

# Mazza, Wary Are Outstanding Guards for Mercer Bears

When the Mercer Bears line up for the kick-off tomorrow against P. C., two veterans will be in there in the center of the line pledged to give their all on both offense and defense—and that's a lot. On the left side of center will be Frank Mazza, a star guard on the varsity for the past two years. Opposite him and to the right of center will be Jim Wary, equally dependable and alert.

Jim and Frank are both fast and they know their assignments well. When the Bears hit the center on offense these two guards are quick to carry out their assignments and stay out of the way of the charging backs. Their dependability has rated them a starting post in each of the games this year.

### Both From North

Frank and Jim both are Yankees, but are the kind any school is proud to claim. Frank hails from Arnold, Pa., in the great coal-mining and steel section of western Pennsylvania. Incidentally former end Bill Nee is from the same town. Frank played two years there at guard, and during his Senior year in a nine game schedule he played every minute—540. His good play earned two letters for him, and he and his teammates won the Allegheny-Kiski Valley Championship.

### Good Students Also

It is said that football players and brains don't go together but both Frank and Jim disprove that theory. They stand well up in the list of accomplished students.

Jim Wary has the honor of coming from Sinkwich's home town (or vice versa), Youngstown, Ohio. He played three years for Chaney High before coming to join the Mercer frosh squad in 1939, along with Mazza. Jim has just the build for a stellar guard—not tall, heavy-set, not fleshy but firmly muscular, strong legs, and an alert mind. Jim has the reputation of being the hardest hitting man on the squad both in blocking and tackling.



COACH HOOKS

# Hooks, Smith Are Big Men On Campus

Two of the most talked-about men on the campus this year are Coaches Bobby Hooks and Billy Smith. Coach Hooks is the head mentor at Mercer and Smith is his assistant. They were appointed in the early part of 1941 to fill the vacancies left by Lake Russell and his staff who resigned at the first of the year.

Hooks has been coaching football ever since he left the University of Georgia. His first port of call was at Riverside Military Academy where he was assistant coach and helped turn out a winning squad. He went to Georgia Military College in '30 and turned out a championship club his first year. In 1932 he went to Valdosta, Georgia, where he has been consistently turning out winning teams. His last year there, 1940, he coached them into the state championship with a large majority of his boys making all-conference selections.

Hooks was a prominent man on the Georgia campus during his four year stay there. He was active in football, swimming and boxing, being captain of the boxing squad one year, and voted the best all-round athlete.

Billy Smith is one of the best football players that ever came out of Mercer University. He graduated in 1938 after playing freshman ball and three years of varsity as full back and center. He coached the freshmen to a good season in '37. During his stay here he also played basketball for the freshmen and two years in a varsity berth as forward.

Billy Smith was a member of Blue Key, the Mercer players, listed in "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges" and president of Pan-Hellenic. He coached co-ed basketball and was an athlete of no mean ability.

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