

BRUINS PLAY CHATTANOOGA

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Dutton, Cassell Star In Cubs First Game

Frosh Drop Initial Fray 58-43; Results Are Encouraging

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After staying on even terms throughout the first half, the Mercer Cubs faltered in the last period to lose a stirring struggle to the Lanier Poets, Wednesday night by the score of 58-43.

Two minutes after the third quarter began Oswald Holland sank a field goal to tie the score and bring the Cubs on an even keel with the Poets for the first time since the beginning of the game. Ironically enough Holland is a former Lanier star and in his first game against his Alma Mater was a spark plug in the Cub attack.

Close Contest

The game was much closer than the score would seem to indicate. During the first three periods, the affair was closely contested and the outcome was in doubt throughout. The Cubs stayed in the thick of things largely through the combined efforts of "Bo" Dutton and Ed Cassell. They were both hitting the hoops with consistent regularity, Dutton garnering 15 points and Cassell registering 14. The superior height and reach of the Lanier lads was a telling factor in the struggle. "Lank" Murrow, the tall center of the Poets, took the ball off the backboard many times, and also found time to gather 18 of the Poet points to be high scorer for the night.

Murrow Paves Way

After the freshmen tied it up at the outset of the third quarter, the Lanierians went on a scoring spree and ran up the score until they had a 15 point lead. Murrow, Thurston and McCowan were the main cogs in the scoring machine during this last half. Coach Selby Buck left his entire first team in the game during the last two quarters.

Next Wednesday night the two teams will meet again in the high school gymnasium. Since the game Wednesday night was the first for the Mercer yearlings, the next meeting of the two teams should prove to be a very interesting affair.

CO-EDS MEET MGC SEXTETTE

Mercer Girls Lose Opener To Jeffersonville By One Point Margin

The Mercer Co-ed. basketball team will make its initial home appearance tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock when Mercer girls meet the strong Middle Georgia College sextette at Porter Hall.

Coach Ed Cassell expects to see the following starting lineup tomorrow afternoon: Edith Hillman, Margie Hughes and Voncile Timmons, forwards; Ninnette Payne, Louise Grimmett and Veronica Tuten, guards.

A new addition to the co-ed squad is Lenna Belle Kay from Byron, who joined the team during the latter part of last week.

Lassies Lose Opener

Tomorrow's game will be the lassies' second start of the season. The Mercer girls lost their opening game last week to the Jeffersonville Athletic Club in Jeffersonville by a one point margin, 29-28. Edith Hillman was outstanding for the co-ed sextette, playing both forward and guard and scoring 15 points. Outstanding players on the Jeffersonville team were Caroline Hodges and Virginia "Cowboy" Williamson, former Mercer co-ed, scoring 18 and nine markers respectively.

A game has been scheduled with the South Georgia College girls to be played on January 28 at Douglas.

A small admission charge will be made for the game tomorrow afternoon. Athletic cards will be honored for the encounter, Coach Cassell stated.

Lineups for the Jeffersonville game were:

Jeffersonville (29)	Co-eds (28)
Williamson 9.....F.....	Hillman 15
Hodges 18.....F.....	Timmons 1
Arnold.....F.....	Payne 8
Bennett 2.....G.....	Grimmett
Roxier.....G.....	Tuten
Story.....G.....	McIntosh

Substitutes: Co-eds; Kay 2, Rice, Hughes 2, Blanks, Brown, Kilgore, Harris, Jeffersonville; Burke.

Mercer News Ten Years Ago

Lake Russell, at present head coach at Carson-Newman, Jeffersonville, Tennessee, was selected at a meeting of the Mercer Athletic Board of Control Wednesday night to succeed Coach Bernice Moore, who resigned as head coach. Coach Russell is expected to come to Mercer about September 1. The newly selected athletic official is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and attended the University of Tennessee.

With the first defeat of the season handed them by the Albany "Y" still staring them in the face, the Mercer basketball team left Macon early Thursday morning for a series of three games to take place in South Carolina, in which they are grimly resolved to resume their march to victory.

With the Mercer freshman basketball squad now cut to ten men,

Bill Underwood, freshman coach, is rounding his men into shape for a coming trip into South Georgia where four games are to be played. The freshman team, like the varsity, has good chances of putting out a winning aggregation this year.

Mercer can boast of two of the best forwards in southern basketball circles. One is Captain Baggy Mallard and the other his running mate, Peggy Campbell. This is Campbell's first year on the Mercer team and he has already shown himself to be of All-American calibre.

This section of the Cluster is intended primarily for the alumni. If it can give out news of interest to Cluster readers, if it can help old men to keep in touch with their friends, if it can help the Cluster to be a better paper, then it will have served its purpose.

In the Spotlight

With ROD TUACH

A Doubtful Situation

Professional football in the South? Don't think so. There are several items to be considered before a project of such importance can be determined. The south is great, but would they support any thing as expensive as pro football? It takes plenty of money to finance, in big time terms, a professional team. Looking over the statistics of attendance at college games there is a great lull in box office receipts. However, professional football is much more the glamorous game and more thrills and excitement are provided than that of collegiate calibre.

One of the many reasons for it not to succeed is that the south is lacking in big cities. Atlanta or New Orleans are the only two really large towns that pro football could rely on for a half way decent attendance. The Southern Baseball Association could save many headaches if the subject were dropped.

The Southern Association, originators of the idea, might have had something in their proposal and credit should be given for the attempt. Professional ball in the south would consume most of the south's best players and would give the fans a chance to see their favorites perform after graduation.

Strikes And Spares

Billiard tournament? A swell proposal and a most successful one of last year. But how about a bowling tourney? It could be run in the same manner as billiards. Fraternities could, through process of elimination, send their best against each other. It is a subject for suggestion, should be brought up at the next Pan-Hellenic meeting.

The Spotlight is quite confident arrangements could be made with the various bowling alley establishments to sponsor such a program. If the bowling bug bites you please inform us as a better sport couldn't be substituted. Full cooperation of this page can be expected towards its utmost success.

More boys could participate in this field. Members of a bowling team average about four. Some teams have as many as six on a squad. The best part of it all is that a player needn't be skilled to bowl. The game is comparatively easy to learn and the enjoyment derived from it is valuable. They say baseball players are born, that goes for football too, but not bowling. You learn to bowl, but are born with the adaptness for other sports. From a physical standpoint, the exercise from bowling is of great value to the body. What do you say? Shall we have a tournament or let it go by unmentioned?

Come Out And See

Basketball fans, students and coaches are wondering just what kind of team the Mercer Bears have this season. The conquerors of Georgia Tech will display their wares tomorrow night when they meet a strong quintet from Chattanooga. There is a lot of talk going around to the effect that the Bruins will be a way off balance because of the ten day rest period between the Tech game and tomorrow's fray. Maybe so, but we shall see. True, a basketball team should play at least three games a week to stay in condition, but don't get the idea that the local boys aren't in shape for the Moccasin tilt.

Doc Kirksey, Kenyon Sellars, Allan Martin, Rex McIlvaine and Paul Davis, the nucleus of the "Wonder Five," are in rare form and itching for action. Thrills will be plentiful and action fast at the auditorium about 9:15 tomorrow night. Chattanooga is one of Mercer's bitterest rivals and it will be a rough and ready affair. The Bears emerged with two games to one last year and above all, eliminated the Moccasins from the possible chance of an All-Dixie championship last season. Cancel all previous engagements and witness what proves to be one of the best basketball games ever to hit Macon.

There is a possible chance that Neal Allen will return to the squad for the first home game. Neal, an all-conference forward in high school and a star performer of last year's quintet will add the needed strength for a successful season. The Bear recruits appear to be rounding into a fine working machine and will give Coach Dougherty an opportunity to substitute with assurance of a good showing.

Boys, It's Here

Once again the famous dance swings into the limelight. Once again youse guys and gals will cast aside formality. It is the time to let your hair down and mix with thugs and lugs of doubtful nature. Ain't it the nerts? Boy, I can hardly wait. Hey, what's this all about? Famous dance, formality, let your hair down, come on, give us the low down. Don't ya know? Why I thought everybody knew. Knew what? OK youse dopes. THE BOWERY BALL is coming to town. Gee, that's the nuts. When is it to be pulled off? If I tell you will you remind your friends? Don't keep it a secret. The date, January 27th. The place, Dempsey Tavern. The price, Ninety-nine cents, tax free. The time, 10 till 2.



All-Dixie Allen Martin—crack shot forward and polished floorman of the Bear crew.

'M' Club To Stage Large Initiation

New Members Taken In Next Friday; Bowery Ball To Follow

The largest initiation ever staged by the Mercer 'M' club will take place next Friday preceding the Alumni Bowery Ball.

Final preparations are being made by the initiation committee composed of Spec Landrum, Neal Allen, Roscoe Cline and D. V. Childs. Every year new men coming into the club are compelled to dress in hilarious fashion, attending classes and parading in downtown streets. According to Grady Rainey, 'M' club president this year's affair will be the best ever attempted.

Versatile Group

Unofficial reports state that at least eighteen new initiates will be taken into the organization. At present there are fifteen members making one of the strongest and largest campus organized groups.

Mercer 'M' club men are made up from every athletic activity on the campus. A letter in a major sport or three awards in a minor sport will entitle an individual to be taken into the organization. At present ten members of the club are on the varsity basketball team. Several members participate in other campus activities including Blue-Key honorary fraternity, and Pan-Hellenic representatives.

Alumni Bowery Ball

The highlight of the 'M' club's social season is the Bowery Ball given by the Macon Alumni of the organization in commemoration to the initiation of new members. Each year this gala affair is becoming more popular and is looked upon as the year's best scuffle. It is a fine gesture and the alumni should receive due credit for their

Bears Open Home Schedule Against Moccasin Quintet

Lanier High Plays In Double Feature At Auditorium Tomorrow Night

By Charlie Hodges

Dark clouds hang heavily over Mercer's basketball camp today as the Bears, after 10 day of idleness and with three injuries, end preparations for the game tomorrow night with the Chattanooga Moccasins. The Moccasins arrive here with six games under their belt, three of which were played this week, and the Bears having played only one game will be sadly lacking in game experience.

Marvin Jones, athletic director at Lanier high school, stated this week that Mercer and Lanier officials have decided to join hands in a double feature program tomorrow night in the Municipal Auditorium. The Lanier Poets will go up against the strong Savannah High Blue Jackets at 8:15 Saturday night and the Bruins take on the Chattanooga crew starting at 9:15.

Three Injured

Robert "Ramie" Dillard and Kenyon Sellars will make their 1939 home debut in the role of "Masked Marvels." Both boys being equipped with improvised face masks due to injuries suffered in practice. Center Paul Davis, Mercer's only six-footer in the starting lineup, will be hampered by a sore knee bruised during football season.

Idle since their last minute victory over Georgia Tech 10 days ago the Mercer quintet takes on one of the principal Dixie conference rivals tomorrow evening which will offer probably some of the stiffest opposition the Dougherty boys will encounter before going into the Dixie conference tournament.

Miami Scheduled

Miami University has been included on the japhazard Mercer schedule. The Miami University affair will be a home game to be played on February 20. On the following night the Bears will take on the University of Chattanooga in Chattanooga. No answer has been received from the University of Georgia as yet concerning a game or games on the home and home basis with the Bulldogs. Coach Dougherty stated. Contact is also trying to be made with several other schools for games, the Mercer coach continued.

Tomorrow's game will be the first opportunity for Mercer students and local fans to see this new 1939 crew which represents, potentially, the best basketball material assembled at the university in several years.

Kenyon Sellars, one of the trickiest and fastest dribblers in this neck of the woods; and Doc Kirksey, who sank the winning points in last week's victory, will be counted on heavily tomorrow. All-Dixie Allen Martin and Rex McIlvaine should form a sharp-shooting pair worth watching.

attempt to entertain old and new members.

All receipts go for the betterment of the club to help finance good will on the campus. Members of the organization will be glad to take your orders for tickets and refer you as to where you may

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'M' CLUB. B. B. NEXT FRIDAY!