



BEARS UNDERDOGS IN FINALE

Freshmen Meet Strong Riverside Cadets Next Week

Two More Games On Cubs Schedule: Yearlings To Monroe 25-0

Two more football games have been scheduled for the Mercer freshmen, Coach Rod Tuach announced. Next Saturday the freshmen play the cadets of the Riverside Military Academy at Gainesville, and the day after Thanksgiving the Cubs will take on the Darlington Prep School in Rome.

Mercer's chances have been greatly heightened with the probable return of triple threat freshman star Jack Richards. Richards has been under the care of a bone specialist since his knee injury which he suffered in the South Georgia College clash.

Lose to Monroe

Last Friday the powerful Monroe A & M Aggies took the Cubs to ride for a 25 to 0 count. The freshmen, bruised and battered from their Fort Benning clash the week before, got off to a slow start against the strong running attack of the Aggies.

No injuries were suffered last week; therefore the team should be in fine physical condition for the Riverside Military meet.

Cassell Outstanding

Fullback Ed Cassell played the best game of the season against the Monroe club. He played superb ball in all phases of the game.

The first real Mercer threat came in the third quarter when the freshmen placed the ball on the 10-yard stripe after several spectacular runs and two short passes from Dizadyk to Freeman

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BILL HOWLAND WILL MISS GAME



Veo Yon, the little package of dynamite has shown up well in all departments of the team. His hard driving and vicious tackling has made him the logical candidate for utility power on Coach Russell's Bears.

Football for the Fan

Modern Defense Play Keeps Linemen On The Move

DEFENSE

The old type of line defense was a seven man line. Today we have the five, the six, and the seven man line. When the center starts as the middle man of the seven but ends up as a back, we might say that we have a six and one-half man line.

There are two types of line style. There is the style where a lineman on the defense gets down with both hands on the ground and, using this low start, leaves his mark at the sound of the gun. He uses head, shoulders, and body in his charge into the offensive back field. When he is past the line of scrimmage, he brings his hands into use.

More common and more generally used is the semi-crouching start, with the use of the hands first on the opponents, then the use of the shoulders and the body in an attempt to get through to the carrier.

Guard Important

As in all cases of style, a combination of both is used, the center of the line playing sprinter style, and the flanks playing semi-crouch.

A good charging line is the backbone of a defense. Each man has two duties—to protect his own territory and then to get to the ball carrier. If this is done properly, we have what coaches call a cup defense; that is, an attempt to drive play into a crowded central spot. The ends and tackles are in a position to get in a little faster than the center men, who meet more solid opposition.

The guards' duties are to hold up the center of the line and to protect against plunges and delayed bucks started by the cross buck, crisscross, or spinners. The guard, as a rule, will charge low and, in dangerous territory he will "submarine" and pile up on himself as many foes as he can.

Centers In and Out

Some centers stay in and play a type of game similar to that of a guard. We also have the center who stays out and plays a defensive full back. Then there is the center who plays "in and out," who charges and goes through, or who

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In the Spotlight

With ROD TUACH

(Editor's note: With the Spotlight run down after many days of hectic nightmares, a few homecoming dances and a deficiency of Dura Mater, Ben Chatfield, assistant sports editor of the Macon Telegraph, has graciously consented to write the Spotlight. Thank you for being our guest columnist this week.)

As long as I can remember I have heard the loyal sons and daughters of Mercer complain about the small crowds that attend the various athletic contests played in Macon.

The majority of the people seem to think that the newspapers do not play up Mercer sports as they should. Some blame the students and their lack of spirit, and many others will tell you color attracts large audiences and Mercer games never have it.

It is my opinion the student body holds the key to putting more people in Centennial stadium when the Bears play here. If the students would get some life and use a little showmanship at the games attendance figures would rise.

The papers give the Bears good publicity on all their games, especially on games played at home.

But if the students at Mercer would get some of that good old school spirit and show it before and during every Mercer game, newspapers would have something to write about.

Mercer-SMU Game

There has been some talk of bringing Southern Methodist University to Macon from Texas to play Mercer in a post season game for the benefit of Wesleyan college. Frankly, I believe money would be lost on such a game. It would cost every bit of \$2,500 to bring SMU to Macon. There is nothing I would not do to see Wesleyan saved.

But if you remember the small crowd that turned out for the Mercer-Washington and Jefferson game a few years ago you will feel as I do about the proposed Mercer-SMU encounter. I think Wesleyan should not take a gamble of trying to get \$2,500 for the expenses of SMU.

For the last four years I have watched school spirit at Mercer closely and have been disgusted with the attitude of the majority of the students. It seems that they don't care whether the Bears win or lose or whether there is a team at Mercer. They don't talk much about the team and then when game time rolls around you can ride around town and find large numbers of students sitting on porches of frat houses, in theaters, with their heart throbs or hanging around corner drug stores.

The students sit back and let the team do all the fighting and show all the spirit. The students give only a few weak yells. The loud ones always come from the alumni or from men out in town who have taken a great liking for the boys on the team.

Georgia Tech and Georgia have large bands adding color to the games. Fraternities and literary societies help by putting on interesting stunts between halves. Mercer's frats and sororities could sponsor certain games and put on a show or parades between halves.

Let's Have A Band

Mercer's greatest need is a big band composed of students. A 100 per cent Mercer band parading up and down the field at intermission assisted by fraternity or sorority stunts would make the fans take notice. Mercer should be able to get about 60 young musicians by giving them part scholarships. It would be a wonderful thing for the Cluster to start a campaign to enroll musicians. Plays, programs and other student activities could help pay for the scholarships.

Then more colorful shows would give the athletic department more funds through increased attendance. And then Mercer could soon be in a position to turn out large squads which would growl loud at Georgia's Bulldogs and Tech's Yellow Jackets.

Mercer has a good coaching staff. Head coaches do not come any better than Lake Russell. Turn out for the Mississippi college game this afternoon and put some life into the crowd and start working now for a Mercer band for 1939 and plan to put on good colorful shows at each home game next year.

The Spotlight's forecast on college games to be played this week:

- Mercer over Mississippi
- Alabama over Ga. Tech
- Army over U. of Chatt.
- La. State over Auburn
- Baylor over Loyola of La.
- Boston Col. over Boston U.
- U. of Cal. over U. of Oregon
- Holy Cross over Brown
- Carnegie T. over Duquesne
- Citadel over Oglethorpe
- U. of Ky. over Clemson
- Columbia over Navy
- Cornell over Dartmouth
- Duke over Syracuse U.
- Tulane over Georgia
- Ohio State over Illinois
- Indiana over Iowa
- Marquette over Mich. State
- Notre Dame over Minnesota
- Pittsburgh over Nebraska
- U. of Mich. over Northwestern
- Rice over Texas A & M
- Tampa over Stetson
- T.C.U. over U. of Texas
- Wisconsin over U.O.L.A.
- Yale over Princeton



HENRY LAWRENCE

By BEN WATKINS

Another graduating member of Mercer's football squad this year is Henry "Bubber" Lawrence, 180 pound end of Macon, and formerly of Albany.

"Bubber" began his football career playing center on an Albany sandlot team, making the All-City team during his first year.

Many Athletic Honors

At Albany High Lawrence won three football letters. He was named All-Southwest Georgia Conference center for two successive years and also made the All-South Georgia team. He was named on the All-Conference team over Cary Cox, present center for Alabama. "Bubber" served as alternate captain during his senior year.

Lawrence also played football against Jack Morris, Grady Rainey, "Red" Tyson and Wright Bazemore who later became his team

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A LT Ends First Round Unbeaten

The undefeated Alpha Lambda Tau crew won the first round of the intra-mural volleyball tournament being sponsored by the athletic association of Mercer University. Phi Delta Theta is running a close second with six wins and one loss.

In the last game of the first round the ALT's defeated Phi Kappa Alpha by the score of 16-14, 15-9. The ATO's downed Kappa Alpha in the most exciting game of the day, losing the first set 11-16 and coming back to win 17-15 and 15-17. In the last scheduled game of the afternoon, Phi Delta Theta won from Sigma Alpha Epsilon by forfeit.

Second Half Schedule

The schedule for the second half will be distributed today or Monday according to Rod Tuach, supervisor of the volleyball tournament. It will be posted in the co-op and the chapel building for those not connected with an organization.

There has been much comment on the outcome of this sport and from all indication enthusiasm has been abundant. Let's strive to keep up the success of this tournament in the second round by all competing teams playing their scheduled games rather than forfeit.

Provision has been made for indoor games in case the weather will not permit outdoor play.

Bears To Perform Against Choctaws In Last Home Tilt

Varsity In Good Shape For Tilt With Mississippi College; Slate Clean

The Mercer Bears will play host to the Mississippi College Choctaws in Centennial stadium this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Still on the crest of a victory wave which has carried them over the last two contests the Bears are confident of taking the remaining two games on the schedule. The Choctaws, however, are a very formidable opponent. They defeated Oglethorpe 33-6, while the Bruins beat them 33-7. So by comparative scores at least the game should be a nip and tuck affair.

In Good Shape

The Bruins are going into this fray in fairly good physical condition. Only Bill Howland will be unable to answer the starting whistle. It is unknown as yet whether or not he will be able to see service at all. His wingback post will be filled by either Grady Gillon, the Macon flash, or Frank Pride. All the other starters are in good shape and will be ready to go this afternoon.

Coach Russell sent the boys through only one hard rough session this week. This was on Wednesday afternoon when the varsity scrimmaged against the freshmen. Yesterday's practice was in the nature of a skull session in the gymnasium.

The starting lineup that will take the field this afternoon appears to be set except for a few positions: Malcolm Thomas, center; Rainey and Tannas, or Kumse, guards; Gerhardt and Jones or Plunkett, tackles; Lawrence and Alley, ends; Landrum and Gillon or Pride, halfbacks; Pledger, quarterback, and Johnny Mattox, fullback.

Bears Defeat P. C. 28-0

Last Saturday afternoon before a small but colorful homecoming crowd the Mercer Bears trounced the Presbyterian College Blue Stockings by the score of 28-0.

Although the score seems to indicate otherwise, the game was an interesting one all the way through. Either one team or the other

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The Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
A L T	7	0	1.000
Phi Delt	6	1	.857
Kappa Sig	4	3	.571
A T O	3	4	.428
K A	3	4	.428
S A E	2	5	.285
Phi K A	1	6	.143
Preachers	0	7	.000



Horace Richter, sophomore from Cairo, Georgia, Mercer's other center is playing on par basis with his rival. There is little or no difference at all in the caliber of the two Bruin centers. Both play equally as long in all the ball games. Richter's diagnosing of opponents' moves is keen and enables him to break up many scoring threats.



Malcolm Thomas, sophomore from Summerville, Georgia, has turned in many great performances at the center position. His backing up the line on defense is worth witnessing and deserves high comment.