

Chi Omega Is Champion Holds Trophy Third Year

By Eleanor Anne Sammons
Chi Omega is this year's girls' basketball champion. They now have permanent possession of the trophy. Monday's game was the deciding factor in the tournament when Chi Omega won over Mu 22 to 11.

Chi Omega forwards and the points scored were: Jane Busbee, 9; Joanne Parker, 7; June Busbee, 6. Guards for Chi Omega were: Junice Jordan, Gloria Downs, and Betty Norton. Phi Mu forwards and their respective points were:

Molly Wheeler, 8; Joan Wilson, 2; Nancy Herring, 1; and their guards were Beverly McKenzie, Emily Holland and Doris Bracken.

This game was much cleaner than the game last week, though it was not as close. Last week Phi Mu beat Chi Omega 14 to 13 in one of the hardest battles of the year. The lead changed hands all through the game, and at times the game resembled football more than basketball. High scorers in this game were Nancy Herring, 6, for Phi Mu, and June Busbee, 6, for Chi Omega.

IN THE BEAR'S DEN

with BOB BONNER

Soon the winter quarter intramural athletic program will be completed. Then the attention will be turned towards the spring events. This has already happened though, and it is not in a good manner.

Some people are "raising Cain" about the set-up in the program. These people have begun to gripe and complain about the intramural constitution, when it was the representatives from each organization who drew it up.

The whole of the matter lies in the amendment made last May. At that time Coach Claude Smith, head of intramurals, called a meeting of the "DM" officers to make amendments to the constitution. All of the members were not present, and this is probably the reason for the confusion. The constitution clearly states that it may be amended at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the governing board with the consent of the director.

When the officers met they added an amendment, which is: "Any one who is a member of a varsity squad (any sport) will not be eligible to participate in intramural sports during the quarter in which he is a member of said varsity squad, even though he quits or is dropped from the squad." There it is in plain print. Maybe if everyone connected with these athletic events read the constitution over again, there would be no argument about it. It seems as though that is the way most of the participants want it, and that is just the way it will be.

Those same people, when informed about the amendment, did not believe that it was fair to all the teams. Let me ask this question—What is intramural athletics, and what is the purpose of the intramural program? It is for students who are not good enough for varsity competition and who seek the spirit of competition. These boys need that chance. Athletics require a good physical body, and they help build good bodies. Why not have a program set up for the boys who do not have the talent for inter-collegiate competition? They like to play just as well as the varsity players. They need the exercise and the competitive atmosphere that they do not get even in the physical education classes.

Then you may come back at me and say that in such a term as the spring quarter, this new amendment should not be in effect because of the varied sports. Surely there are more sports played in this particular quarter. Mercer enters inter-collegiate competition in baseball, track, tennis, and golf. But shouldn't the boys on the varsity teams, no matter which one, use their spare time to practice their sport rather than wasting (?) their time in intramural softball or the like?

DISA AND DATA
Sign up in the gymnasium on the bulletin board for the ping-pong tournament. The signing sheet will be up for two weeks, so you had better sign up now before you forget. Tournament time will be announced later.
Last week the National Association of Inter-collegiate Basketball sent out a compilation of the official statistics of players and teams who are members of the organization for games played up to Jan. 28. According to these reports, Glenn Wilkes, Mercer's whiz, ranks first in the individual scoring race.

Wilkes, in the games up to that date, had made 58 field goals and 61 free throws to give him a total of 231 points in nine games, and an average of 25.7. In field goal percentage he placed 15th, and in the free throw department he stood 13th.
In the same reports, Mercer's varsity ranked 13th in team offense. The Bears racked up 612 in the nine games for an average of 68. In the free throw column, they placed a high second with a percentage of .878.

SAE and ATO Take KA and SN In Intramurals

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega turned the tide over Kappa Alpha and Sigma Nu last Monday night in Porter gym as the intramural basketball league resumed play.

In the opener, SAE pulled every trick out of the bag and turned in one of the big upsets of the season by eking out a strong Kappa Alpha five 29-28. The game was not won until the final second. Carmen Trevitt, SAE center, had the ball as time was running out with SAE one point behind. Trevitt fired the ball towards the goal and just as the ball left his hand, the horn sounded ending the game. The goal was good, and it gave SAE their first victory of the season.

Trevitt topped the scorers with 13 points while Madden Reid sparked the KA squad with nine markers.

The last game saw Alpha Tau Omega remain in second place by defeating Sigma Nu, 51-41. The game was a rough affair the whole way, and both teams played hard and fast. Hal Dixon, ATO forward and leading scorer in the league, was held to 13 points by Billy Huggins, Sigma Nu guard. This was the lowest game total for Dixon this season.

Malcolm Lunceford and Jack McCrae helped the ATO cause by dumping in 11 points each. Bobby Bonner, Sigma Nu forward, took scoring honors for the night by flipping in 17 points to lead the losers. Huggins followed Nu scorers with nine, while Sellers Parker got eight.

Sigma Nu took a forfeit victory from Lambda Chi Alpha.

Hal Dixon, Alpha Tau Omega forward, is currently leading the race in individual scoring. Gus Pender, Kappa Sigma, and Bobby Bonner, Sigma Nu, rank second and third. They are the only players to pass the century mark thus far.

	Total	G. Av.	Gms.
Dixon	168	21.0	8
Pender	123	17.5	7
Bonner	107	15.3	7

Howard and Troy Are Victims of Mercer Invaders

Howard University and Troy Teachers College were the victims of a west invasion executed by the Mercer Bears as the leading Dixie Conference five dawning the two schools 52-45 and 93-84 respectively last week.

In the Howard contest, the Bears turned in their best defensive games of the season to take their conference tilt. Glenn Wilkes and Nathan Webb topped the scorers with 17 points each while Cassell got 10. Coach Jim Cowan gave special praise to Mayes Dobbins for his defensive play.

Troy Teachers battled Mercer in a free scoring contest which saw a total of 177 points scored in the fray. Wilkes, recovering from a bad chaley-horse, broke loose to rack up 32 points. Clements and Cassell dropped in 21 and 15 respectively.

Mercer Defeats Tampa, 60-58

By Bob Bonner
Cluster Sports Editor

Before a packed, howling audience, the Mercer Bears squeezed out a victory over the mighty Tampa Spartans from Tampa, Florida, 60-58, Wednesday to run their victory streak to eight games.

Bears to Face Hatters, Bulldogs Friday, Saturday

Mercer's tall, rangy basketball quintet will have a rough weekend this Friday and Saturday as they face two tough foes in Stetson University and the University of Georgia Bulldogs. Both contests will be played in Porter gymnasium at 8:15 p.m.

Tomorrow night Stetson University from Deland, Florida, will come up for a second try at the Bears. The two teams met on the Florida court last month with the Bears topping the Hatters, 64-57.

The Hatters have considerably improved since that tilt and will make it rough sailing for the local five. The visitors recently defeated Tampa University, one of the power-houses in the neighborhood.

Will Be Big Night

Saturday night will be the big night for Mercer. Before an expected overflowing crowd, the Bears will match baskets with the strong Georgia Bulldogs and give them a taste of what the best in the Dixie Conference has.

Georgia is rated as the favorite, but this is the year for upsets, and anything can happen in a sports event. Should the Bears play heads-up ball and be on in every department, the outcome may be different from what it was earlier this season. The Bulldogs staged a last half rally to edge out the locals 63-57.

Coach Jim Cowan said that his boys had improved since the first meeting of the two teams. He added that Glenn Wilkes would be ready for the two encounters this weekend. Wilkes suffered a bad charley-horse last week in practice and it has been giving him considerable trouble.

Starting for the Bears will be Wilkes and Nathan Webb at the forward positions, Lamar Clements at Center, and Captain Mayes Dobbins and Glenn Cassell at the guard posts.

Wilkes is expected to be the sparkplug of the contest. In the first Georgia meet, he topped the scorers with 25 points. So far he has tallied a total of 41 points in 17 games.

Loaded With Talent

Georgia is loaded with talent of all sizes. Big Bob Schloss and little Joe Jordan are the cogs in the Bulldog attack. Schloss is their leading scorer, while Jordan is one of the best team men on the squad.

They have a veteran five which consists of Schloss, Jordan, Captain Bob Healy, E. L. Rainey, and Earl Davis. Coach Jim Whatley has been starting these boys in previous tilts, and in all probability he will stick with these men in Saturday night's game.

It was not the best game the Bears have turned in, but they knew they had a tough one, and they were out to take a win from the once Dixie Conference king. They seemed to be off both on shooting and passing, and just made enough for the needed amount.

Wilkes Carried Load

Glenn Wilkes carried most of the load for the Bears as he burned the net with 23 points for scoring honors. Wilkes couldn't account for his usual number under the basket but proved to the fans that he could hit from the outside as well. In seven trips to the free throw line he sank seven.

Little Mayes Dobbins, captain of the Bears, turned in one of the best performances for the locals. He not only played a top defensive game but showed spectators that short men can be valuable on rebounds by taking several off the backboard with taller men around.

Glenn Cassell, Bear guard, played a good all-around game and was the game-saver for the victors with his backboard play in the last 10 minutes.

Topped Visitors

For the Spartans, it was Bill Mullen and Mac Williams. Mullen topped the visitors in scoring with 17 points, and was one of the best and smoothest ball players on the court. Williams, a speedy and alert center, dropped in 12 markers.

Nat Webb and Dobbins started the fireworks with successive field goals. Mullens quickly came back with a two pointer and then the battle was really underway.

Mercer pulled further ahead, but the fighting Spartans woke up and brought the score to 13-12. Through the rest of the game the lead changed hands several times. With four minutes remaining in the first half, the visitors had established a 26-25 lead. Aulbert Kinsaul tied the game up at this point and a new fray started.

By intermission, Jack Booros, Tampa Guard, had put the Spartans ahead 35-34.

Defense Hard to Break

Mercer opened the second half with a seemingly new spark, but later found the Tampa defense hard to break through. They soon found several openings and pulled ahead 42-38. Then it was Tampa's turn again and they went on a rampage to take a 51-48 margin. At this point Mercer began to fade and the fans began hollering for a victory.

Wilkes and Cassell broke loose and started scoring to pull even with the losers at 56-56 and bring the stands to their feet. With bedlam uproading from the sidelines, the two Glenns garnered two apiece and gave the Bears a four-point lead with thirty seconds remaining. Mullens flipped in a goal with 10 seconds left and Mercer took over and held the ball until that all important final whistle.

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