

Sherwood Hurls Bears to Victory Over Dublin Navy

CINDER PATHS

By Tom Marsh

It is gratifying indeed to see the great turnout of Mercer students at the spring athletic contests. Perhaps more than anything else it proves that athletics at Mercer are gaining popularity with the Student Body. After a five-year war time famine, it takes time for a school to re-establish itself again in inter-collegiate athletic competition.

The past two Saturdays the track team has been supported by an unusually fine turnout for their meets with Howard and Sewanee. At the Howard meet there were approximately 300 spectators, and at the Sewanee meet last week there were nearly 400 fans. This point is of great significance when considering that track is not generally considered a spectator sport. At both of these meets the attendance was larger than the turnout at Athens when the "Bear Cindermen" met the University of Georgia team.

The Baseball Team too has drawn encouraging crowds, despite the totally inadequate seating facilities available at Alumni Field. At present the Athletic Department is awaiting the delivery of bleachers which will remedy that situation, we hope.

The one man chiefly responsible for bringing Mercer back into the orbit of inter-collegiate athletics, in the opinion of this writer, is Jim Cowan. Coach Cowan has taken a group of fellows totally lacking in previous experience with one notable exception, and molded a very creditable team of fine athletes.

Let us, the student body, continue to give these fine teams our support, and show the school administration, Board of Trustees, and the City of Macon that Mercer has athletic teams that merit their financial support.

MERCER NINE TOPS PIEDMONT IN 2-6 DIAMOND ENCOUNTER

By Geo. Horkan

Coach Claude Smith's Bears unleashed an eighteen-hit attack against two Piedmont College hurlers Tuesday week to take their second win in five tries by the score of 24 to 6.

Led by Charles Hopkins, who had a perfect day at the plate getting one home run and two singles in three attempts, and by Charlie Harris who got four for six. The Mercerians batted completely around the lineup twice in the seventh frame to score fourteen runs.

Big Joe Irby was the Bear's light afield coming up with several sparkling plays at shortstop, and Tom Dykes handled the catching chores in his usual brilliant manner.

Piedmont collected a total of eight hits off Bear pitchers. Murdock and Melton, but was held at bay by the energetic play of Mercer's infield. Taylor, Piedmont catcher was the outstanding batsman for the visitors getting two hits out of four attempts.

The game was highlighted by two

home runs, the first of the season for the Bears, made by Charlie Hopkins and George Horkan, who hit for Dobbins in the eighth inning.

Softball Batting Averages				
Name	Team	AB	H	Avg.
Ward	ATO	6	5	.833
Beaty	KA	7	5	.714
Davis	ALT	3	2	.666
White	ALT	3	2	.666
Fuller	KS	3	2	.666
McAfee	ATO	3	2	.666
Robinson	NF	8	5	.625
Hicks	ALT	7	4	.571
Willis	ATO	16	8	.500
McAfee	NF	10	5	.500
English	NF	4	2	.500
McElreath	NF	2	1	.500
Stephens	KA	4	2	.500
Holt	KA	8	4	.500
Perry	MINS.	2	1	.500
Richardson	MINS.	6	3	.500
Manley	MINS.	2	1	.500
Wheles	MINS.	4	2	.500
Schuler	ALT	8	4	.500
Carswell	ALT	4	2	.500
Jimmerson	KS	2	1	.500

Mercer Baseballers Register 3rd Win In Six Contests

By Geo. Horkan

Cason Sherwood, ace of Mercer's pitching staff, hurled a 2-hit shutout against the Dublin Navy Hospital April 24 as the Bears coasted to an easy 15 to 0 victory. It was Mercer's third win in six games.

Pat McClelland, the lead-off man, started things off in the first inning when he lined a sharp single to center field. John Davidson followed with another one-bagger between short and third to send McClelland to third. Charlie Harris then singled to right field sending McClelland home and Davidson to third. Mercer's second run came when Tom Dykes, the Bear's lanky catcher, lined a sharp single to left field sending Harris to second and Davidson home. Joe Irby laid down a beautiful bunt sending Harris to third and Dykes to second, but was thrown out at first base for the first out. "Casey" Jones then walked, loading the bases. Dobbins popped up to the pitcher for the second out. Then, Charlie Hopkins walked, forcing Harris home for the third run. Sherwood sent a slow roller to first base, retiring the side with three runs in the first inning.

In the fourth inning, the Bears scored seven runs, driving two Navy pitchers from the mound. Dobbins opened with a hot grounder and went to second on a wild throw by Levetis, Navy third baseman. Hopkins, Sherwood, and McClelland shot three consecutive singles to center with Robbins and Hopkins scoring. Davidson rolled out to first, scoring Sherwood and sending McClelland to second base. Harris walked. Dykes sent a hard roller to third, but the toss to first was late and all runners were safe. McClelland then scored on a wild pitch by Anderson, Harris went to third, Dykes to second. Irby drew a base on balls loading the bases again. Jones drew a base on balls to force Harris in for the eighth run. Dobbins, who started the rally, was hit by a pitched ball and thus forced Dykes home. Hopkins flied to left field for the second out, but Irby tagged third and scored. Jones went to third where he was caught off base for the last out.

The Bears scored four more runs in the seventh on singles by McClelland, Davidson, and Dykes, and a base on balls donated to Harris. One run was scored in the ninth when Horkan, hitting for Hopkins, drew a base on balls, went to second on an infield hit by Sherwood, to third on a sacrifice by McClelland, and home on a long fly to center by Davidson.

Sherwood pitched to thirty Navy batsmen. He gave up only two hits. McClelland led the Mercer hitting, getting three singles in four trips to the plate. He was closely followed by Harris who got two hits in three attempts.

The Bear Facts

By George Horkan

Intercollegiate football at Mercer University has been discussed since last September but not a thing progressive has been done about it. Meetings have been called and attended by only a handful of students, and now petitions are being floated around the campus for the students to sign. How do the originators of these meetings and petitions ever expect to make the Board of Trustees listen to them? The Alumni (the boys with the money) have been trying to voice their opinion on the same subject for the past nine months but with little success.

I am definitely in favor of having football at Mercer, either subsidized or non-subsidized, but to get it we are going to have to talk sense to the Board of Trustees and quit banging our heads against a stone wall. These meetings and petitions are doing more harm than good.

Mercer gives out athletic sweaters and letters like a country junior high school. No matter how many different sports a man letters in, he only receives one sweater for three years' service. During his senior year, if he is still participating in athletics and makes a letter, the Administration is gracious and issues him another sweater. I know of very few high schools and no colleges that do not give sweaters and letters for each sport each year. Some of the men who lettered in basketball certainly are entitled to sweaters for baseball and track if they earn them. The Athletic Association says that this is not final. A vote will be taken to see just how many awards will be made to any one person and what kind to give. Now is the time to voice your opinion you lettermen. Tomorrow may be too late!

Most of us have been wondering why the new tennis courts have not been completed. The dope is that these courts would have been finished long ago had there not been so much bad weather. The Athletic Association hopes to have them ready in another week, weather permitting.

A pet gripe among the students is the little amount of space devoted to the Mercer baseball and track teams by the Macon papers. There are others, along with the students here, who are interested in Mercer's games and meets. In a recent edition of one of the local papers, the Lanier Junior High baseball team made the headlines while Mercer's crushing win over Piedmont College got only honorable mention at the bottom of the page. Thanks Sam.

The "M" Club is being reorganized under the able Mr. Jim Cowan. If you high school and prep school stars want your sweaters and jackets won in high school to stay all in one piece, I would advise you not to wear them on the campus... just a suggestion.

TENNIS TEAM PLANS ROAD TRIP; NO HOME MATCHES SCHEDULED

The Mercer tennis team will play no home matches this year, due to the lack of courts. However, it was announced last Wednesday afternoon by Dr. Zeb Vance that the team would play three matches away from home: Presbyterian College and Newberry College will furnish the opposition. The Bears will play the Blue Stockings on May 6 and meet the Newberry team on May 7 and 8.

Not much is known about the local tennis team other than who is on the roster. Harry Baird and

"Shotgun" Sutton are the two outstanding racket-men for the Bears. These two lads are expected to project the Mercer netmen into the limelight. Albert Jelks, Ben Keenum, Stanley Stinson, and E. B. Collins are among those trying for the team.

The match with Presbyterian College will be the opening match for Mercer. The team will accompany the baseball club on the trip. The present plan calls for five men and Coach Kurtz to make the trip. The Bear Baseball Club will also play on the same dates.

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