

MERCER FOOTBALL TEAM HOLDS GEORGIA TO LOW SCORE OF 7-0

ROBINSON'S MEN ARE PRAISED IN BIG GAME

By Hugh Awtry.
The official score-board at Sanford Field last week tallied a count of 7 to 9, with the Georgia Bulldogs holding odds against the Mercer Baptists in a certain argument engaged in on the grid-iron.

Georgia won the football game, and it logically follows that Mercer lost it.

But on the great score board of southern football, in the sport pages of the daily press, and in the minds of thousands of admirers and even rivals of the Orange and Black, an entirely different record is indelibly written. Georgia scored a physical victory after a struggle hectic in its every detail; the Battling Baptists scored a moral one.

For many years struggling upward her progress slow and painful, her obstacles seemingly insurmountable, Mercer University, with the first clash of the 1923 grid season behind her, has knocked loudly at the door of the football world—and has been accorded a cheerful admittance.

And whereas, in former years, the Orange and Black eleven, after the season's initial battle with Georgia, lay broken and bleeding, a pitiful remnant of the ineffective grid machine that was, there now faces forward in glorious contrast a team, not weakened and disorganized by a task beyond its capacity, but one richer with the experience of a great fight; one whose physical condition is as good as it was before the Athens pilgrimage—and one whose morale not undermined by appalling defeat is strengthened for future encounters.

Stepping Out

The Mercer Baptists many years ago made her debut on the gridiron, but due to the then comparatively small student body and many other stumbling blocks that made difficult the path of her athletic ambitions, she was forced to content herself with playing the role of the wall flower. The 1923 proteges of Coach Stanley Robinson, however, are far from the wall. They have stepped out into the middle of the carpet. Praise from the tongues of friend and rival has given glowing testimony to this fact.

The Orange and Black is now recognized as a combination of standard brand. It has entrenched itself on South's football field and there remains a power to be reckoned with. Clippings from the press substantiate these statements, for:

The Atlanta Constitution says:

"The University of Georgia ran against a tartar, Mercer. Georgia crowded in its reserves but the Baptists held. It proved a nip and tuck game, ending 7-0 in Georgia's favor. Mercer will continue to play good football, while Georgia will have to take on strength to stand up under its heavy schedule."

Others Say

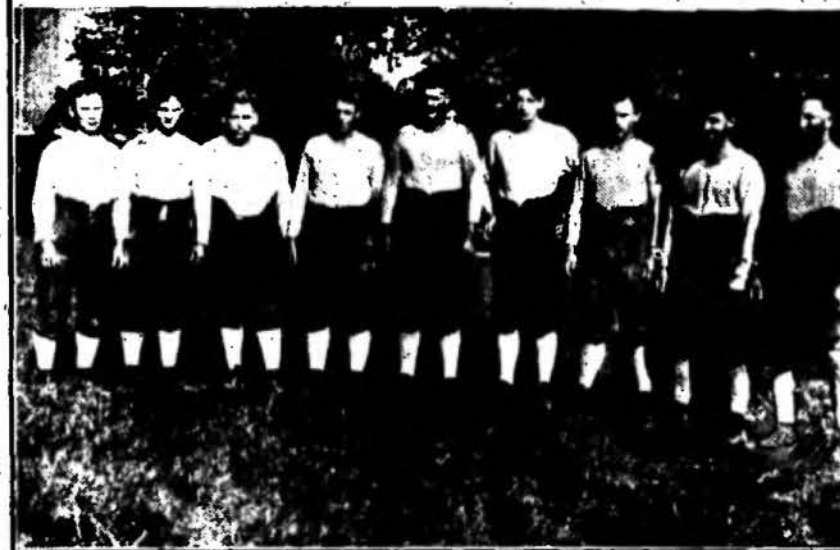
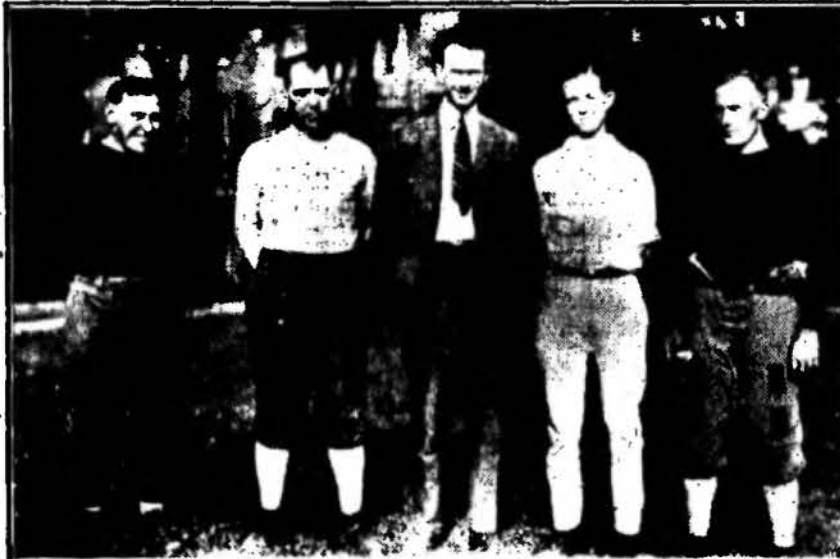
The Atlanta Georgian says:

"Only the most extreme vigilance and alertness saved the day from a scoreless tie and turned a bitterly fought battle into a 7-0 victory for the Red and Black."

The Macon News says:

"Selecting the best player on Mer-

FURMAN HORNETS HERE FIRST GAME GRID SEASON SATURDAY



SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING REASONS WHY MERCER HELD UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA TO A LOW SCORE OF 7-0

BOTH TEAMS SEEM TO BE EQUALLY MATCHED

Hornets Expect Great Fight—And So Do Baptists.

Mercer may not defeat the Purple Hurricane from Greenville tomorrow afternoon at Alumni Field, but if determination to win means anything at all there is going to be one of the hardest grid battles ever staged in Macon, for Coach Robinson's lads seem to be ready to fight to the last ditch to annex that football game.

To quote the Atlanta Constitution: "Furman, a small university located in the Piedmont section of the lower Carolinas, with its team called the Purple Hurricane, has been blowing speedy zephyrs around Southern grids for three years. Saturday it roared against the huskies of the University of Virginia, and when it had spent its fury, its colors were on top of the pile, 13 to 0. Fast and splendid in its aerial attacks resulted in Furman defeating the Old Dominion team."

So at first blush supporters of the

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cer's team would be like trying to pick the best angel in heaven."

The Macon Daily Telegraph says:

"When the Mercer University football team played Georgia in Athens last year the score was 40 to 0 with the zero going to Mercer. On Saturday of last week the boys of the Red and Black must have been more or less surprised. They did not have the same easy sailing they had last year. They foud themselves up against a greatly superior aggregation of ball-playing youngsters. The score of 7 to 0 puts Mercer rih up in the top class."

Dr. Sanford, Director of Athletics at the University, and founder of the S. I. C., says:

"Coach Stanley Robinson is the best coach who ever came into the South."

MANY STATES AND FOREIGN NATIONS NOW AT MERCER

Total Enrollment Is Hovering Around 1,000 Mark.

FACULTY INCREASED

Four Hundred Courses in Fourteen Departments Offered.

With eighteen states and six foreign countries represented in the student body, Mercer University, in the second school week of its first college year, is well established into what promised to be the greatest session in the history of the institution.

The books in the registrar's office Wednesday morning showed the enrollment to have reached 712; bringing the total academic registration figures up to 926. Registration and matriculation is continuing throughout the week with substantial gains shown daily. A large number of students who were unable to be present at the first official week of the opening session have been added to the books, and it is thought by officials that the enrollment will be well over the thousand mark before the end of the current term. Counting all summer courses the enrollment is over 1200.

"I am confident," stated President Rufus Weaver when questioned regarding the registration, "that the enrollment figures will reach our goal of 1,000 students before the end of the term, in view of the fact that the present registration is over 900, and the 300 more than that at the corresponding time last year."

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS FEATURES 91st OPENING

Among the eighteen states represented in the student body are Maine, New York, California, Iowa, Illinois, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Kentucky and states nearer Georgia. All Southern States have this year sent students to Mercer.

World Recognition

Scotland, China, Korea, Cuba, Brazil, Porto Rico, and Canada have representatives in the campus organization club. The fact that Mercer's enrollment, although substantially composed of Georgia and Southern boys, has so many men from distant lands and foreign countries is glowing testimony to its world reputation.

The faculty has been augmented by the addition of sixteen new members, necessary to meet the increased student attendance. The new faculty members are always maintained constant in their efforts to provide the best possible attention to each individual student in the classroom.

Many new courses have been added to the college curriculum, the possible selection now being much broadened and enabling students to take certain subjects that were not previously offered. The 91 members of the faculty can give ample time to the needs of the student body and personal attention is assured despite the heavy enrollment in the 400 courses offered.

The following schools are now open to the members of the student body: Graduate School, College of Arts and Sciences, School of Law, Theology, Commerce, Journalism, Education, Pre-Medical, Pre-Engineering, Pre-Legal, Night School of Commerce, Summer School, Boy Scout Executives of the Southeast, and the Woman's Institute for Training in Civic Leadership.

Georgia's First Citizen Gives Practical Advice Study Body. Dr. Quillian Offers Invocational.

Dr. W. F. Quillian, president of the University, gave the invocation at the opening of the 91st session of the University of Georgia at Athens, Georgia, on Saturday, October 6, 1923. The address was a practical one, dealing with the duties of the student body and the responsibilities of the citizen. He urged the students to be diligent in their studies and to be active in their participation in the life of the campus. He also mentioned the importance of the student body in the development of the state and the nation.

Other Prominent Speakers

Preceding the address by the governor, Mayor Luther Williams, in behalf of the city, and Charles B. Lewis for the civic and commercial organizations, extended the student body a hearty welcome. Cooperation of the city with the activities of Mercer was assured by these two prominent citizens with the hope that every success and good fortune would attend the institution in its work during the coming year. President W. F. Quillian.

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