

Coach Hooks Asks for School Spirit

This year we have returned to Mercer to find a new Bear football team out there at Centennial stadium under the tutelage of Coaches Bobby Hooks and Billy Smith. With a new coaching staff plus plenty of new material, Mercerians surely should be able to muster plenty of that genuine pep that's needed to back any fighting ball team. Coach Hooks personally has asked for the students to back the squad. He stated that since all students had completed registering, it was time to begin making plans and doing some serious thinking about having the true student spirit at the game.

Much Speculation Over Odds, Etc.

General campus football talk goes like this: "How many touchdowns do you think Georgia is better than Mercer . . . I think we have a good chance . . . boy, that Sinkwich is plenty good . . . the Valdosta backs look good . . . Georgia's line is tough and heavy . . . Mercer's players have really got the spirit . . . the stadium will be packed for once . . . the parley gives Mercer 20 points, and I'll take it . . . I've got Georgia and gave Mercer 25 points . . . etc. Ye sports editor will go out on a limb—with plenty of confidence he won't be sawed off—and say that if spirit counts, the Bears have plenty of chances to win that game September 27.

Some say that this Superman Sinkwich can't be stopped. I disagree. If you will remember the games that Georgia played last year, Sinkwich gained plenty of ground, but I've seen him stopped cold plenty of times. And you can bet your bottom dollar that Hooks and Smith haven't been napping on plans for setting a defense against those power plays where above mentioned Superman is supposed to run wild.

Bears Look Good in Practice

Judging from the yells, grunts, and groans emanating from Alumni field, the Bruins growl will be plenty deep when they meet the Georgia Bulldogs.

Coach Hooks is stressing blocking and tackling and the Bears are responding with lots of pepper.

It looks as though the starting line-up against Georgia will be Sheppard at quarter-back, Yancey and Blaylock at half, and Tony Page holding down the full-back berth.

From the side lines the ends look like Nee and Dowd with Dismuke and Mitchell at the tackle positions. The guards will probably be Wary and Mazza with West at center.

Big Bill Shirley is showing fine blocking form and "Scooter" Yancey is side stepping faster than ever.

It looks like a fast, hard-hitting eleven that will answer the Bulldog's snarling in what promises to be one of the best athletic contests staged in Macon this year.

Ex-Bears Have Varied Careers

Bear football players of last year are engaged in many different activities this year. Several of the boys went to other schools where they are continuing their football careers. Tanks Wary and Wallace Lumpkin are in the army while O'Quinn and McIlvaine are in the Marines. Tom Heaton has turned to radio announcing at WMAZ, and Alex Tannis is coaching football.

Tony Mason is at Marine Training School and Lou Popp and Leo Lazar are enlisted men in the United States Air Corps. Bob Wagner is working for a railroad in Indiana, and Punchy Paulk is coaching football.

Barfield Offers Courses in Physical Ed

This year students interested in a program of physical education will be pleased to find that Jim Barfield, Atlanta, has set up complete gym equipment in Porter gymnasium. Jim is thoroughly experienced in all types of physical culture, having wide experience in working at the Capital City club in Atlanta. The course offers many advantages to boys interested in this, and prices for the courses are low. Classes will be scheduled in convenience with those interested. Participants in this course will receive credit for physical education.

Complete Football Schedule For Mercer's Coming Season

SEPT. 27—GEORGIA	AT MACON
OCT. 4—OPEN	
OCT. 11—SOUTH GA. TEACHERS	AT MACON
OCT. 17—WOFFORD	AT MACON
OCT. 24—ROLLINS	AT ORLANDO
NOV. 1—PRESBYTERIAN	AT MACON
(Homecoming)	
NOV. 7—MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE	AT CLINTON
NOV. 14—NEWBERRY	AT NEWBERRY
NOV. 20—HOWARD	AT BIRMINGHAM
NOV. 27—CHATTANOOGA	AT CHATTANOOGA

Trainees Get Course Credit

Full college credit will be given Mercer students who take the Civil Aeronautics Authority flying course this fall, Major Blair announced. Each student who signs for the ground school work will be allowed to take only two other courses, and will receive full five hour credit for the course.

The CAA program has two classifications, primary and secondary. The primary course is open to students who have had one year of college work, and the secondary to those who have had two years. A rigid physical examination must be passed by all applicants.

Only ten students can be permitted to fly in either of the courses this fall, but a full class will be accepted for the ground school work, for which college credit will be given.

Walter Massee will be the instructor for the secondary ground school work, and Dr. Josiah Crudup for the primary.

Players Work Hard For Georgia Game

Blocking and Tackling Stressed In Preparation for Game Sept. 27

By JACK DEWITT

The Mercer Bears are really shaping up into a ball club. A few of the old boys are back in harness, and with the new ones brought in under the Hooks regime, it looks from here as if the old-time mighty Bruin will once again be heard from—but loudly.

"Scooter" Yancey, the south Georgia jackrabbit, has secured a deferment from his local draft board and is all set to haul leather in his winning style. Jim Wary, veteran guard, promises to hold up his part of the line along with tackle Holly Mitchell. Blaylock seems in fine form and really has an eye or passing the ball. Tony Page is big, but he's not clumsy when he gets that pigskin under his arm and starts down the field. Shirley and West are right in there fighting for the center berth and both are doing their share towards making the orange and black winning colors this season.

The first meeting of the Intra-mural board will be held in the near future and plans for the coming sports events will be made. The Fall volleyball contests will probably be the first event staged this year.

A fee of six dollars is charged for physical examination.

The program begins Oct. 1. Applications will be received by the Registrar from today on.

Bears and Bulldogs Meet For Thirty-First Time

When the Mercer Bears trot out on Centennial Field in Macon, Sept. 27, to meet the Georgia Bulldogs, it will be the 31st meeting of the two traditional rivals.

This will be the first time that Georgia has played in

Macon since that memorable day in 1933 when Allen, Lichter, Zinkowsky, and company swept them off their feet but lost a heart-breaker, 13 to 12. This gave the Bulldogs such a scare that they refused to come back to play the Bears in Macon. Undoubtedly, this was the most thrilling game ever played in Centennial Stadium. But the 1941 bears have plenty of power and pep, and will be ready to give Frankie Sinkwich and company a warm reception.

Consequently, Mercer fans are looking forward to just as many thrills when the Bulldogs come to Macon this month.

The Bears, although weakened by the de-emphasis program and the loss of several players to the army, will be playing hard in their attempt to win from the Red and Black. The Bruins are determined to upset the Bulldogs, although Georgia is favored.

Mercer Coaches Bobby Hooks and Billy Smith have installed a

modification of the Notre Dame system at the Baptist university. They have promised the fans an aggressive team with color and power.

An unusual bit of sentiment will also be connected with this game. Butts, Georgia mentor, and Hooks, Mercer mentor, will both be seeking a victory over their own alma mater. Bobby Hooks is a graduate of the state university and Wallace Butts received his sheepskin from Mercer in 1925.

The squad promises a revival of color on the Mercer University football front.

Earl Harrison, the Fitzgerald dynamo, is working out in the tailback position, and when his toe connects with leather, it really sails. Quarterback Harold Shepard is in fine spinning form again this year and with Rabbit Hodges blocking for him, he and the other number one backs ought to go far out beyond the line.

Four of those powerful Albany boys are showing up well in practice and are expected to see plenty of line service in the opening game with Georgia next Saturday. Bobby Middleton is right in there holding up his end along with tackle Tubby Dismuke and guard, Junior Boynton. Lovick Marbury, the last of this quartet, is also doing good work.

Coach Hooks, has a whole bookful of trick plays which he intends to use against the invading University. Coach says that the biggest concern is getting the boys to master the plays as it takes alert brainwork to play the new Bears' system.

Joe Dowd is on the field but not in action due to an infection in his arm but this is expected to be in good shape by next week.

All the new boys are looking good, especially Harrison, Hodges and Pittman. With the spirit that these south Georgia lads are showing, it seems logical to assume that when the Bears take to the field in the stadium, there will be no lack of spectators. Coach Smith says that the squad should be in fine physical and mental shape as this week marks the end of real rough work preceding the opening game.

The new Valdosta coach and his "T" formation system are a decided influence to the whole squad. It is all new stuff to some of the boys, but between afternoon practice and nightly meetings to go over plays, things seem to be going along quite smoothly.

Bill Shirley, the Bainbridge flash, and Ebo West, great Lanier center of two seasons ago, are fighting it out for the center berth. Both boys are in good shape and play a good brand of ball.

All in all things are looking good.

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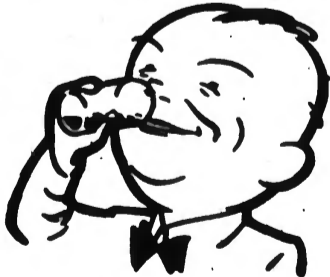
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