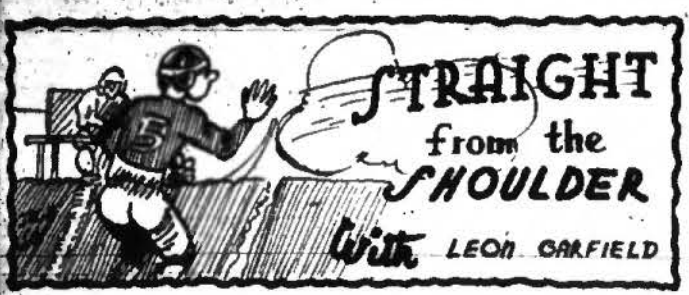


# CLUSTER SPORTS

Complete Sports Coverage



## A LULL

Football is over. Basketball hasn't started yet. Intramurals are at a standstill. Coed activities are in a lull. In other words, the big question now is, What is this column going to be about this week? Well, I'll bite. Of course we could talk about the bombshell in the guise of a rank bit of yellow journalism that hit the campus this week. And we mean yellow, too. In every sense of the word. But I guess we'd better leave that to the editorial department. Perhaps they can take care of themselves.

So we'll just have to ramble on and not say anything.

Probably no one reads this column anyway, so what's the difference.

The Bears finished the season with three wins and seven losses. As we said last week, that's not so hot. Mercer scored 59 points throughout the season to 103 points for their opposition. That's not so hot either. One good point, however, is that in the three games that the Bruins won, their opponents were blanked. This speaks well for the defense developed by Coach Bill Peters. The defense came in for its share of praise during the whole season. Had the offense been one half as efficient as the defense, the record for the year could and would have been much different.

## BIG NIGHT

Tonight is the night. The big party is tonight. The "M" Club Bowery Ball. The "M" Club is one of the most active organizations on the campus. Their interest in athletics and school activities at large has been evidenced on every hand. These boys in the "M" Club are boys who have won their letters in one of Mercer's major athletics. They deserve the support of the student body in every one of their ventures. But this Bowery Ball is the only function that the boys ask the students to support. And in addition to all this you will be doing yourself a favor to go to the Bowery Ball. So let's all meet tonight at the "M" Club Bowery Ball.

## HERE AND THERE

Ramblins here and there . . . Mercer came closer to scoring on the great Vols of Tennessee than any other team on the Tennessee schedule except Vanderbilt. Tennessee beat Alabama by three points more than she beat Mercer. And Alabama defeated Vanderbilt

39-0 while the Tide only defeated the Bears 20-0. Can you reconcile all these scores? . . . Mercer has never beaten the University of Georgia in football but we win our share of games on the basketball court. . . This should continue this year since we are expecting a swell team even though several of the key players will not be available. Basketball will be in full swing shortly after Christmas. . . The Freshmen cage team should be almost as good as the varsity with several high school stars on the roster. . . The Intra-mural program will get under way in earnest after Christmas. There should be some stiff competition in all the tournaments as there was in the recent volleyball tourney.

## Intra-Mural Board Selects All-Star Volleyball Team

The managers of the Intra-mural Board met last week and selected six boys for the All-Star Volleyball Team.

The boys were selected according to the number of votes received from the managers representing the fraternities and non-fraternity group.

The first six boys are Billy McCowan, SAE; Sonny Nolan, KA; Robert Dillard, Phi Delta Theta; Rub McAfee, Phi Delta Theta; Orbin Howell, ATO, and Oswald Holland, ALT.

Others selected for honorable mention are Bill Culp, Grayson Linder, Tom James, Wylie Davis, Bub Hogan, Jim Pilcher, Kent Boyle, Richard Waxelbaum, John Hearne, Hal Bell, Joe Yates, Billy Murphy and David Mann.

## Twelve Men Get Letters For Football

### 'M' Club Initiation Ends With Ball

Twelve new members of the Mercer "M" Club presented a novelty program at the chapel exercises Friday morning. Bill Jones, president of the "M" club presided.

The twelve candidates for membership received their major letters in football this fall, and are undergoing the initiation ceremonies today. In the chapel ceremony this morning, the unhappy neophytes sang songs, presented a Blodie and Dagwood skit, and had a peanut rolling contest.

The initiation will be continued this afternoon in the down town section, and the annual Bowery Ball will be held tonight by the alumni for the benefit of the "M" club.

The new members are Frank Wary, from Youngstown, Ohio; Tom Yurasich, Beaver, Pa.; Ed Cassel, Freeport, Pa.; Carl Stager, See FOOTBALL, Page 4

## Weekly Sketch Describes Junior Backs

**MALCOLM THOMAS** — Hails from Summerville, Ga., weighs 175 lbs., good blocker and backs up the line well from his center post. Always working.

**FRANK PRIDE** — One hundred and eighty pounds of speed on reverses from the wingback post. A good runner and blocker.

**"BUD" LOVE** — A tall pass snatching end from Steubenville, Ohio. Good defensive man with ability to drive out big tackles when he is on offense.

**ART PLEDGER** — Runs at the blocking back post usually but often runs, passes or punts. His punt-average in the Ga. game was 44 yards. Blocks well.

**VEO YON** — "The Dago" was one of the best all-around backs on the squads. Most of the time he played fullback but was ready to call signals or run tail-back.

**QUENTON PLUNKETT** — Weighs only 180 pounds but makes up for it in speed. He played a lot of ball as a sub for Captain Jones.

**ELLIS PAULK** — A Fitzgerald, Ga., boy who carries out his assignments from the blocking back post with determination. A good defensive man whose tackling is vicious.

**RAYMOND O'QUINN** — "Pug" started several ball games this year after his injured knee was sufficiently healed and his playing was always fine. A fighter all the way.

## Bruins Play Georgia In First Cage Game

### Three Lettermen Return For 1940; Three Games During Holidays

The Mercer Bears launch their official 1940 basketball season on January 2 when they meet their traditional rivals the Georgia Bulldogs in Athens.

The Bears are not quite so formidable as advance reports indicated, but they are expected to give the Bulldogs a good fight. The team has been weakened considerably by the withdrawal from school of several of the mainstays. Neal Allen, Rex McIlvaine, and Robert Dillard will be the nucleus around which the 1940 edition of the squad will be built. Several newcomers in the person of Rawleigh Bolling, Herbert Norman, Paul Studstill, Bill Culp, Tom Heaton, Roger Nelson, "Bo" Dutton, Jolly Dizadyk and Ed Cassell will furnish the veterans plenty of competition for their jobs.

## RACQUETEERS PLAN HEAVY HOME SCHEDULE

### Local Tennis Team To Meet Rutgers Univ.

Mercer's tennis team plans to play seven or eight home games this year, according to Coach W. R. Bettner.

At present only one game has been definitely scheduled to be played before the home folks, and that with Rutgers University on March 26. However, Coach Bettner announces that he has contacted the University of Georgia, Auburn, Furman, Alabama, University of Florida, Georgia Tech, Mississippi, and Birmingham-Southern and hopes to secure games with each of these colleges to be played here.

Several out of town matches have been scheduled and the team will make two trips. One of these trips will be to Florida and the following matches have been arranged: April 2, University of Florida; April 3, St. Petersburg Jay-Cees; April 4, University of Miami and April 6, Lakeland Jay-Cees. Later the team will journey to South Carolina where it will meet Clemson on May 6, Presbyterian on May 7, and Wofford on May 8. A match has also been arranged with Emory University to be played in Atlanta on April 17.

All these matches point to the fact that Mercer will enjoy its best tennis season in several years if not in its history.

Practice sessions for the past week have consisted of fundamentals under the watchful eye of Coach Joe Dougherty. The squad has shown much improvement but Coach Dougherty stated that the boys have a long way to go before they will be ready for top-flight competition. The freshman players have been practicing with the varsity boys and will continue to do so until after Christmas.

Next Friday, December 15 the team will travel to Columbus to engage the Nehi Reds in a contest.



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