

BRUINS MEET TULANE WAVE

Mercer Cubs Seek Second Victory Of 1938 Season

Frosh To Rely On Deception In Tomorrow's Tilt With South Ga. Tigers

Mercer's freshmen Cubs this afternoon will polish off a versified running attack which will pack plenty of trickery to be used tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 against Coach Mike Hendon's South Georgia State College Tigers from Douglas.

Richards, Pajerski, Parker, and Dizadyck, one of the best backfield combinations a Mercer freshman team has ever had, will be relied on for a great amount of deception and illusive running due to the weakness of the line.

Bill Jnook, a powerful 200-pounder from Detroit, suffered two broken ribs in the Middle Georgia encounter last week and will be lost for the Tiger tilt. Ed Casell, originally a fullback, may be used in Jnook's place if his bum knee continues to improve.

One Up, Two Down

The freshmen have had an up-and-down season thus far, losing a badly-jumbled opener to Gordon, 67-0, bouncing back to outscore Middle Georgia College 18-6, then falling back to a 14-0 defeat by the unbeaten GMC Cadets, one of the state's strongest junior college elevens.

Mercer failed to show much offensive power in the Georgia Military College encounter until the third quarter and late in the final frame when her passing attack began clicking. A series of passes from Jack Richards to Harry Smith connected for about 75 yards.

Student Coaches Rod Tuach and Tom Heaton rely much on the passing arm of Richards. Jack Richards is the triple-threat man of the Baby Bruins.

Other games scheduled this season are with Monroe Junior College to be played at Monroe and the Fort Benning "Soldiers" with Columbus as the battle ground. Possibly a game with the Oglethorpe freshmen will be arranged.

Lawrence Only Veteran Harrier

Experience Lacking For Auburn Meet; Blanks and Wallace Lost To Squad

Mercer cross country men will be ready in all phases except experience for the Auburn meet next week, Coach Dougherty said. Leslie "Red" Lawrence is the only veteran on the squad due to the loss of Francis Blanks and James Wallace.

A meet with the Georgia Tech harriers has been called off as the Mercer men are not yet in condition to compete against as experienced a team as Tech's.

According to Coach Dougherty heavy training will begin next week and five men will be selected to make the Alabama trip.

"The team will improve. What they need most is practice and durability," Dougherty stated.

Volleyball Games To Begin Monday

Kappa Sigma vs. ALT; ATO vs. KA and SAE vs. Phi Delta Theta In Opener

By CHARLIE HODGES

An intra-mural volleyball tournament, the first ever to be held at Mercer, will begin Monday at two-thirty o'clock with the Kappa Sigma team meeting the Alpha Lambda Tau crew.

All fraternities and campus organizations will compete for a large trophy given by the Mercer Athletic Association to be held permanently by the winner. The volleyball tournament will take the place of a touch football tourney formerly scheduled to start Monday. Touch football was suspended because of no field available.

Games will be played Monday through Friday using Saturday for postponed games. There are to be three contests every afternoon. Each group represented in the league turned in a list of the men on its roster for football; this list will be used for volleyball. These rosters will be in effect through the season.

Persons from one group may play with teams of another group, but they will not be allowed to play with any team during the season other than the one with which they started the season. This rule was put in to permit more men to participate and to give the smaller groups a more equal chance. Each group will be allowed to use three of these "borrowed" players.

A game consists of 15 points and one side must be at least two points ahead to win. A "set" will be made up of three games. The winner of a "set" must take two out of three games. Only one set will be played between two teams each afternoon. Each team is made up of six men, no more or no less, and substitutions may be made frequently.

In Monday's games the Kappa Sigs meet the ALT team at two-thirty; ATO encounters KA at three-thirty; and SAE tie up with Phi Delta Theta at four-thirty. Schedule for all following games will be posted Monday in both Penfield Hall and the chapel building.

Mercer News Ten Years Ago

The Mercer football team left early this morning for Gainesville where they will meet the University of Florida on annual Homecoming day there. The two schools are old rivals, having met on the gridiron for the last 14 years. In the last four years each has chalked up two victories. In all, Florida has won eight and Mercer six.

The Mercer Cubs may meet the Monroe Aggies in Monroe this afternoon. The freshmen are allowed to play only five scheduled games this season. They have already played three with two more games scheduled the game with Monroe would be six in all.

With interest growing at every turn, the tennis enthusiasts of Mercer will meet Monday morning during chapel hour for their initial

In the Spotlight

By ROD TUACH

Yes, 28 to 19 was the score and what a scare the Bulldogs got when our so-called humble Bears emerged from that game a much more respected team by Georgia fans and the coaching staff. A wide grin by the Great Joel Hunt at two o'clock last Saturday afternoon was changed to a look of contempt at four o'clock. His barking and growling Bull-puppies were no longer the vicious, snarling, threatening dogs they used to be, because the Bears slapped them around a bit.

A crowd of 6,000 witnessed the fastest, most thrilling game ever played on Sanford Field. Every minute was packed with dynamite and excitement. Not a person was seen sitting as the game ended with a Frank Merriwell finish. Spectators were awe-struck when the Bears, with a sudden burst of spirit and determination scored two touchdowns in the remaining three minutes of play.

Who's laughing now? Two Tulane scouts, apparently satisfied with what information they had, left the game at the end of the third quarter. It was heard said by these two spies, "Mercer hasn't got much and we should have an easy time with them this week." But did they see the last quarter? Hell no! What's that old proverb? Those who laugh last, laugh longest and are we laughing!

Twelve Man Team

Once again Mercer played twelve men and that extra man was no other than one of the officials. If observers will remember in the second quarter when Georgia had the ball on the eight yard line and fourth down this particular official generously placed the ball on the one yard mark giving the Bulldogs four downs to make a score. What we can't understand is, why the ball wasn't put into the end zone, thus saving a lot of time and trouble. If the same official had been alert he would have seen the mighty Fordham offside on his touchdown plunge.

Several traditional records were broken last Saturday when the Bruins emerged on the low end of their 28 to 19 defeat with the Georgia Bull-puppies. Spec Landrum made the second longest run ever made by a Mercer football player when he returned a punt sixty-five yards to a touchdown. Phoney Smith, back in 1927 dashed ninety-three yards for a score. Paul Davis, substitute end, is the only man ever to get credit for two touchdowns in a Mercer-Georgia game. Nineteen points is the most ever scored by a Mercer team in a Georgia game.

The Wave Next

All eyes point to New Orleans where the Mercer Bears will meet the strong Tulane Wave tomorrow. The Bruins left yesterday and are scheduled to have their final workout this afternoon at Tulane's stadium. The Green Wave has improved rapidly since the season began and are now considered one of the first three strongest teams in the Southeastern conference. It will probably prove to be the Bear's toughest game of the season and Coach Lake Russell has employed all his trickery into the offense.

Tulane is bound to have a lot down after their strenuous game with Rice last week and Mercer with a rejuvenated spirit after last week's tilt with Georgia. Anything can happen and with a minimum amount of breaks the Bears can do it.

NATIONAL BITS FROM EVERYWHERE

Every West Point football player hurt in a game is carried from the field on a stretcher, regardless of the nature of his injury. . . Ray Apolskis, Marquette's sophomore center, saved thirty-eight lives in two summers of life guard work at Rainbow Park, Chicago. . . Marvil Paul, coach of Columbus High school in Omaha, uses a pistol to call his players' attention to errors in practice. . . At the sound of the shot every man stops in his tracks. . . Sam Chapman, Athletics' outfielder, who made good his first year of the campus, has returned to the University of California to complete studies for a degree. . . George Veenker, Iowa State athletic director, says broken cleats are the chief source of serious football injuries. . . The University of Minnesota is considering the advisability of installing an ice plant in its field house.

Notre Dame substitutes wore green softball caps on the bench to protect themselves from the sun in Atlanta two weeks ago. . . Elmer Layden thinks it was a mistake, because the boys have been playing softball the past two weeks, he says. . . Harris Moriarty, one of the leading officials in the south, died of a heart attack during the fourth period of the North Carolina-New York University football game at the Yankee Stadium last Saturday, in which he officiated as umpire. . . Fielding Yost, athletic director at Michigan,

Song Writing Is Among Hobbies Of Art Pledger

It is an interesting coincidence that Art Pledger is an outstanding football player and also a song writer. This statement shows what a versatile boy Art really is.

Pledger was born in Akron, Ohio, and it was there that he received his high school education. While in high school he made the all-city football team, which was composed of boys from eleven teams. In this competition, he played against Martin Kumse, who was then playing for the Barberton high school team.

The Akron Yankees baseball team, a farm of the New York Yankees, offered Art a trial as catcher last spring, but he refused it. At one time he was state wrestling champion of Ohio in the light heavyweight division. He has hunted in the Canadian woods, and enjoys this sport more than any other except football.

Likes The South

Last year was Art's first year in the South, and he likes it very much. "Friendliness of the South is far superior to that of the North, and he prefers to live here after he graduates," he says.

This past summer, Art attended the Platoon Leader's class of the U. S. Marines at Quantico, where he has a good opportunity to get a commission in that branch. On the other hand, however, he expects to work with the United Tire and Rubber company, with whom he was employed a year before entering Mercer.

He is a boy who has many hobbies. He has written over 100 songs, a few poems, and is also interested in amateur photography. Furthermore, Art likes to travel, having been in nearly every state east of the Mississippi river.

'Phoney' Smith; Great Mercer Star, Pays Visit Here

Farrar (The Great Phoney) Smith, stopped by Mercer Wednesday night enroute to Fayetteville, Tennessee.

Phoney is generally considered by sports writers and Mercer men alike, to be the best backfield product ever turned out from the Bruin ranks. He holds the enviable reputation of never being held scoreless in any game in which he participated.

Upon one well-remembered occasion, in returning a kickoff against Georgia, he ran through the entire Bulldog team for a touchdown.

Smith stopped over several hours at the local ATO house, which fraternity he joined while at Mercer.

Injuries Beset Football Squad For Wave Battle

Bears Make Great Finish But Lose To Bulldogs 28-19; Landrum Outstanding

By LEON GARFIELD

The Mercer football team entrained yesterday at 1:15 p. m. for New Orleans where they will do battle with the highly touted Tulane Green Wave tomorrow afternoon.

Coaches Russell and Dougherty took a squad of thirty-one players on the trip to the big city. They went through a short workout yesterday afternoon, in Atlanta on Grant Field and then boarded the train again. They arrived in New Orleans some time this morning.

Bears Determined

Although beset with many injuries that will keep many of the first string boys from starting, the Bears are determined to bring back the bacon. Spec Landrum, the boy who ran a punt back 65 yards for a touchdown against Georgia, will be unable to start the game and in his place will be Roscoe Cline. Bill Howland, another star of the Georgia game, will also be out of the lineup and will be supplanted by Grady Gillon, dynamic little halfback of Macon. At the blocking back post in the place of Art Pledger, the signal caller, will be Martin Kumse or Ellis Paulk. Pledger hurt his leg in last week's game. All these injured players, although not in the starting lineup, will probably be able to see some service in the game.

Coach Russell was able to put his charges through only three days of practice this week. Monday's session consisted of signal drills and wind sprints. Tuesday's work was of a fundamental nature with no rough scrimmages on the program. The hard workout took place Wednesday afternoon when the boys were sent through a hard scrimmage. In this scrimmage Roscoe Cline looked particularly good at running and passing. Earl Lewis, the other running back, besides Landrum, who was held out of the rough work, injured his ankle during this session and was unable to accompany the boys to New Orleans. Vee'Yon, the mighty midget, again proved his versatility by taking over in Lewis's place and doing a good job of it. He probably will be used at this position a great deal tomorrow.

Team Left Yesterday

As the team left yesterday the starting lineup appeared to be set as follows: Lawrence and Allen, ends; Jones and Gerhardt, tackles; Rainey and Tarnus, guards; Richter or Thomas, center; Grady Gillon and Roscoe Cline, halfbacks; Johnny Mattox, fullback; and Martin Kumse, quarterback.

The Bears tomorrow meet a good team that has vastly improved during the entire season. Although beaten by Clemson and tied by Auburn in the first two games of their season, the Green Wave came back last week and upset the great Rice team 26-17. It stands to reason that Tulane will not let up on the Bears after Mercer's great game against Georgia. Coach Red Dawson's boys will probably shoot the works and do