

AUBURN RALLY BEATS MERCER 14-8



Track star, David Rowe, in action

SEVENTH INNING POWER ATTACK DEFEATS BEARS

The absence of star Travis Tidwell did not seem to hamper the Auburn Tigers any as they rolled to a 14 to 8 victory over the Mercer Bears. Until the seventh frame it was a pitcher's duel between Bob Murdock of Mercer and Star Green of Auburn.

The Tigers started their scoring in the first inning, getting two runs on three hits, but the Bears knotted the count in their half of the first by getting two runs on three hits, also. From that point on it was nip and tuck.

Hopkins opened the second inning with a single to right field and Murdock sacrificed, pushing Hopkins to second. McClelland grounded out second to first with Hopkins moving to third. Davidson drew a base on balls. Charlie Harris lined a single to centerfield scoring Hopkins, and the Bears moved out in front by the score of three to two. Davison was caught trying to score on Harris' single to retire the side.

Auburn came back in the third inning. With one out, White, Williams, and Woodfin collected three straight singles off Murdock with White scoring.

No more scoring was done until the sixth inning when Mercer pushed across another run. Leading off in the sixth, Jones struck out. Dobbins followed him with a single to left field. Hopkins walked, sending Dobbins to second base. With the count two strikes and three balls, Bob Murdock sent a screaming line drive over second base scoring Dobbins and sending Hopkins to third. With two men on base and one away, McClelland struck out and Davidson rolled out short to first to retire the side.

In the first half of the seventh, Auburn burst loose with four hits and five runs which drove Murdock, who had pitched a beautiful game, from the mound. Sherwood came in to relieve Murdock and retired the side.

The eighth inning proved to be as fatal as the seventh frame. Scoring five more runs on five hits, the Tigers sent Sherwood to the showers, and Glouser had to come in to put out the fire. Auburn led at this point 13 to 4.

Not to be outdone, the Bears scored three runs in the eighth, but their rally was cut short when Johnny Finelson came in to relieve Green.

Both Auburn and Mercer scored one run in the ninth inning.

Charlie Harris and Mays Dobbins were the big guns in the Mercer attack. Harris collected four singles out of five tries, and Dobbins got three hits out of five attempts. Williams and Woodfin, each getting four hits out of six attempts, were Auburn's leading batmen.

Dentist: You need not pay in advance, Mr. Watson.

Watson: I wasn't going to. I'm just counting my money before I take the gas.

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The Bear Facts

By George Horkan

Coach Smith and Coach Cowan are planning a banquet to be given on May 22. It is to be an "all sports" banquet and athletic sweaters will be given to the baseball and track teams at this time. Coach Cowan is trying to engage a distinguished speaker for the affair. At present, Coach Wallace Butts of the University of Georgia and Coach Bobby Dodd of Georgia Tech are being considered.

The Bear baseball team had a most disastrous road trip last week. North Georgia won over the Mercerians by the score of 8 to 5, but the Bears were by far the classier outfit. Moving over to Demorest, Ga., the Bears encountered Piedmont College, a team they had previously beaten by the score of 24 to 6, and again they were dead on their feet, having to go eleven innings to down the Lions 10 to 9. This corner thinks the downfall of Coach Smith's boys was due to over-confidence after defeating Sylvania.

"Iron Man" Lamar Cooley hurled in both the Bear's baseball games last week. He started against North Georgia but was sent to the showers late in the game. When Mercer got into trouble at Piedmont, Cooley was called out to oust the fire. The little man did a great job on both occasions, and I think deserves to get a starting assignment more often.

Some of the students have requested that we print the Mercer baseball schedule again. I am glad to do so if it will help increase the attendance at the games.

- May 13—Oglethorpe at Oglethorpe, Ga.
- May 15—North Georgia College at Macon.
- May 20—Dublin Navy at Macon.
- May 24—Oglethorpe at Macon.

In answer to some of the students as to why this column never takes up track, I would like to explain that Tom Marsh, co-editor of sports, deals with the track side of athletics. This also explains why my column is always dealing with baseball. Baseball is my topic, and any of you who have suggestions about improving the sports page please see me. I will be happy to receive them.

Here is a hot tip for you. If you want to see a whale of a baseball game next week, go to the Mercer-North Georgia game. The Bears, being defeated by this North Georgia Club by the score of 8 to 5, are really out for revenge. That's Thursday afternoon, May 15. Gents, and take it from me, it is really going to be an A-1 game.

N.G.C. DOWNS BEARS; PIEDMONT LOSES

Mercer's listless Bears were defeated by a North Georgia College nine last week by the score of 8 to 5. While collecting only six hits off the N. G. C. pitchers, the Bears were playing slipshod ball on the field. On the other hand, North Georgia rapped Mercer pitchers, Cooley and Glouser, for thirteen hits and scored eight runs before the Bears realized that a baseball game was being played.

Moving over to Demorest, Ga., the Mercer club encountered the much improved Piedmont Lions. Having previously beaten Piedmont 24 to 6, the Bears were confident that they could walk away with an easy victory. McClelland opened the

game in the first inning with a double and scored on a single by Harris. From that point the Bears had clear sailing, never getting into real trouble until the seventh inning. The Lions suddenly came alive and tied the score at nine all, and the score remained this way until the eleventh inning. In the eleventh, Harris opened with a single and Dykes was given a base on balls purposely, forcing Harris to second. Horkan, hitting for Dobbins, sacrificed to move Harris to third and Dykes to second. Thigpen, pinch hitting for Hopkins, sent a long fly to right field; Harris tagged up and scored to break the tie and win the ball game.

CINDER PATHS

By Tom Marsh

With the track season now resting at the halfway mark, it is time to gander back at the records of the "Bear" speedsters. The undisputed leader so far this season has been David Rowe. In three dual meets, two of the Southeast's outstanding relays, the North Carolina Indoor Meet, and the Florida Relays he has piled up the phenomenal total of fourteen 1st's, two 2nd's, and two 3rd's, which when added together give him 78½ points, or better than one third of Mercer's team total of 217½. Another man who has shown a great degree of improvement has been Broadus Willoughby. Broadus is a half-miler and a miler and is yet to be defeated in competition this spring. In a recent practice round, he ran the half-mile in the very credible time of 2:01.4. In addition to the mile and half-mile, Willoughby has at times run a leg on the mile relay team. His total points thus far add up to 31¼. Ed Holmes, the team's outstanding quarter miler, ranks third in the total number of points scored to date. Ed's 18½ points represents two 1st's, two 2nd's, and 2½ points gained by running a leg on the mile relay team.

The two muscle men of the team that have managed to hold their own in the weights events are Bill Dismuke and Hoyt Biggers. Both these boys throw the shot and heave the javelin and discus. Bill has garnered 18 points and Hoyt 15. Hoyt, though, will be lost to the team for the rest of the season due to a broken foot.

These men along with Albert Kinsaul, Glenn Wilkes, Red Geer, Emmett Floyd, Bill McArthur, and Bill Averitt have shown that Mercer will be represented in track during the spring.

The team has three more meets yet to run this season—against Davidson at Davidson, N. C., May 10; Emory, at Mercer, May 17; and the Southeastern A. A. U. at Auburn on May 24.

MERCER BEARS NOSE-OUT SYLVANIA 4-2 IN THRILLING PITCHER'S DUEL

By C. Tennille

Last Tuesday week, in Sylvania, the Mercer nine squeaked a 4-2 victory from the Sylvania Semi-Pro Club of the Geeche League. The game proved to be a pitcher's duel between the Bears' hurler, Smith, and Morgan of Sylvania. Smith pitched a grueling nine innings without faltering, whereas the Sylvania hurler was relieved in the sixth inning by Buratt.

In the second inning, Harris singled, and Dykes got on by an error of the catcher. Harris was scored by a single hit by Hopkins and Dykes was advanced to third. Dykes scored on an error by the Sylvania first baseman. The other two Mercer tallies were made in the fourth inning by Smith and in the seventh by Irby.

Sylvania's scores came in the second and seventh innings. In the second inning Mobley got on base by error of the third baseman. He was then scored by three straight singles by Weltman, McTeer, and Marchman.

In the seventh inning, Linderman hit a single; he was advanced two bases by an infield grounder and a walk, and was then scored by a single hit by Ingram.

BEAR CAGE

Name	AB	H	Pct.
Melton	1	1	1.000
Tennille	1	1	1.000
Thigpen	2	1	.500
Cooley	2	1	.500
Harris	34	16	.470
Sherwood	5	2	.400
Murdock	5	2	.400
McClelland	44	15	.343
Hopkins	18	6	.333
Dykes	33	10	.303
Horkan	7	2	.286
Dobbins	38	10	.263
Jones	24	5	.208
Davidson	39	8	.205
Irby	28	5	.178
Baily	7	0	.000
Smith, L.	4	0	.000
Glouser	2	0	.000
Smith	1	0	.000

Pitchers' Records

Name	G	W	L	Pct.
Smith, L.	1	1	0	1.000
Sherwood	3	2	1	.666
Murdock	3	1	2	.333
Cooley	1	0	0	.000
Glouser	2	0	0	.000

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