

CLUSTER SPORTS

Complete Sports Coverage



With LEON GARFIELD

Well, about Wednesday of this week, the writer of this so-called column happened to think that The Cluster might be gonna come out this week, so after inquiring about we found this to be true so we set about to try to get out a sports page. This is the result. Don't be too critical. In fact, don't be critical at all.

OFFICIAL ALL-STAR

Right after Coach Dougherty and the basketball team returned from the basketball tournament in Mississippi, we were handed this All-Star Intra-mural basketball team as selected by the Intra-mural board, the referees, and Coach Joe. The first ten men are identical with the first ten men picked by this column right after the tournament. However, there is one change in the personnel of the first and second teams. In other words, the Official All-Star has Bill Howland on the first team instead of Carter Hill as Straight from the Shoulder picked it. To tell the truth we think that one of these teams would be just as good as another. The team with Howland on it would have more speed perhaps but on the other hand the team with Hill on it would have greater height and scoring power. As we said it is a toss-up in our opinion. We gave the nod to Hill because of his superior performance in the championship game when Howland was held by Harry Smith to exactly no points. However, Bill turned in some mighty good performances and perhaps we should overlook that last game.

The Official All-Star Team

FIRST TEAM		SECOND TEAM
Barber	F	McAfee
Thomas	F	Hill
Karznia	C	Ricketson
Howland	G	Lumpkin
Pilcher	G	Tannas

Honorable Mention: Bell, Howell, Dupree, Stager, Grahl, Calhoun, Wall, Nolan and Landrum.

LOOKING UP

The hopes of the Bears received a great blow when it was learned that Tony "Pie" Page had broken his leg. "Pie" will be back in harness for next year all right but nevertheless he will miss this spring workout a lot. The coaches seem to think that Tony needs a great deal of seasoning before he will be ready to hold his own with the best. However, we believe that he is ready right now to hold his own with anything we will meet next fall.

A talk with the coaches recently revealed the fact that Mercer's 1940 football team is looking

mighty good. Coach Russell allows that the spirit is better than it has been in several years. He mentioned one Carl Stager in particular and said that he looked like a new man on the field. This spirit is what we need with the disastrous schedule that is staring us in the face. A little spirit is sometimes more valuable than a lot of ability. That is our opinion of what has been wrong with the team in the past, but maybe the new regime has come. Let's hope so anyway.

UPLINE

A right formidable tennis schedule has been drawn up for the racket wielders and it seems that the court game is definitely on the upline here at Mercer. The main thing that we need now for the completion of this climb is a little school spirit in regards to the team. We must remember that the tennis team needs pepping up just as much as the football team. The first match here is this coming Tuesday with Rutgers University. It would be a darn good idea for all the students to be down at the courts rooting for the home team to come through and bring home the bacon.

BEARS CONTINUE GRID SESSIONS AFTER RESPITE

Men in New Posts Show Improvement; Page Breaks Leg

Mercer's 1940 football squad started its second spring session last Monday and immediately got into rough work.

The Bears had a ten-day lay-off during final exams in order to concentrate on the lessons. However, by the second day of the last spring work the boys were "knocking heads." These scrimmages have convinced the coaches that the several changes they made at the beginning of spring work were definitely for the better. Several of the changed men have particularly shown an aptitude for their new work.

Frank Wary was a far better-than-average guard last fall but he has given promise of developing into an even better tackle. To change from the backfield to the middle of the line is unusually hard but Frank's brother Jim is taking the change in stride. Another former back, Frank Pride, has stepped up to his new left end post and has accustomed himself rapidly.

All the improvement has not been shown by men carrying out assignments however. This is shown by the running of veteran wing-back Carl Stager whose antics have been a joy to behold.

No definite date has been set for the annual game scrimmages but with such improvement as has been shown this week, the clashes cannot be far away.

Tony "Pie" Page, a veteran tail-back, suffered a broken leg at a recent practice and will be lost for the remainder of the spring work. A split over the eye of Frank Pride slowed him down for a couple of days but aside from these misfortunes the squad is in good shape.

Racquetees Meet Rutgers Here Tuesday

Boyle, Evans, Nelson McCowen Face New Jersey Netmen

The tennis team will open its schedule against Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., on the Mercer courts next Tuesday.

The Bruin netmen have been practicing for several weeks now, and Coach Bettner is well pleased with the outlook. He predicts that the team will be much stronger this year than last year. Three stars from last year's team are back in action: Boyle, Evans and Yarborough. In addition to these are McCowen and Nelson, who have looked very good in practice so far.

The team this year is so well balanced that Coach Bettner has not yet been able to pick his No. 1 man. Boyle, Evans, and McCowen are running a close race for the No. 1 spot, with Nelson and Yarborough close behind.

Boyle, Evans, McCowen, Nelson and Yarborough will participate in the singles. The doubles teams will be composed of Boyle, Evans, McCowen and Nelson, but Coach Bettner has not decided how they will be paired.

There are several other men out for the squad, and Coach Bettner said that "the men on the varsity are going to have to hustle to stay up there." Webb, Hollingsworth, Shi, and Preston are pushing them all the time.

The match with Rutgers will begin at 1:30 p. m. with five single matches, and two double matches scheduled. All students are urged to be on hand to back the Mercer team. With a little support the team this year should go far in college tennis competition.

Students are invited to attend the matches at no charge.

COUNCIL TO DECIDE TOURNAMENT TIME SUNDAY

Actual starting date of the Mercer Inter-Fraternity Basketball tournament will be decided Sunday afternoon at the regular meeting of the Pan-Hellenic council, Chip Peabody, president, announced yesterday.

PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL SETS TOURNEY RULES

Six Fraternities Have Two Legs On Rotating Cup

Plans for the annual Pan-Hellenic basketball tournament have been completed, with only the schedule and date of the first round to be decided upon.

The tourney will be a double elimination affair, with the losers in the first round being paired against the winners in the initial games. From that point on the regular system of elimination by losing one game will be followed.

Interest in the tournament is expected to be at fever pitch this year, as the rotating trophy is almost certain to become the permanent possession of one of the fraternities. The trophy has to be won three times by one team and every fraternity on the campus with the exception of K. A. has two legs on the cup. Unless the K. A.'s come through with a surprise win, the cup will cease rotating and come to rest with some fraternity.

Rules in this contest concerning eligibility are: only active brothers and pledges of the fraternities may participate. Any active brother or pledge who has not paid his Pan-Hellenic dance assessment will automatically be barred from playing in the tournament.

Other rules of the tournament will be governed by the intercollegiate rulebook.

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Seven CAA Flyers Await Ground Test

Seven CAA students have passed flight tests and now await examination of their theoretical flight knowledge before they are licensed private pilots.

Rodney Blaylock, Roscoe Cline, Wallace Armstrong, Bub McAfee, Emory Wages, Louise Grimmett, and Frank Winn have passed examinations on actual flying conducted by a CAA inspector, it was announced this week. At the completion of the ground school conducted by Dr. Josiah Crudup, head of the physics department, all 30 of the local student aviators must pass a written government examination.

Successful completion of both ground and air work is necessary to obtain a license.

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