

Bears Rally To Defeat Stetson 64-57

IN THE BEAR'S DEN

with BOBBY BONNER

SPORTS SHOTS . . .

Is this really "the year" for Mercer and their high-stepping hardwood quintet? Sports writers around have termed it as that, and so has your Cluster Sports Editor. Tough breaks will come to any team, even the best. To date, games up to the Wofford game, the Bears have a record of four wins and two defeats. The defeats came from the powerful University of Georgia Bulldogs in Athens and the Wofford Terriers, a sharp offensive team with a tight zone defense.



People who witnessed the Georgia-Mercer contest say that the officiating was poor. As I did not make the trip to the classic city I cannot say for myself. Should these reports be true along with the reports that Mercer had the better team, with good officiating in Porter gymnasium on February 18, it may be a sad story

Bonner for the Bulldogs.

If there was anyone instrumental in the Mercer victory over Presbyterian College, it was the Bears' lanky center Lamar Clements, who stands six foot-five inches. Clements has been turning in good performances all along; but none will surpass the one minute and thirty second show stealing act he exhibited in this contest. It seems as though Presbyterian was leading the Bears by six points with a minute and thirty seconds to play. Clements had been taken out of the line-up to be given a rest and was put back in the game at this point. He was fouled in a few seconds and he made the shot good. Since the new ruling that allows a team shooting a foul shot during the last two minutes to have the ball out of bounds at mid-court, Mercer retained possession.

One Bear shot missed, but Clem took the rebound and tipped it in for a good two-pointer. The Blue Hose lost the ball and Mercer again got possession. As before, it was Clem who made the field goal to pull within one point of the Stockings. When Clem received the ball again, he attempted a shot but was fouled. He made the two points good, and Mercer took the lead by one narrow point. Presbyterian scored again to go out in front with ten seconds left. Mercer took over the ball for the last time, and when Clem received the ball this time, the clock showed four seconds remaining. A hook shot was the point getter for the center, who scored nine points in the last minute and thirty seconds to win the ball game. That was some finish to a ball game!

Going back to the Blue Hose-Bear game. What the Stockings needed to beat the Bears after Clements tossed in the ball with four seconds left was another "Ozark Ike". They tried to develop one on the spur of the moment. One Presbyterian player made a desperation shot with about two seconds remaining by shooting from one goal to the other. That was what "Ozark Ike" calls his "Sunday Special."

Rudy Stewart, star veteran guard, has been out of action since the home game with Wofford. His absence has certainly been a bad blow to the hardwooders. He missed the Georgia game, the South Carolina trip, and the Florida trip.

Basketeers Defeat Presbyterian 76-69 Lose to Wofford 62-57 on Road Trip

The South Carolina road trip which the Mercer basketeers took last week found them even with one win and one loss. They captured the tilt with Presbyterian in the first attack and fell to Wofford College the next night.

On January 13, the Bears invaded the gymnasium at Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina and edged by the Blue Hose 70-69 with a field goal by

Lamar Clements, center, with four seconds remaining in the game.

Jumped To Lead

Presbyterian led the Bears most of the game even though the Mercer five jumped to the first lead. At intermission, the boys left the floor with the Blue Hose holding a three point edge.

Until the closing minutes of the game in the last quarter, the Stockings were remaining out



Glenn Wilkes Leading scorer for the Bears for two years. Wilkes racks up 25 points in Stetson game.

Florida Downs Mercer 57-45 There

It was their second straight loss for the Mercer Bears as they fell to Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida last Tuesday night 57-45.

The victory for Florida State, which was an upset, enabled the Seminoles to remain undefeated on their own court.

Glenn Wilkes, boasting a 25 point average before the contest, was clamped down on and held to 16 points. It was little Lee Benjamin for the winners who took top scoring honors with 18 markers.

For the Seminoles, Tom McLaughlin, center, and Bill Weigel, guard, held Wilkes in check by teaming up on him. Wilkes, though, fouled both of these boys out. This good playing on the part of the Seminoles payed off even though the two fouled out.

The score at intermission was 28-25 with Florida State holding the slight edge. After the half, Mercer quickly tied it up and from then on the lead changed hands four times.

The Staters pulled away in the final period and went on to clinch the fray and turn in their best performance of the year.

Clements came into the fray to pull Mercer out of the spot and dump in nine points in a minute and thirty seconds to win the contest. With four seconds left, the Stockings were ahead by one point, Mercer had possession of the ball out of bounds at mid-court. The ball was passed into the lanky center, and he hooped it in to spell the defeat.

Kept Up Pace

Glenn Wilkes, high scoring Mercer whiz, kept up his scoring pace by garnering 27 points, the highest of the night. Dwight Groninger of Presbyterian who usually gives Wilkes a run for high scorer dumped in 16 markers.

The next night the Bears journeyed to Spartanburg for a return engagement with the strong Wofford Terriers. The Terriers got revenge from their earlier defeat and licked the Tatnall Square hoopsters 62-57.

The game was a see-saw affair with the lead changing hands many times. Wofford led at half-time and kept up the pace in the last frame to clinch the fracas.

Glenn Wilkes of Mercer topped the scorers with 25 points. Wally Dean, Wofford center, and Powers, a guard, were the big guns in the Terrier attack.

Glenn Wilkes Scores 25 Points To Lead Bears in Florida Win

Glenn Wilkes, Mercer's ace in the scoring department, racked up 25 points last night to lead his Mercer Bears to a 64-57 victory over Stetson University in Deland, Florida.

The game got off to an even start and both teams played even ball throughout the first half with Mercer only holding a 28-26 edge when they left the floor during intermission.

Frat Intramurals Well Under Way

Tuesday night marked the opening of the second week of intramural basketball and found Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma, and Phi Delta Theta taking victories.

In the opening contest Hal Dixon paced his ATO quintet to a 46 to 28 win over a scrappy bunch of MIMA's. Dixon poured 23 points through the nets for top scoring honors for the night. MIMA's center Bobby Bonner looped in nine points for the losers.

Kappa Sigma remained undefeated as they overcame a third quarter threat by Sigma Nu to down the Nu's 48-34. At intermission the Sigs held a comfortable margin but the injury-riddled Nu's threw a scare into the "Cats". Gus Pender was high man for Kappa Sigma with 14 points, while the Nu's were paced by their forward Bobby Bonner who tallied 16 markers.

Phi Delta easily rolled to a 48-11 victory over Pi Kappa Phi. The Deltas used every man on the bench and still kept out of danger. Red Morgan took scoring honors with 16 points for the Deltas. William Marsh led the losers with seven.

Last night Kappa Alpha exhibited a thrilling last quarter rally to down the previously unbeaten Ministers 32-25. The KA's jumped to an early lead but the Parsons took over in the second period and by half-time had established a six point lead. The third quarter found both teams playing even ball but the final period spelled defeat for the Ministers. Paul Knight displayed top floor work and offensive play and dropped in 13 points to lead his KA teammates. Augie Kilpatrick accounted

In the third quarter Wilkes dumped in three quick field goals to pull Mercer out of a 30-30 tie. After this the Bears never relinquished the lead.

Wilkes' 25 markers was the top individual scoring mark for the night. Bob Reeder, flashy Mercer forward, scored 15 points, the highest for him this year. Glenn Cassell displayed beautiful floor work and accounted for 11 of the victors points.

Stetson, coached by Bob Trocolor, tried several combinations in order to lick the Bears but none worked. The Bears proved to be the better of the two in every department.

Wilkes, who usually makes most of his free-throw shots, missed a total of 5 in last night's contest. This is the most he has missed in many games. A total of 12 foul shots were missed by the Mercers.

Topping the Stetson Hatters in scoring was Fred Wilmer who swished the nets for 14 points. Center Jim Traveniere ranked second with 13. The Bears overcame a defeat of the night before and made the road trip to the Sunshine State at an even stand.

Coach Jim Cowan gave most of his traveling squad a chance to see action in the tilt last night.

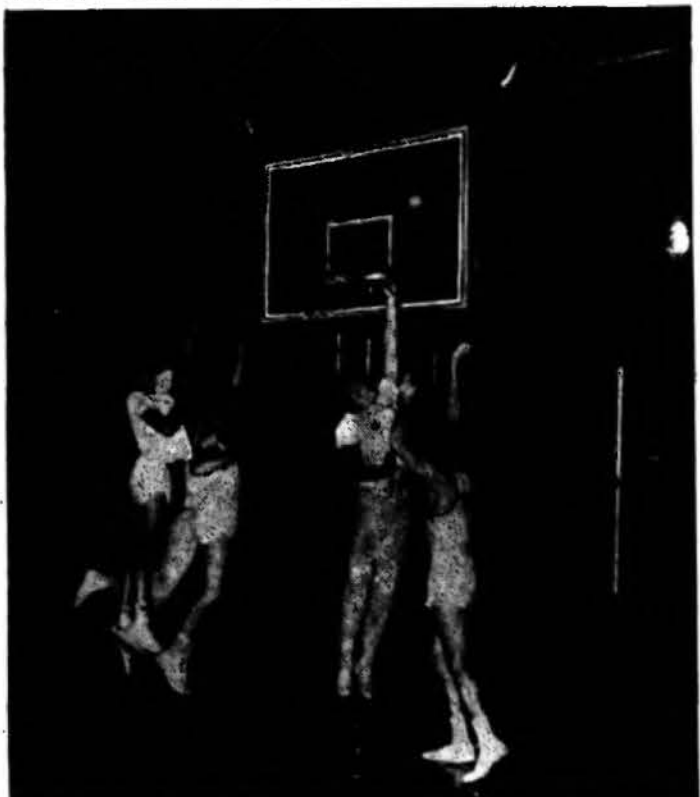
This victory made Mercer's record stand at five wins and three defeats. Mercer's next game will be with Oglethorpe in Atlanta next week.

for 12 points for the Ministers.

Alpha Tau Omega kept in the win column by defeating Phi Delta Theta 43-24. Hal Dixon again paced the scorers with a torrid 22 point total. George Chamlee swished in eight points to be high point man for the Deltas.

Lambda Chi Alpha eked out MIMA in the final contest 18-12.

New Glass Backboard For College Play



Notre Dame, pictured above, as well as college teams throughout the nation, are entering their first season of play with the newly required transparent backboards. Made of half-inch Herculite impact-resisting glass, the RK backboards give spectators a full view of the basket from any angle. The University of Georgia uses these backboards. When Mercer played the Bulldogs in Athens, it was the first time for the Bears and did more harm than good.

