

In The Bears' Den

with
"Chuck" Glenn

TOO MUCH SCHLOSS Mercer students and basketball followers were certainly treated to a couple of exciting, rip-roaring games last Friday night. The fast action of the two games electrified more than 2,100 fans as the Georgia Bulldogs (74-53) and the Mercer Bees edged MGC (68-53) in an overtime period.

The Bears played a brilliant ball game against the larger Georgia team, but it was a case of too much Schloss. The big, six-foot, eight-inch substitute center controlled both backboards and tossed in 14 points during the last half. At the same time Schloss held Mercer's Glenn Wilkes to six points the second half after the Bear scoring ace had racked up 13 markers before the intermission.

Even when inspired, heads up brand of basketball, the Bear center was superior to the Bulldogs in the first half, piling up a 20 lead at the intermission. Captain Bill "Shot Gun" Sutton gave in a great performance. His first three set shots zipped down to put the Bears out in front. Bob Shuler's troublesome foul did not seem to affect him, as he applied the clamps to Georgia's high scorer, Bob Healey.

Helping Wilkes, who took scoring honors for the contest, Bob Pender came through with some remarkable, timely shots during the first 20 minutes.

Exciting moments of the game were filled with tense action as the Bears tried hard to close the two point gap. Schloss again fatted down scoring attempts, and the cheering crowd viewed the end of a hard-fought contest.

Both teams scored the same number of field goals. It was from the foul line that Georgia had the edge, making good 11 out of 19, while Mercer scored 9 out of 16.

MERCER TRACK MEN NEEDED With this Spring's season only a few months away a few of Mercer's cinder track stars started the hard grind of rounding into good condition.

Last year's lettermen will return for the five dual meets. These men are Broadus Willoughby, Ed Holmes, Kinsaul, Glenn Wilkes, and "Red" Geer.

Basketballer "Bird Dog" Thornton, who ran for South Carolina last year, is expected to be in action in the mile and two-mile events. Thornton raced the mile in 4:38 and the two-mile in 10:40, both of which are good times.

Paul Rowe, Mercer's five event star of last season, probably will not return. It seems that the Texas cyclone will probably jump him, and throw for a southwestern team.

Mercer will need a big squad to distribute in the events of this year's more balanced squad. Track mentor Jim Cowan is asking that all men with track experience or those who would like to try out come out shortly and start getting into condition. There will be plenty of places to fill in all the track events.

The five dual meets are scheduled for Macon.

DISA AND DATA

It seems like old times with Coach Claude Smith back at Mercer today. Having returned recently from the University of North Carolina, Coach Smith is ready to assume his duties as Mercer's basketball coach.

The Mercer-Georgia tilt Glenn Wilkes tallied 19 points to boost the season's total to 218 in 12 games, an average of more than 18 points per contest.

It seems that the SAE quintet is going to win the Intramural Basketball championship again. Earlier this season the SAE Hoopsters topped the city title. They have moulded a fine team with teamwork, bright and savvy.

The Mercer "B" team-Middle Georgia game last Friday night was a thriller. It was Ches Smith's free throw that tied the score with 10 seconds left to play. Then, Smith added a field goal to Dilmas Barnett's three points in the overtime period to shade the Wolverines by three points. Kinsaul played a great all-around game for the Bees.

On the 17th of this month another overflow crowd will jam the gym to see Mercer play the Auburn Tigers again. The Tigers won the first one, 72-53, but if the Bears play their best ball, it will be a close game.

Georgia Cagers Nose Out Mercer Bears Before Capacity Crowd At Porter Gym



The Bears and Bulldogs take to the air after the ball in an exciting scene from the recent Mercer-Georgia clash.

WILKES, PENDER LEAD SCORING

by George Chamlee

The Mercer Bears lost a heart-breaker to the University of Georgia cagers, 74-53, before an overflow crowd at Porter Gym Friday night.

Six foot eight inch freshman, Robert Schloss was the margin of victory for the Bulldogs as he led the last half rally that blasted a 16 point Mercer lead. With Schloss commanding the backboard, the Georgia forwards began a fast breaking attack that eventually gave them the bitterly contested game.

The Bears opened hot and with Sutton and Pender leading the onslaught, forged into a commanding 32 to 20 lead at the half.

The Bears again took the offensive as the second half opened, but Schloss quickly turned the tide for the Bulldogs.

Using his height to its full advantage Schloss not only pulled the Bears off their sharp shooting forwards, Bob Healey and Gene Lorenzo, but sank seven field goals in the process.

Whittling away at the Mercer lead, the Bulldogs went out front for the first time that night with eight minutes to go.

With the lead seesawing back and forth, Bob Pender sank a field goal to put the Bears ahead 50 to 49. A field goal by Schloss and a free throw by Healey finally gave the Bulldogs the lead that they never relinquished.

Reynolds knotted the count for the Bears with a two pointer, but Schloss battled in another field goal for Georgia. Reynolds then sank a foul shot, but Georgia's Harvill, with 45 seconds left in the game, neutralized it with another one.

Desperate shots by Mercer in the closing seconds of the game failed, and the Bulldogs handed the Bears their third setback in twelve starts this season.

Glenn Wilkes, Mercer center, was high point man with 19 markers as he turned in one of his finest performances of the year. Bob Pender, with 13 points, Maynard "Dopey" Reynolds with 7, Captain "Shotgun" Sutton with 6, and Richard "Bird Dog" Thornton with 5 rounded out the scoring for Mercer.

Guard Bob Schuler turned in a splendid defensive game as he limited Georgia's high scoring Bob Healey to 4 field goals.

Schloss and Healey led the scoring for Georgia with 15 and 11 points respectively.

KS, SAE, KA, SN, PHI DELT FRATERNITIES KNUCKLE DOWN ON WEEK'S OPPONENTS

by Jim Venable

Rolling over the Ministers by the score of 33-22, the Sigma Nu's scored another victory. Monday night (Jan. 26), and opened the week's intramural basketball schedule. The game was fast and rough with a half time score of 13-9 in favor of the Nu's. High man for the Sigma Nu's was Dean who tallied 11 points. Top scorer for the Clerics was Strickland with 8 points.

KA was swamped again by the Kappa Sigma five to the tune of 53-21. Thus, the Sig's held on to second place standing in the league. The Knights could never get through the K.S.'s defense, but showed some improvement over their former games. Hill was their highpointer with 9, while the Sigma's Robinson and Brinson started with 12 points each.

Tuesday (Jan. 27), the S.A.E.'s downed the Non-Frats No. 2 by a score of 38-34, for their seventh straight victory. Lewis shined for the E's with 13 points to his credit. Colquett presented the Non-Frats with 8. The half-time score was 25-17.

The Cluster Sports Staff needs the services of some additional reporters to cover varsity contests and men's and women's intramural sport events. Any men or women students, who are interested in a small amount of sports writing each week, can contact "Chuck" Glenn, Cluster Sports Editor, at 5679.

Trouncing the Lambda Chi Alpha's 38-21, the Phi Delta Theta's won their second game of the season. Neal Newsome started for the Phi Delt's with 17 points while Shutte tallied 11 for the L.C.A's. The half-time score read 21-9, Phi Delta Theta.

Edging out a hard fighting Minister two 45-44, Kappa Sigma retained their second-place rating in the intramurals. Strickland scored for the Ministers, Robinson was top for the K.S.'s with 14 points.

Sigma Nu thrashed the Non Frat team No. 2 45-27 Wednesday night in a new show of strength. Dean made 21 points for the Nu's compared with 13 scored by Jamerson for the Non-Frats. The score at the half was Sigma Nu 21, Non-Frats 12.

Kappa Alpha came through with its first win of the season, edging out Lambda Chi Alpha 25-23. Roy Wych came into his own with 8 points for K.A., but Schutte was the high scorer of the game with 14 for L.C.A. At the half the score stood 17-14, Kappa Alpha.

Mauling the Law School team 26-9 Thursday (Jan. 29), the S.A.E.'s won their eighth contest, retaining their top rating in the league. Jordan scored 10 points for the Shysters and Westmoreland chalked up 6 for the E's. Half-time score: 14-5, S.A.E.

Phi Delta Theta won the last game of the week with a 42-34 victory over Alpha Tau Omega the same night. Crump tallied 13 points for the Theta's. The score at the half was 18-11 in favor of the Phi Delt's.

MERCER GOLF TEAM ELECTS GLASSMAN

Sam Glassman Jr., Macon golfer, was recently elected captain of the 1948 Mercer golf team by the fellow lettermen.

Swearing in the club by two major last year's team, Glassman helped Mercer make its first golf season a successful one.

A veteran of two at large 41 years, City Glassman served with the company of engineers, including 18 months in the European Theater. He was a member of Lanier High's championship G.I.V.A. golf team in 1943. In 1946 he went to the finals of the Macon golf championship matches, bowing to Arnold Blinn.

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