

In The Bears' Den

with George Charles

GHS TRACK MEET: Friday morning saw the field at Porter Stadium thronged with hundreds of the best high school athletes in Georgia as the Georgia High School Association track finals prepared to get under way. Small groups of nervous boys, their even more nervous coaches, and their almost frantic supporters cluttered the stands and the sidelines speaking in what they apparently hoped were even tones.

Out on the field, boys in sweat suits were busily engaged in getting in a few hurried calisthenics while others on the line awaiting the signal to get in position were engrossed in knocking some imaginary clay from between their cleats.

A brief, tense moment begins as everyone awaits the preparatory signals, a sudden flurry as an overanxious contestant jumps the gun, a few nervous laughs, another moment of silence, the starting signals, and at last the flat report and the race is on.

In the stands sit the coaches discussing the relative merits of certain of their boys, swapping training tips, explaining variations of the T-formation that they will use the next fall, hopefully judging their prospects for a good season, and enviously eyeing fellow members of their profession who are lucky enough to have athletes like Hugh Radcliffe, Jack Roberts, and Pete Ferris answering to their call.

Also attracted to this rich proving ground are college coaches and scouts who gaze with glittering eyes upon this cream of Georgia's prep athletes.

Far across the field in the discus ring, looking almost like a scaffold because of the squareness of his shoulders, stands a giant in blue dungarees who winds up, spins, and sends a toss almost to the edge of the track 137 feet away. This boy, Pete Ferris of Griffin who is rated one of the two best all-round high school athletes in Georgia, the morning before had taken second place in the GHS golf tournament at Bowden Municipal course.

The call for the hundred-yard dash brings everyone's attention back to the track. A murmur rumbles through the crowd as a strikingly handsome boy in a sky-blue track suit with "Thomas Woodlee" scrawled on the back takes his place on the starting line and awaits the signals.

Several false starts build up the tension, and suddenly they are away. The blue clad boy immediately takes the lead and snaps the tape four yards in front of his nearest competitor. A short time later Tommy Woodlee who was the state's highest scoring football player, also takes the 220-yard dash by an even greater margin.

In the pole vault event, Hugh Radcliffe of Thomaston, who has made all-state in football, basketball, and baseball, is striving vainly to extend this record to track as well.

The meet rolls on, the losers biting their lips and congratulating the winners while the officials fight to keep the crowds off the track. As the day comes to an end, one coach murmurs soulfully what is in the mind of every other coach as they gaze at this wealth of material.

"Wouldn't you like to be able to just walk out there and pick out thirty men, just thirty men?"

DISA AND DATA

Baseballer Paul Smith is still out with a fractured nose which lately became infected. Sprinter Charlie Davis is back, however, and ran against Davidson last Saturday. He has been out with a sprained ankle.

Coach Jim Cowan and Sergeant T. H. Heath did a splendid job of officiating at the GHS track meet. Members of the track team acted as timers and field judges.

Thorndyke, The Financier

by Ralph Smith

Thorndyke Masterfield, financial genius of The University, stood back from the sign that he had just fastened to his dormitory room door. The lettering said simply, "Thorndyke Masterfield, LOANS." He polished the sign with his shirt cuff and stood back to observe the effect. His name was in gold-tinted old English script, and the word "LOANS," was printed in glaring, black Gothic letters. It was an unusual plaque and Thorndyke Masterfield knew that it was unusual, and moreover, he was proud that he had created the sign.

Back in the room, Thorndyke drilled his peonish roommate, Percy. "The local peasantry has, in re-

cent months, made it surpassingly obvious to me, Percy, that a leader, a man of no small means is desperately needed to quiet their unhappy cries for legal tender. Someone is required to hush their eternal beseechings, their faint protests, their incessant quests for money. Percy, you realize of course, that I have not erected this sign without good reason."

"Yes, sire," soothed Percy.

"Percy," growled Thorndyke, "after you complete my calculus assignment and my chemistry lab work, it might be a wise idea to remain here and answer the phone. I realize that you had planned to eat tonight, but I'm afraid that it will be impossible. There's a K-ration in the reak, and you may have that. Right now, I've got to

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Takes Lead In Intramural Softball

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity took over undisputed lead of the intramural softball league when a fighting Minister's nine upset previously undefeated Kappa Sigma by an 8-7 count in last week's games.

The SAE's captured three more games during the week to make their record six won, none lost while Kappa Sigma follows with five wins, one loss.

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL STANDINGS

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Sigma Alpha Epsilon	6	0
Kappa Sigma	5	1
Phi Delta Theta	4	2
Alpha Tau Omega	4	2
Sigma Nu	2	2
Lambda Chi Alpha	2	2
Ministers	2	3
Kappa Alpha	1	2
Law School	1	4
Non-Frat	1	5
Chi Alpha Omega	0	5

Ministerial Group Hears Gainer Bryan

Gainer Bryan, Georgia Baptist Training Union secretary, will address the Ministerial Association when it installs newly elected officers Friday.

Officers chosen last week are Marion Hendrix, Columbus, secretary; Herbert Hyde, Macon, treasurer; Herman Bowers, Cannon, reporter; Aaron Spinks, Macon, pianist; Charles Camp, Macon, chorister; Charles Bettis, Cumming, chairman of the counseling committee; Lidelle Phillips, Forest Park, director of evangelism; and Raymond Chauncey, Baxley, director of athletics.

Cecil Smith, Atlanta, and Norman McCrummen, Montgomery, Ala., were previously selected as president and vice-president of the organization. Woodrow Richardson, Hartsville, S. C., is the retiring president.

attend an Athletic Conference meeting; it appears that some unenlightened umpire has questioned our practice of inflating basketballs with hydrogen."

Percy had hardly completed the calculus assignment when the door was opened and a small voice croaked out, "Hello, Percy."

"Oh hello, Ken," replied Percy. "Come on in—Thorndyke is out for the evening, as per usual." The kindly eyes of Percy noticed that the visitor was holding a telegram, and the strain evidenced on his face showed indications of near hysteria.

"Percy," confided Ken, "it's happened; you realize that I would not intrude upon the sanctity of Masterfield Manor unless I had a good reason, and at last, it's happened." Upon these words, Ken dropped to the floor and buried his face in his great, misshapen, work-worn hands. Then Ken, his face quivering like a jellyfish, asked Percy whether or not Masterfield

Davidson's Well-Balanced Cinder Squad Submerges Bears in Dual Track Meet

The Davidson Wildcats of Davidson, N. C., took the measure of the Mercer Bears by an 82-2-3 to 43-1-3 score in a dual track meet Saturday afternoon at Porter Stadium.

Sterling performances by Mercer's Jimmie Faulkner, Broadus Willoughby, Tom Colquitt, Aulbert Kinsaul, Dick Benson, Charlie Davis, Carlton Barnes, and Coney Cunningham went for naught as the well balanced power of the Davidson squad submerged the plucky Bears under a deluge of points.

Diamond, Net Squads Take Three-Day Trip Into South Carolina

The Mercer baseball and tennis teams left early Monday morning on a three-day road trip into South Carolina where they were scheduled to play Erskine, Presbyterian, and Newberry.

Erskine's baseballers blanked the Mercer Bears, 10-0, Monday, behind right-hander Speck Padgett's three-hit pitching.

Padgett started the Fleet's scoring attack in the first with a single that brought in two runs. Erskine got four more in the big fourth on two hits, two walks, and four Bear errors.

Seventeen men composed Coach Claude Smith's baseball squad which faced Erskine for the first time this season and then journeyed to Presbyterian where they were slated to play a return game with the blue stockings, and attempt to avenge a previous defeat at their hands. Newberry also holds a previous 6-0 decision over the Bears.

The tennis team, consisting of Ben Keenam, Clarence Ray, Dick Moody, Warren Brinson, and Ben O'Neal, with losses in all previous matches, faced Erskine's flying feet Monday and were taken to the cleaners for a 9-0 defeat.

The Erskine team didn't lose a set as Plaxico defeated Keenam, 6-2, 6-1; Wilson defeated O'Neal, 10-8, 6-1; McCoy defeated Roy, 6-2, 6-2; Roddey defeated Smith, 6-2, 6-3; Kennedy defeated Moody, 6-1, 6-3; Harrison defeated Brinson, 7-5, 6-2; McCoy and Craig defeated Ray and Keenam, 6-1, 6-4; Wilson and Plaxico defeated Smith and O'Neal 6-3, 6-1; Roddey and Harrison defeated Moody and Brinson, 6-2, 6-1.

The Mercer netmen, although soundly thrashed by Emory in their last start, have been improving steadily as they gain experience and barely lost to Oglethorpe last week in a 4-3 match.

Scores on the other baseball and tennis engagements have not been returned at this report.

had arrived from his nightly slumming expedition.

"The gong has sounded," warned Percy,—"the signal for the men to fall on their faces; perhaps the aristocratic one has returned."

"SO!" screamed Masterfield, jumping into the room, as he landed a well-aimed ear-boxing on the stout head of Percy, "I've caught you at last, banging ears with the local peasantry."

"Mercy master," pleaded Percy, "this man is here on business—financial business."

"Well, that's different," muttered Thorndyke, and turning to the newcomer, "What's on your mind, boy?"

"Here, read this telegram, sire,—the Black Plague has struck down my everlovin' family."

"Bad enough," sympathized Thorndyke, apparently greatly touched, "Percy, my interest charts, the slide rule, and the adding machine!"

The surprise of the day came in the broad jump qualifying when lanky Jimmie Faulkner stunned both himself and his coaches with a 22 foot, 1 1/2 inch leap which was easily enough for first place in the event. Jimmie, who had barely done 20 feet in previous meets, followed this up with a couple of 21 foot jumps.

Plucky Tom Colquitt scored his first victory of the season in the high jump with a 5 foot, 10 inch leap which was his best height this year.

Half-Mile

In the half mile, Broadus Willoughby and Aulbert Kinsaul out-classed the Davidson runners and finished one-two. Broadus' winning time was 2 minutes, 7 seconds.

The mile run was a thriller which saw Mercer's Dick Benson almost nail the Wildcat's crack miler, Bradley, in a stretch drive that devoured some 20 yards.

Just beginning to hit their stride are freshmen Coney Cunningham and Carlton Barnes, who took close seconds in century and 440-yard run respectively. Barnes, a converted sprinter, who also placed second against Georgia last week, promises to be a prime threat against Emory Saturday.

Those placing for Mercer are as follows:

- 100-Yard Dash — Second, Cunningham; third, Davis.
- 220-Yard Dash—Second, Davis.
- 440-Yard Run—Second, Barnes.
- 880-Yard Run—First, Willoughby; second, Kinsaul.
- Mile Run—Second, Benson; third F. Davis.
- Two Mile Run—Second, Kinsaul.
- 120-Yard High Hurdles—Third, Holmes.
- 220-Yard Low Hurdles—Second, Johnson.
- Broad Jump—First, Faulkner.
- High Jump—First, Colquitt; second (tie), Stokes.
- Pole Vault—Third, Williams.
- Shot Put—Third, King.
- Javelin—Third, Davenport.

The requisite equipment was produced from the massive safe, and Percy busied himself with a multitude of calculations. Meanwhile, Thorndyke carefully explained to Ken that there were two kinds of interest. The first plan involved the consideration of 30% interest, compounded daily. The second plan was 17% interest compounded hourly, exponentially. The only security was a sworn statement that all worldly effects of the borrower automatically reverted to Thorndyke should the debt be not repaid.

"But enough of this legal phraseology," said Thorndyke, "let's get down to brass tacks."

"According to Percy's calculations, Ken, since you have chosen the second plan of hourly exponential compounding, there will be the small sum of \$66.33 due Monday morning at eleven o'clock." "We are," continued Masterfield, "giving your case special consideration, in view of the fact that your family has been obliterated by the Black Plague."

"Oh," whispered Ken, as he reached for the sum of cash that was produced by Thorndyke, "thanks kindly sire. Now that I have the desired fifty cents, I can ride a bus out to the crossroads in order that I might hitch-hike home."

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