

ON THE BENCH

with HUNTER HURST

Miami

After a wonderful week-end in Miami two weeks ago where the Bears played the unbeaten University of Miami eleven, we left the Florida city with several lasting impressions—the natural beauty of the surrounding territory, the pleasantness of the warm climate, the strength of the Hurricane team on the football field, and others. Probably the most interesting sight we were able to witness, though, was one of the finest college alumni clubs in the nation in action. It is our opinion that, in degree of school spirit shown, love of Alma Mater, and general interest in the University and its undergraduates, the Mercer alumni club in Miami cannot be outdone.

There are a large number of Mercer graduates in Miami, among which are included some of the most influential citizens of the city. For years these men have been talking Mercer and selling Mercer there! From the moment the Bears' Special pulled up at the station Thursday afternoon until it was ready to make its departure on Saturday morning they were willing and anxious to see that the younger additions to the Mercer family were accorded the best reception possible.

A committee met the train, directed the party to its Hotel, and announced a banquet scheduled for that night. After the feast, which was held at a cafeteria owned and operated by a Mercerian, the alumni came by the hotel on Friday morning previous to the game in private automobiles and offered to show us the town. At the game Friday night they roared their approval as the Bears continually drove Miami back deep in its own territory through out the first half. They cheered the individual efforts of Bloodworth and others and offered nothing but praise and encouragement in an understanding way after the Bruins wilted under the hot weather and the constant attack of the Hurricane to take a 18-0 beating in the second half. After the game they were sorry we had to leave so soon; and they hoped we would return next year. The football squad appreciates the kindness extended to them by these men. Mercer should be proud of its Miami alumni club.

Mississippi State

While fellow Mercerians were at home moaning and groaning after Turkey Day feeds and enjoying all the delights of a Thanksgiving week-end at home, the Bear Varsity gridgers spent their holidays traveling approximately one thousand miles to take their worst licking of the season from the powerful Mississippi State Maroons by a 32-0 score.

Although the Bears, for the first time this year, were helpless before the onslaught of the powerhouse that lost only to the Rose Bowl candidates this season, the game held certain interesting angles for them. The excellent showing of five sophomore line-men who started the game was a source of encouragement to Mercer fans who are expecting a powerful Bear eleven next year. Bloodworth and Tyson were not allowed down by the opposition, but continued their fine play that led to their selection on the All-Dixie team. Probably most interesting to some of the players was the fact that this game marked the close of a more or less dismal season. The boys were allowed to break training and indulge in luxuries that they had previously been forced to deny themselves.

Mississippi State has one of the strongest football teams in the country, and it was no discredit to the Bears to lose to them. The athletic department there has a promising outlook with plenty of material, equipment, and good coaching. At the state training table over one hundred men are fed, both varsity and freshmen. Sixty of

these are varsity men with very little difference between the first and fourth teams. Major Ralph Sasse is head coach with Frank Carideo, former All-American at Notre Dame, as chief assistant. We look for them to go places in the near future.

Bowery Ball

Along with the close of the football season and breaking training, it is an appropriate time for the Varsity "M" Club's annual Bowery Ball. This affair is one of the "lowlights" of the social season. At this time each year the gridiron "tough guys" celebrate their freedom from training rules and initiate their new members. Allan Bloodworth, brilliant Bear half-back and president of the "M" club, has announced that the Ball will be held next Friday night, December 11, at the Dempsey Tavern, and tickets can be bought from any member of the "M" club. Those who attended last year can testify that their money was well spent. Get your ticket now and don't miss the biggest social event of the year!

Baby Bears Close Successful Season

Mercer's Baby Bears closed out their 1936 season Thursday at Mt. Vernon, Ga., with a hard-fought victory over the Blue Barons of Brewton-Parker Institute. The Cubs, who were favored to win the contest, were held scoreless the first half in spite of repeated thrusts by their "pony backfield" at the heavy Blue line.

From Neal Allen to Tom Steadman, Mercer's line was vicious on the defense, repelling every Baron thrust, while Preznick, Herring, Thomson, Smith, and Plunkett were particularly effective for the Blue Barons.

In the last half, however, Coach NeSmith's orange-clad proteges stormed back and promptly racked up two touchdowns. A pass from the "Little Powerhouse" Joe Gazeley to Roscoe Cline netted the first score. The second came just a few plays later when Cline intercepted a Baron pass and raced 35 yards to the goal.

Only once did Brewton-Parker threaten. J. Herring, running from his own 5 yard line, slashed through his left tackle, twisting, shifting, running to the Mercer 32 yard line before he was finally brought down by Cline. Mercer rallied and took possession of the ball.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—Vassar Granddaughters—students whose mothers or grandmothers are daughters of the Alma Mater, met at the Alumnae House at Vassar College.

The meeting carried on a tradition started in 1893 when six girls founded the Granddaughters' club. When each girl arrived she had pinned on her a slip giving her name and her mother's name and class numerals.

MERCER LOSES TO MISSISSIPPI IN FINAL GAME

Crippled Bears Show Brave Spirit In Fighting Strong Opponents

SEVEN PLAY LAST GAME

Maroon Goal Threatened In First Quarter, But Large Crew of Subs Too Much

Mercer's crippled Bears journeyed to State College, Mississippi last week where they went down under a 32-0 defeat administered by the strong Southeastern Conference team from Mississippi State in their last game of the 1936 season. The defeat featured the final performances of seven senior gridgers who played their last game for the Orange and Black, and it rang down the curtain on one of the most unsuccessful seasons in Mercer gridiron history.

Story Not In Score

Although the margin of defeat was five touchdowns, the figures do not tell the whole story of the courageous fight put up by the local Baptists. With the game only a few minutes old, Phil Chastain, sophomore center for the Bears, brought the crowd to its feet when he made a one-handed interception of a State pass and returned it 38 yards to the Maroon 37 yard line. This was the first scoring threat of the game and, though the Maroons killed it immediately, they were ever reminded that the Bears were in there fighting and that they could not relax for a moment.

After repelling every State threat in the first quarter and part of the second, Mercer weakened under the constant battering and accurate passing attack of Pickle, Gelatka, and company to yield two touchdowns before intermission. Encouraged by a 62-yard touchdown gallop by halfback Ward early in the third period, the State juggernaut blocked a Mercer punt to score another in rapid succession, and could not be halted from there on. The Mississippi State first string retired in the fourth quarter in favor of the reserves who marched to the final score.

However, the Bears were not yet through for the day, and they made one final scoring gesture which carried them to the State 16-yard line where they lost the ball on a fumble. In the closing stages of the game Bloodworth attempted to punt from his own twenty yard line, but the Maroon forwards swarmed through on him, forcing him to run. The "Mighty Midget" raced through left tackle, cut back down the field, reversed the field several times, and dashed 41-yards to the State 39-yard line, before being hauled down from behind by Lapp, Mississippi back. From here Owen passed to Carona for another first down on the 24, and a forward-lateral, which looked good for a touchdown, was fumbled on the 16, Mississippi State recovering.

In defeat, Allan Bloodworth again attracted wide attention in his final performance by his brilliant play. In addition to his scintillating dash, "Bloody" staged one of the finest kicking demonstrations of the season and played a bang-up defensive game. He averaged forty-five yards on eight kicks, one of which travelled 76 yards.

All the seniors, Smith, Varner, Morris, Tyson, and Mamalakis, turned in their usual steady games. Captain Dodd, injured since the P.C. game, was forced to look on from the sidelines.

Mississippi State led in first downs twenty to five and in yardage gained 300 to 70.

Departing Heroes of Mercer 1936 Gridiron Team

"MIGHTY MIDGET"

CAPTAIN

STAR TACKLE



ALLAN BLOODWORTH, who rates the number one All-Dixie team for the third consecutive year.



ROGER DODD, the first regular captain of the Bear team in many years, abolishing pre-game selection.



"RED" TYSON, husky tackle, on the second All-Dixie squad, the only other Bruin taking this honor.

The line-up and summary:

Mercer	Pos.	Miss State
Mehrens	LE	Reddock
Tyson	LT	Meigs
Rainey	LG	Weed
Chastain	C	Burch
Kumse	RG	Gray
Fitzpatrick	RT	Musselwhite
Lawrence	RE	Walters
Smith	QB	Cross
Bloodworth(C)	HB	Hayden
Bazemore	HB	Dixon
Owen	FB	Hardison(C)

Score by periods:

Mercer	0	0	0	0	0
Miss. State	0	13	13	6	32

Scoring: touchdowns: Hardison 2, Ward, Walters, Caldwell; points after touchdowns, Pickle, Hardison (placements).

Substitutes: Mercer, Morris, Varner, Robinson, Hicks, Rosich, Tuach, Corona, Mamalakis, Hurst, Edge; Miss. State, Gelatka, Keenan, Reagh, Pickle, Ward, Moak, Lapp, Meighs, Edwards, Fondren, Lynch, Munchausen, Caldwell, Mullins, Wiegosz.

Officials: Ervin (Duke), referee; Pitts (Auburn), Umpire; Cunningham (Vandy), Linesman; Pierce (Alabama), Field Judge.

If I have a philosophy, it would resolve itself into an effort not to make anybody suffer unnecessarily. —Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

ALL-DIXIE TEAM

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The 1936 All-Dixie Team
First Team

Player - School	Pos.
Hammon—Southwestern	LE
Burgette—Howard	LT
Sutton—Chattanooga	LG
Cooper—Howard	C
Eubanks—Howard	RG
Davis—Southwestern	RT
Klein—Chattanooga	RE
Bloodworth—Mercer	QB
Hitt—Mississippi college	HB
Christian—Howard	HB
Calhoun—Loyola	FB

Second Team

Player - School	Pos.
Straub—Loyola	LE
Tyson—Mercer	LT
Houts—Southwestern	LG

Martell—Chattanooga	C
Tarrantino—Spring Hill	RG
Riddle—Birmingham	
Southern	RT
Strait—Millsaps	RE
Browne—Howard	QB
Wilcox—Howard	HB
Morton—Southwestern	HB
Perry—Birmingham	
Southern	FB

Ithaca, N. Y. —(ACP)—Cornell University's record enrollment this year has gratified university authorities for three reasons.

Analysis shows that an increased number of children of Cornell graduates have registered, there is a broader national distribution of students, and there are more students from foreign countries.



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