

NETMEN PLAY GA. IN FINALE

INTRA-MURAL TRACK MEET SET FOR TOMORROW

Bylines and Sidelines

With CHARLIE HODGES

CINDERS IN YOUR EYES — What a climax to such a gala intra-mural schedule! Tomorrow is the day—the day for all sports-minded boys and girls to turn out to participate or witness the events of one of the biggest days in the life of Mercer's intra-mural sport. Coach Dougherty and a group of helpers will haul the big bundle of medals and trophies over to Centennial Stadium early tomorrow morning to be distributed to the winners and runnerup in the various contests, so don't fail to be present to grapple for yours.

According to talk heard during the past week over on the cinder track certain races are already "sewed up," and from the looks of the last-minute pledging ceremonies of the Alpha Lambda Tau boys the large silver trophy is "sewed up." A prognosticator wouldn't have to gaze into his crystal ball very long to foretell the outcome of Oswald Holland's race and it wouldn't take much longer to give the low down on the finish of Frank Pride's sprints. Holland, former GIAA champion, is now in training to compete in the coming AAU track meet to be held next month in Atlanta. College-record time will be aimed at tomorrow when Holland takes his holes for the 440-yard dash.

If the unofficial clocks were punched correctly on Pride during practice sessions this week at 10.2 he should have easy picking in the 100-yard trek. He was also punched out at 5.3 in a warm-up 50. Kenyon Sellars and "Bull" Durham should come in for their share of the medals. On paper the ALT aggregation, with such an array of stars, should easily add another cup to their this year's collection.

But, let's not forget that there will be other stars in the running. Frank Winn, Leslie Lawrence and Francis Blanks are scheduled to put on a show worth watching in the mile run. Each of these three men are what one might call seasoned runners and know their "stuff" when it comes to laying 'em down and picking 'em up for four laps of the track. Neal Allen, now recuperating from last week's house party, is out to finish in the money in the 220-dash.

The non-sorority lassies will bear watching tomorrow. Headed by Ninette "Growin'" Payne they should finish first on the co-ed side of the meet. Edith Hillman and Socky Grimmitt will keep the Phi Mu gals in close touch with the "Payne-less Wonders." One never knows what a dark horse entry in a track meet will do, so reserve a glance or two for the Alpha Delta Pi girls.

ON THE RECORD — Won 6 — Lost 0. That's the record of the co-ed tennis squad this season. For the first time in many years of batting the ball back and forth over the net has such a record of wins been established by any Mercer girl's tennis team. Edith Hillman, Ninette Payne and "Socky" Grimmitt are the girls who brought home the bacon this season by defeating Rollins College, Clemson College, Furman University, University of Florida, the Georgia Evening School of Atlanta and Lakeland.

BOB-TAILING THE BULLDOGS — Last Wednesday afternoon the Bear netmen turned the Bulldogs every way but loose when they whipped the University of Georgia 4 to 2. Felder Barfield dropped the only singles match and Barfield and Yarbrough lost their doubles contest — but why beat them too badly? Let's save that for next Tuesday when the Bulldogs visit the Mercer courts.

The men netmen should come in for their share of the glory. Playing one of the hardest schedules Coach Dick Hagan could concoct the boys, to date, have won five, lost four and tied two matches. Georgia, Rollins College, Clemson College, Elon College and Lakeland have gone down before the Bears while Birmingham-Southern, Auburn, University of Florida and Clemson defeated the Hagan boys. Furman University and the Georgia Evening School of Atlanta tied scores with Mercer.

BELIVE IT OR NOT — According to Professor G. L. Carver, athletic committee member, next year's appropriation for the tennis teams will be stepped up at least \$110 dollars more than this year's appropriation. We want to do more for the tennis teams if the students are willing to cooperate and make it worth while, Prof. Carver said. Already new "practice boards" are being constructed and will be erected on the courts next week. These "boards" will help the beginners as well as the old timers in perfecting their strokes, Coach Hagan stated. This season's appropriation was \$40 for the boys and \$30 for the girls and next year's bill calls for \$150 for the boys and \$50 for the girls.

30—This will be the last time you will have to put up with BYLINES AND SIDELINES as this issue of the Cluster will be the last for the school year. It's been lots of fun these last few months, folks, and I hope you'll remember the good points (if any) of the Sports Page and not the spacefiller-uppers ye old sports editor filled his column with. So long and the best of luck to you sports fans.

Trials To Be Held In Sprint Events Starting At 9 A. M.

Good Showings Are Made By Participants In Practice Sessions

By Al Gerhardt

The intra-mural track meet is scheduled to start tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in the Centennial Stadium under direction of Coach Joe Dougherty.

Trials will be run off before each race giving the participants time for a brief resting spell. There will be a short interval between events for the benefit of those who are scheduled to run in races that will follow one another. The distance runners have been working hard all the week and there should be some good time made by the runners.

Oswald Holland, a GIAA record holder has been making good time on the 440 yard dash. Coach Buck Anderson of Lanier High school is thinking seriously about entering Holland in the next A.A.U. meet to be held some time next month.

Bob Alley, Frank Pride, Kenyon Sellars, and Neal Allen have been running the hundred yard dash around 10.2 seconds. This is considered rather fast stepping.

Frank Winn and Francis Blanks have been giving the stop watch a workout in the mile. Both showing rather good form and speed for distance runners.

Girls have been giving this track meet some serious thought with practice sessions at the stadium each afternoon. "Edy" Hillman, holder of the best all around athlete title at Miller High for two years, is looking impressive in the 40 yard dash with a time of 6.1. Ninette Payne is throwing the softball to a better-than-average distance.

The shot-put is constantly being thrown around the 45 foot marker by Wimpy Jones, Al Gerhardt, Frank Pride, Kenyon Sellars, and Frank Wary. Art Pledger is tossing the football around the 70 yard stripe.

Medals and trophies will be presented to the winners at the close of the meet.

Stager Leading League Batting

Carl Stager was the leading hitter in the playoff series. The PiKA left fielder had an average of .533 in four games. The four top hitters in the series were PiKA players, Tony Bolk coming next with .531, Jack Richards, third with .480, and Bo Dutton, fourth with .400. Roscoe Cline for the SAEs was fifth with an average of .400.

The complete list of hitters with averages above .300 follow:

Stager, PiKA	.533
Bolk, PiKA	.531
Richards, PiKA	.480
Dutton, PiKA	.400
Cline, SAE	.400
Pajerski, Non-Frat	.400
Conner, Non-Frat	.400
Howland, ALT	.400
Thomas, ALT	.384
Alley, SAE	.373
Bryant, Non-Frat	.353
Carver, ALT	.300

Cluster All-Star Softball Teams

Coach Joe Dougherty, with the help of the various team's captains, grappled in the softball grab-bag and pulled out the following stars.

FIRST TEAM	Position	SECOND TEAM
Sellars, ALT	Pitcher	Dizadyk, PiKA
Howland, ALT	Catcher	Jones, SAE
Thomas, ALT	First Base	Mazanek, PiKA
Karznla, PiKA	Second Base	Calhoun, Phi Delt
Durham, ALT	Third Base	Alley, SAE
Rainey, SAE	Shortstop	Richards, PiKA
Bolk, PiKA	Short Field	Noland, KA
Pajerski, Non-frat	Left Field	Cline, SAE
Lawrence, ALT	Center Field	Allen, Kappa Sig
Fritts, SAE	Right Field	Stager, PiKA

Honorable mentions are: Conner, Non-frat; Conger, Phi Delt; Wary, Non-frat; Davison, Kappa Sig; O'Quin, SAE; McIlvaine, Non-frat; and Phillips, SAE.

ALPHA LAMBDA TAU CAPTURES SOFTBALL CROWN IN PLAY-OFF

Double Victory Puts SAE And PiKA Out To Give ALT Possession Of Trophy

The Alpha Lambda Taus crashed through with two victories in Monday's playoff games to cop the Mercer 1939 intra-mural softball title.

In this second playoff three teams participated, ALT, SAE, and PiKA. In the first game the ALTs defeated the SAEs by the score of 8-2, and in the second game they re-enacted the iron man stunt and defeated the PiKAs 13-4. If the Pikers had been able to conquer their opponents, it would have made necessary a game between SAE and PiKA since each team was supposed to meet the other two teams once. However, the ALT double victory permanently put the others out of the running, and put them in indisputable possession of the crown.

The first ALT victory of Monday afternoon was marked by extra good pitching on both sides. Kenyon Sellars, the winning hurler, gave up only five hits, all of which were singles. Of these five bingles, Jack Phillips, SAE second sacker, garnered two of them. Bob Alley, the losing tosser, rendered only seven hits, but the winners bunched them and were able to push across the necessary scores. The ALT's big inning was the fourth when they scored five runs. Hits by Sellars, Lawrence, and Howland, coupled with two free trips enabled them to put across the markers.

In the second contest the champions went on a batting spree and overwhelmed a hard fighting PiKA group 13-4. Sellars again pitched (Continued on Page 4)

Co-Ed Net Squad Undefeated For Current Season

Bears Take On Bulldogs Here Tuesday In Last Match Of Season

Mercer's varsity tennis squad will wind up its 1939 season with a meet with the University of Georgia netmen next Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m. on the local courts, Coach Richard Hagan said yesterday.

The locals have had a highly successful season, having won five, lost four and tied two matches. Wins have been scored over the University of Georgia, Rollins, Clemson, Elon and Lakeland. Losses have been chalked up against the Mercerians by Birmingham-Southern, Auburn, Florida and Clemson. Meets with Furman and the Georgia Evening School have resulted in ties.

The Co-eds were undefeated during the entire season.

A banquet will be held in honor of the varsity squad probably on the last night of exams. Coach Hagan said. Letters will be awarded the Mercer netmen and co-eds as a feature of the program.

Wednesday afternoon the local boys defeated the University of Georgia in Athens, 4 to 2. Kent Boyle, playing his usual jam-up game in the number one position downed Reynolds, 8-6; 6-0.

Charlie Evans had little trouble turning back Lindsey, 6-2; 6-2. Bill Yarbrough defeated Wall 6-3; 6-2. Felder Barfield lost to Brown in a hard fought contest 7-5; 4-6; 6-4.

In the doubles, Boyle and Evans defeated Lindsey and Reynolds 6-1; 12-10. Yarbrough and Barfield lost to Brown and Boon 7-5; 6-4.

The varsity net team met the Georgia Evening School in a match played on the Atlanta courts yesterday afternoon. This match was originally scheduled to be played last Saturday but was postponed on account of rain.

CORRECTION

Herbert Bailey, hard-hitting ATO short-fielder, pounded the ball for an average of .375 for the current softball season. Due to an error in our calculations "Battling" Bailey's average was omitted.

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