



**Message to Alumni on Football Prospects in '42**

Since many old grads are expected to turn up on the campus this week-end to see Mercer in action under the tutelage of Bobby Hooks, perhaps they might be interested to know that the ball team will lose only two men by graduation this year. Seniors Tony Page and Joe Dowd, fullback and end respectively, are the players who are seeing their last year on the Bear football squad. Provided that Uncle Sam doesn't become too anxious in calling Mercer men into service, and provided that other unforeseen events don't come up, every other player will be back next year. And, let me remind you, Mercer will have plenty of "experience" among those returning men.

"Jolting Joe" Dowd, known by some as "Old Man," has turned in some excellent performances this year. Defensively, Joe is one of the best on the squad, and he is quite adept at handling passes tossed his way. Tony Page has also done some valuable performing in his career on the gridiron. Both these boys will be sorely missed next year.

**Mazza and Wary Deserve Plenty of Credit**

Two of the most consistent ball players Mercer has are Frank Mazza and Jim Wary. Playing in the line at guard positions, both supply plenty of power to the team. Both boys are short, stocky, and plenty able to stick in there with the best of them. Naturally built for their positions, they have a coordination which makes them suitable as running mates. Especially worth mentioning is their down-field blocking at times when it is most needed. Frank and Jim are juniors; they have still another year to play ball for Mercer, and wherever credit is due—let's give it.

**Rollins Game was Setback for the Pocketbook**

Yes, indeed! That double wingback formation is one of the best offensive attacks in football if you have fast back-field men who know how to fake and hide the ball. And, evidently, that was just what Rollins had. It was really a surprise to this column when game results began to come out of Orlando last Friday night. Before the game we will admit we conceded a possibility of a Mercer defeat—perhaps by an extra point or a touchdown—but we never dreamed the score would run into fifty points. (Confidentially, we lost money on that game!) Downtown predictors were giving or taking Mercer and 13 points all last week. Many theories giving tangible causes for the defeat were expounded by the drug store quarterbacks on Monday, but no definite answer has reached the ears of your sports editor. It still remains a mystery.

**Discouragement? We Laugh At It—Loudly**

We ain't downhearted. Those Bears are our boys, and I'll bet my bottom dollar on them any Saturday they play. With the perennial cry of "Mercerize the Blue Stockings" in the air, spirit will again be at a high pitch by game time Saturday afternoon. The Homecoming spirit will ring from Porter Stadium to every nook and corner of Macon.

**Many Presbyterian Students May be in Macon**

According to reports coming out of Clinton, S. C., this week, Presbyterian College supporters may be here Saturday in large numbers to pull for the Blue Stockings. Plans were underway, as stated by an AP dispatch Thursday, for the Presbyterian College Reserve Officers Training Corps to make the trip to Macon with the football team and perform between halves of the game. Plans also went forward to secure a special bus to transport other Presbyterian College students to the fray to provide a cheering section for the Hosemen.

The above mentioned drill platoon has scored tremendous hits in its two initial appearances in Clinton this season.

All of which adds up to the fact Mercer students, band, and football team should try all the harder to make this year's Homecoming game a big success. Colorful football games—meaning the band, cheering sections, and performances between halves—carry plenty of punch for the gate receipts. We would like nothing better than to see a large cheering section opposite the Mercer rooters Saturday afternoon; maybe that would inspire the weak-voiced Mercerians to yell.

**Hosemen Ready for Mercer in Many Ways**

Last year Mercer lost a heart-breaker to P. C. 3-2, and those South Carolina lads will be coming down here with plenty of determination in an effort to put on a more impressive defeat. They scored a victory over Camp Croft last week-end, playing against the same offensive attack that Mercer offers.

A Clinton reporter speaks of the Mercer Bears as that "down-again-up-again" football team. And don't think for a minute that the South Carolinians won't be trying to put the Bears down for good. They'll be here with blood in their eyes, and here's hoping, for gosh sakes, Mercer beats 'em.

**Non-Sorority, Ministers, Still Lead Tourney**

The defending volleyball champions, non-sorority and ministerial teams, have maintained their leads in the tourney this year, now in its third week. Both teams are undefeated.

Alpha Lambda Tau is tied for second place with the Alpha Tau Omega's and the non-frats, each having lost only one match.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon's sextet has moved down to third place as a result of a loss to the non-frat team in a close match Wednesday afternoon.

Alpha Delta Pi and Phi Mu sororities are tied for second place in the co-ed tournament with two wins and three losses each. Alpha Chi Epsilon is trailing with one victory and four losses. The non-sorority girls have won five matches.

The entire volleyball schedule was moved back a day so that the football team could use the gym Monday afternoon because of rain.

There were no fraternity games Tuesday as a result of a forfeit by Kappa Alpha to Phi Delta Theta, and one of the Health Club to the Ministers.

**Rollins Beats Mercer 52-0**

A fast and fighting Rollins eleven completely smashed a lifeless Bear eleven before three thousand amazed spectators in sunny Orlando, Fla., Friday night. Led by driving Grady Ray, who accounted for five of the Tars' eight tallies, Rollins successfully riddled the Bear line and air defense and at the same time stalled the Bears offense even more completely than did the potent Georgia eleven a month ago.

Showing plenty of speed and smashing power, the Rollins Dudes rolled up the amazing total of 22 first downs as they ripped the Mercer line time after time. Only once during the entire game did the Bear line offer enough resistance to stall the Tar juggernaut, that being the opening drive by Rollins. Three hard driving backs, Pugh, Tyler, and Ray, led the Rollins attack and together they rolled up 316 yards from the scrimmage line.

All but two of Rollins T. D.'s came on sustained power drives. Ray pitched a pass to Talton for one of the other two, and Tyler broke away for a 45 yard sprint for the other.

The loss dropped Mercer out of a tie with P. C. for the league lead. A win this week will boost the Bear stock back on top.

**Presbyterian Meets Bears Tomorrow**

**Big Crowd Expected for Fourteenth Revival of Ancient Football Rivalry**

Five thousand fans are expected to turn out for the '41 edition of the classic Mercer-Presbyterian football rivalry in newly named Porter stadium, Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

It will be the 14th game in the last 15 years between the Bears and the Blue Stockings; and contrary to the general rule Mercer will go in as the underdog. P. C. is fresh from a 12-6 victory over army Camp Croft last Friday night, while the Bruins suffered a severe set-back by Rollins last week-end, which allows the Blue Stockings a slight margin.



'ROCK' MITCHELL, P. C. BACK

Of the thirteen previous encounters between the rival squads, Mercer has emerged victor nine times, Presbyterian only four. And total scores give the Orange and Black a 198-79 lead. Biggest score in the history was in '32 when, in coincidence with the year, the Bears piled up a 32-0 score against P. C.

**Presbyterian Working Hard**

Remembering the narrow 3-2 margin at Albany last year, the Blue Stockings have been going through hard work-outs this week in Clinton. Rain Monday afternoon prevented the Bears from having regular practice, but Coach Hooks had his boys in the gym for light work-outs. Practice the remainder of the week has included drills in blocking, tackling, pass defense, and some lengthy scrimmages.

**Bears and P.C. About Even**

Mercer's last home game with Presbyterian college should prove to be the best game local fans have seen this season. The two teams will be about even as to weight and past record.

The Presbyterian team has been beaten twice this season; once by Clemson, 41-12, and by the Citadel, 21-13. They emerged victorious over Oglethorpe, 34-14, Newberry, 13-7, and Camp Croft, 12-6 in somewhat of an upset.

The Blue Stockings have relied on an excellent passing attack all season, but were forced to turn to a running game against Camp Croft due to injuries to their ace passer, Rock Mitchell.

Sparking the defensive have been Jim Wary, guard from Youngstown, Ohio; and Ebo West, Macon center. Their tackling has been outstanding. Tony Page is still the mainstay of the backfield, with his superb driving ability. And Harrison and "Scooter" Yancy have been doing some pretty running.

Plans are underway at Clinton to bring along the Presbyterian College Reserve Officers Training Corps crack platoon to perform at the half. Other festivities then will include exhibitions by the Lanier and Mercer bands.

The Homecoming game Saturday will afford many alumni their first sight of the Mercer team under its new system and coaches.

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