

Bears Upset In Tourney Finals 59-55

Pender, Dixon, Bonner, Flowers, Woodcock Head All-Star Basketeers

By Winkie Harris

After careful consideration by team managers, referees, and the official scorer, the addition of the 1950 intramural "all-star" basketball team has been selected.

The Chihauhaus placed two men on the first five with Kappa Sigma, Alpha Tau Omega, and Sigma Nu landing one man each. As a body it contains superb shot makers and some of the top defensive players.

Each all-star, as an individual, probably contains the heart of the different teams. In other words, the team is the "cream of the crop".

Suppose we consider each player on the first team separately:

GUS PENDER: Standing six feet-two inches, was the leading scorer for the Sig's and second high scorer in the league with an average of around 17 points per game. Gus scored most of his points on a dangerous hook shot.

HAI, DIXON: Dixon stands six feet-one inch, and is a top representative from the Alpha Tau Omega five. He was top scorer in the league and averaged 20 points per tilt. Hal was a very hard scrapper under the basket, and this was one of the main reasons for the ATO's high final standing.

BOBBY BONNER: The Sigma Nu player is six feet-two inches tall, and led the Nu's in scoring, while standing third place in individual scoring in the league with an average of 15 points per game. While Bob was not flashy performer, he was a fast and smooth operator, both on offense and defense.

DUB FLOWERS: This athlete was a hard fighting basketeer on the Chihauhaus five, and he stands only five feet-ten inches tall. Dub was one of the scrappiest players on any of the teams. The "ballhawk" was an all-around man on the court.

WALDO WOODCOCK: Waldo is another member of the second place Chihauhaus. He was one of the shortest men in the league since he is only five feet-seven inches tall, but his shortness does not interfere with his ball playing. He can steal the ball easily from opponents and he has a set shot that is terrific.

Well! There you have the all-

Kappa Sigmas Are Basketball Stars As Season Ends

Kappa Sigma walked off with the 1950 intramural basketball championship last Thursday night as they ended the season undefeated by licking Kappa Alpha 46-33.

The battle found the Sigs holding the lead all the way. Pacing the champs was Gus Pender with 20 points. Richard Sholtz, Warren Brinson, Don Reeves, Jim Ray, Robert Bone, Bill Fountain, Buster Gaines, George Genung, and Charlie Davis were the other members on the top squad.

Billy Godwin starred for the losers as he dropped in 15 points.

In the second game of the last night's play, the Chihauhaus kept their second place standing by downing Sigma Nu 40-30. Charlie Hopkins led the winners with 13 points, while Sigma Nu forward Bobby Bonner dumped in 15 tallies.

In the final game of the season, Pi Kappa Phi outclassed Lambda Chi Alpha 26-12 to take their third victory.

star five. Another year of intramural basketball is over, or is it? Wouldn't you like to see the all-stars play the "B" varsity in a post season game? Most of the stars and B's are for it. How about you? Let's have this game before the season is past.

The second team chosen is as follows: Earl Allen, Chihauhaus; Charlie Hopkins, Chihauhaus; George Chamblee, Phi Delta Theta; Billy Godwin, Kappa Alpha; Billy Huggins, Sigma Nu; and Malcolm Lunceford, Alpha Tau Omega.

Honorable mention went to Warren Brinson, Kappa Sigma; Richard Sholtz, Kappa Sigma; Bobby Bonner, MIMA; William Marsh, Pi Kappa Phi; and Augie Kilpatrick and Gene Ethridge of the Miners.

IN THE BEAR'S DEN

With Bob Bonner
Cluster Sports Editor

Baseball season will soon be in the making for the 1950 season, and the Mercer Bears are not going to be late comers by any means. Coach Claude Smith, head baseball coach here at Mercer, already has his squad issued practice uniforms and is trying to round them into full form. For several days he has been working with his pitchers and catchers, and last Monday he issued the call for all candidates.



Bonner

Twenty-six enthusiastic lads answered the call, and among these were seven returnees and the rest newcomers. Heading the list are lettermen Marvin Cochran, catcher; Harold Dixon, infielder; Charlie Hopkins, infielder; Otis McKinney, pitcher; and Gus Pender, pitcher; returnees are Tom Keown, outfielder; and Bob Simpson, catcher.

New faces seen on the practice field are those of Paul Brigman, Jesse Duckworth, Tom Hall, Charles Hill, Jimmy Hines, Floyd Hoard, George Jones, Johnson Lane, Don Lewis, Robert McDermid, Hubert Rawlings, Robert Trotman, Duane West, C. G. Wiggins, Davis Wood, James Wynn, Milledge Smith, Dub Flowers, and Denny Garner.

Several of the newcomers will make bright prospects for the Bruin nine. Many of them have several years of experience behind them, both in high school, amateur, and state league ball. With several spots left vacant from last year, Smith will not have too much trouble in locating the right man. And too, several of the boys returning on the first nine had better hustle as the new ones will be right in there pitching and battling for that first string berth.

Last year the Bruins won nine games and lost eight. One of the wins was over the strong Duke Blue Devils from up thar in North Carolina. That was the first win for the Bears last year, and after that they took 'em going and coming. Practice and game site will be at Willingham Field over behind Lanier High School. This field is used because Mercer's diamond has not been completed yet.

DISA AND DATA

Well, the red clad Kappa Sigma "Cats" have done it again. They racked up another undefeated record for their second this year. In the fall they knocked down all opponents in the football league, and in the recent basketball tournament there was no team that could stop them. One of the factors in the championship squad lies in the managing department. Punt Walker, Baby Bear player and varsity substitute, coached the Sigs in the hardwood tilts.

Four seniors have completed their performances on the hardwood for Mercer University. Last week these boys donned the orange and black uniforms for the last time before a home crowd in Porter Gymnasium. Glenn Wilkes, Mayes Dobbins, Sonny Bivins, and Aubert Kinsaul are the departing Bears who will be in the graduating class this year.

An interesting note—Coach Cowan was reading a news feature in the sports section of the Macon News last Friday afternoon and came to a story written by your sports editor. The title of the story read "Wilkes Departure Leaves Sadness in Gym". Cowan related that it should read "Wilkes Departure Leaves Sadness in Jim". Pretty good pun! Jim is the first name of Cowan.

Team Takes Millsaps, Mississippi In First Tilts

Mercer's highly rated Bear basketeers went to the final round of the Dixie Conference tournament held in Tallahassee, Florida, this week, but could not click in the all important tilt as they had been doing and fell in a major upset to the Florida Southern Moccassins by a slim score of 59-55.

The Bears entered the tournament in the favorite's role after having copped first place in the conference standings. They rampaged over two opponents and were favored over the Moccassins in the last game.

Mercer's brilliant forward, Glenn Wilkes, was named co-captain of the all-tournament five, while teammate Glenn Cassell was placed on the second team. Mercer will play in the District NAIB tournament to be held in Tampa this week-end. The Bears will journey to Tampa today instead of returning home.

Southerns Move Out Front

In last night's game the Southerners came from behind to roll to victory. Pocky Pegg was the big factor in the win as he kept F.S.C. in the game all the way and racked up 20 points.

Glenn Wilkes tallied 18 markers for Mercer to bring his season's total to 609.

The game was a see-saw battle all through the first half with the Bears holding a slight edge at intermission time. After half time Mercer fired several two-pointers in and it seemed as though they had the game under control.

Then the Southerners began to roll. Moccassin guard Lou Hufnagel whipped in a field goal that sent his team out front and on to victory.

Bears Stomp Millsaps

Mercer gained a final play-off berth by knocking off Millsaps and Mississippi College in the first two nights. On Monday night, the initial game day, the Bears took it easy with Millsaps from Jackson, Miss., and ended up on the big end of a 74-37 score.

After 14 minutes of play, the Bear first stringers had the game so well under control that Coach Jim Cowan flooded the floor with his substitutes. The subs then made it a hard battle for the Generals' varsity.

Forward Nathan Webb of Mercer banged his head with Bobby Pruitt, Millsaps' forward and both players had to leave the game. Webb suffered a bad cut over his left eye.

Glenn Wilkes, the sharpshooting forward for Mercer, only shot eight times at the basket during the first half and made good seven of them. He total 22 points for the night to give him top scoring honors.

Prance Over Mississippi

In the semi-final round, Mercer tangled with Mississippi College and pranced over them to the tune of 80 to 62.

Wilkes again sparked the Bear drive as he netted 25 points for the night. He pulled his team to an early lead and the Baptist boys were never threatened by Miss.

The Bears' Captain Mayes Dobbins turned in his top performances. While Dobbins is not a high scorer, he dumped in 10 points besides his floor work and passing. Glenn Cassell totaled 16 points for the Bears to rank behind Wilkes in scoring.

Bears Overpower Troy, 95-74 Fri.

Four seniors sang their farewell song to Porter gymnasium and the home crowd Friday night by taking the spotlight in the Mercer-Troy fray which the local high-stepping Bears took in a 95-74 easy victory.

The total of points rung up by the Bears was the largest for the Mercer quintet on the home court this year. Glenn Wilkes, Captain Mayes Dobbins, Aubert Kinsaul, and Sonny Bivins sparked the locals in their last home tilt.

Wilkes was the standout of the fray as he sent 36 points blazing through the hoops. In the first half he was instrumental in the large lead established as he looped in 24 markers.

Clements followed Wilkes in scoring with 16 points while Nathan Webb was next with 13. Bill Williams sparked the losers with 25 points.

Students Classify Today, Tomorrow

Students who have not yet classified for the spring quarter are asked to do so today or tomorrow, according to an announcement made in chapel this week.

The proper procedure for classification is to first obtain a schedule at the registrar's office, decide the courses preferred, and then meet with the faculty advisor to make final decisions and make out a classification slip. This slip should be taken immediately to Dean Otis Knight's office.

It is to be understood that this classification is for the student's benefit and will help considerably in making registration easier and quicker.

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