell decided to use the big fellow on the line.

Red Tyson, big freshman tackle, has been re-shifted to a guard position. Previously Lake had moved him out to the flank position, but his anxiousness to bolster up the middle of the line. Tyson is a replica of Gordon Reddick who held down that post last year. Big and fast, the Cambridge boy has been showing good form in the workouts, and with a little more tutoring from Reddick and Russell, should prove a wheelhorse in the middle of the line.

Gene NeSmith and Bowe Gray, who have been absent from the spring drills on account of basketball, have made their appearance at the practice field, and seem destined to give Mercer a good pair of ends next fall. George Clatt and Roger Dodd are two freshmen whom Russell has been working at the flank positions.

Besides Porter, Russell has Corbett Wilhamson and Wilson Curry at the tackle positions from last year. Both of these boys are big, and with Higginbotham, a freshman, give Russell a pretty good squad to work with at that position.

Paul Ward, Carl Altonen and Charlie Brown are lettermen back at guard. The first two mentioned played good ball last year, and are expected to continue the fine playing next year. Brown saw little service, but with Tyson and Mamalakis is due to see plenty next year.

If Russell keeps Lichter in the backfield, he will have O. P. Gilbert and Gene Warlick left to hold down the vacant center post. Both are tall and rangy boys. Gilbert a letterman from last year, and Warlick a promising prospect from the freshman team.

Russell's worries in the back

field are practically nil. He has a bunch of good backs returning from last year, and some promising men from the freshman team. Bob Lee and Henry Allen, sensational ball carriers of last year are both back to carry on where they left off against Oglethorpe. Bloodworth and Varner are two halfbacks from the freshman team who will make the other men step.

Bloodworth seems to be the long-looked-for kicker that Russell has wanted since Johnny Cimperman hung up his cleats in '32. He hoots them high and far, and for this reason has an excellent chance of breaking in the first string backfield.

Jerry McQuaig is back to handle the fullbacking duties. He is the fastest man on the squad, and weighs in the neighborhood of 180. After his early season injuries had healed last year, Mac proved to be the wheelhorse of the Mercer backfield. Russell is placing lots of confidence in Mac's ability for the coming season.

Alf Davino, J. C. Thomas, Jack Morris, John Ellis and Harry Lichter will provide most of the blocking for the speedier backs to romp through opposing teams. Although they won't receive as

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BRUINS TROUNCE CCC WOODPECKERS IN SPEEDY GAME

Stanford Continues Brilliant Playing, Shoots 11 Points. NeSmith Is Second Scorer

GRAY IS OFF GAME

Fancher Is High Scorer For Woodmen; Mulholland Is Also Fast

HOW THE Woodpeckers pecked, but the Big Bad Bear wouldn't let them in. At least they wouldn't let them inside their defense enough to outscore the Bruins, who ended their basketball season with a 29-19 victory over the CCC Woodpeckers, from Butler, Georgia.

The visiting quintet had won 21 consecutive games until they ran into the Bear quintet. The team was composed of former Missis-

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