

Bear TRACKS

By EDESEL DOROUGH

Coach Smith and his baseball nine have really strutted their stuff this week. Although the baseball team consists of freshmen or newcomers to Mercer they have made a record for themselves this year.

The Bears won six conference games and dropped only three during the season, to come out on top. Howard College of Jackson, Miss., has a record of 4 wins and 2 losses which gives them the same percentage as Mercer but on the other hand they have no played as many conference games as Mercer.

Probably Have Championship

Coach Smith says that they probably have the Dixie Conference championship but he will not be sure until it is announced at conference committee meeting Saturday.

While on the road this week the Bears took 3 games out of a possible 5.

Winning pitchers for Mercer were McKenny, Don Lewis and Jim Thompson.

Patrick and Powers Led Hitters

Jack Patrick and Cliff Powers led the Bears in batting while on the road. Most of the team aided in their turn at bat but Jack and Cliff were the most consistent.

Billy White and Harry Lockhart put in their two bits against Miss. College when Billy slugged a homer with the bases loaded and Harry got a triple with two on. Marvin Cochran behind the plate for Mercer played a whale of a ball game without any assistance throughout the five game series due to the fact of Dean's absence because of illness.

Lefty Reeder got two homers against Mississippi College with nobody on base during the second game.

Boys Deserve to Win

These boys deserve to win this year. They have worked hard every day and played their best in competition against other schools.

Coach Smith says, "They're hustlers and have improved considerably because of their high spirits which aids in the making of a ball game." He also added that "practice and hard work helps a lot."



CLUSTER INTRAMURAL All-Stars are ready for that ball. kneeling, left to right, Bill Marsh, pitcher; Bill Morrow, center-field; Roger Benton, third base; and Harold Rowland, catcher. Second row, Red McDaniel, left field; Gus Johnson, second base; John Carter, short stop, and Fred Barnes, right field. Not present for the picture was John Morris, first base.

Thinclads Seek Second Dixie Conference Crown in Mississippi

Coach Jim Cowan's track team left this morning for Clinton, Miss., seeking their second Dixie Conference crown in three seasons, Saturday.

The Bears, in the '49 season copped the first Dixie Conference track championship since its re-organization in 1949.

Last year, however, Florida State University captured the title with the Bear's running a close second for runner up.

In the meet Saturday Florida State will likely be the favorite for the crown with Mercer and Mississippi College following up.

For the Bears Captain Bob Reeder will be favored in the high and broad jump and will also be a strong contestant in the dashes.

And Anderson and Malcolm Lunceford are expected to be strong in the weight events.

Ebb Kilpatrick will be seeking a new record in the two-mile run and will also capture points in the mile.

Howard Drops Bear Nine

Mercer's Bob Reeder and Howard's Bill France locked horns Saturday in a tight pitcher's battle, only to see Howard score two runs in the fifth to win, 4-2.

Reeder, who allowed the Terriers only six base blows, had held his opponents at bay until the fifth inning, when rightfielder Fred Liles singled two runs

home. Those tallies gave France the working margin he needed to whip the Bears.

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VICTORIOUS BEARS are sure of a tie for the Conference Championship. Members of the baseball team are: first row, Fred Malone, manager; Walter Burkhalter, outfield; Paul Brigman, outfield; David Hyde, bat boy; Don Lewis, Otis McKinney, pitchers; Marvin Cochran, catcher. Second row, Bill White, outfield; George Kushinka, second base; Mac Thompson, short stop; Cliff Powers, second base; Bill Scott, outfield; and Coach Claude Smith. Third row, Vasolin Hoffich, first base; Glenn Cassell, outfield; Jack Patrick, short stop; Harry Lockheart, third base; Tom Keown, pitcher; and Jim Thompson, pitcher.

Netmen Slated for Second Spot In Dixie Meet Friday, Saturday

Mercer's greatest tennis team in many years will enter the Dixie Conference in Jackson Mississippi on Friday and Saturday of this week. They will probably be seeded second as vaunted Florida State will be the favorite to repeat their win of last year.

The Bears, sporting a record of nine wins, six losses, do, however, have a good chance of emerging victorious. John Schumpert and Sellers Parker will be in bracket one with Larry Dickson of F.S.U. and Seymour of Southern, plus the number one and two men from Howard, Millsaps, Mississippi College, and Oglethorpe.

The scoring in the Conference is determined upon the matches won by the individual performers from the different schools. Should Schumpert and Parker both draw players from schools with second-rate tennis teams for their first couple of matches, Mercer's chances of winning would be much better.

Waldo Woodcock and Gus Rice will represent Mercer in bracket two, and with Cooper from F.S.U. will be the favorites. Bert Schwartz and "Sonny" Tharp will also be strong competition against their opponents.

In the doubles, Parker and Benning will be the number one doubles while Schumpert and Woodcock and Schwartz and Rice will play in the second and third, doubles, respectively.

The netters left on Tuesday, and played Millsaps and Mississippi College before entering the tournament.

Making the trip with the first group will be John Schumpert, Sellers Parker, Gus Rice, Waldo Woodcock, Bert Schwartz, and Coach Mayfield. Due to studies, Benning and Tharp will not arrive in Jackson until time for the Dixie Conference.

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Howard's Wade Wallace was the big stickman in the win with three hits, including a triple.

Bears Gain Tie for First

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picked him off base immediately. Right fielder Paul Brigman slashed a savage triple to right field to drive in the two runners, and was scored by Otis McKinney's single.

In the second fracas, things went along smoothly until the big Mercer fifth, when they scored six counters to give Big Jim Thompson his first win of the season.

Cochran started the scoring in the fifth when he went to first on a hit pitch. Lockhart singled to left, and Thompson deposited a single to center, scoring Cochran. Patrick singled to right, and White hit a grand-slam homer to ice the game. Two batters later, Reeder hit a round-tripper with nobody on.

By the time Mississippi rallied in the nightcap, it was too late, and Mercer had too many tallies. They got to Thompson for three in the last of the seventh, but they were merely a gallant las sand.

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Reeder, Keown (5), McKinney (7), and Cochran, Hahn, Benson (7), and Fall.			

Emory Golfers Trounce Mercer

Emory's golf team took a one-sided match 24-3, from the Mercer Bears in Atlanta Wednesday, May 15.

The Bears had previously defeated Emory by a similar margin.

It was the Bear's final match of the season.

Larry Blum continued his one-man team tactics for the Mercer linksmen as he fired a 37-35-72 for even par figures to defeat Emory's No. 1 man, Bob Kirkland, 2-1. Kirkland had a 75.

Richard Waters defeated Mercer's Blue Birdsey, 3-0, in a battle between the No. 2 men, as Waters fired a 74 and Birdsey a 79.

Mercer won only a half point in the foursome, and a half point won by Bill Coleman in the third foursome was the Bear's total output.

Mercer ended its golf season with four wins and seven defeats. They play in the Dixie Conference tourney in Clinton, Miss., Friday and Saturday.

Bears Split Two With Millsaps

Millsaps and Mercer, playing in Jackson, Miss., split a double-header baseball game Monday.

The Bears won the opener 7-1, but dropped the nightcap 4-1.

Don Lewis, Mercer righthander, one run to register the win.

Shortstop Jack Patrick tallied the first run on Billy White's single. When Millsaps errored the ball, White raced home with the second, and winning, tally.

The Bruins scored four more insurance runs in the second to eliminate all doubt as to the winner early. Lewis was in complete control except for the third frame, when Millsaps tallied their lone marker.

Millsaps wrapped up the second contest in the fourth inning, when Johnny Miller slapped a three-run homer.

Harry Lockhart, Bear third sacker, scored their only counter on an error, which put him on second, and an errorer throw of a ball hit by Glen Cassell, center gardener.

Tom Keown, the hard-luck kid, lost the decision, which went to Woods.

Openings for Entries in Faculty Tennis Tourney, Starts Monday

By Winkie Harris

All Mercer faculty members who have ever played tennis in any shape, form or fashion are requested to pay their entrance fee of twenty-five cents to Dr. Ed Johnston before Monday, May 21, so that they may be eligible to compete in the forthcoming faculty tennis tournament.

There are openings for further entries, and the fees will be used to assist in providing a trophy for the winner.

This tournament, the likes of which have never been seen on Mercer's campus before, will pit faculty members from most of the departments at Mercer in single elimination matches.

The first round matches must be

played on Monday, while all of the second round matches must be played either Monday or Tuesday. Opponents are to arrange the time for their first and second round matches.

Listed below are the pairings for the first and second round:

- First Round**
- Vance vs. Stansfield (only match)
- Second Round**
- First bracket:** Cowan vs. Barnett, Smith vs. Floyd.
- Second bracket:** Johnston vs. Reid; Thomson vs. Daughtrey.
- Third bracket:** Bryan vs. winner, Vance-Stansfield; Atkinson vs. King.
- Fourth bracket:** Mayfield vs. Bryant; Tonnar vs. Beckman.

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