

Mass Exodus To Clinton, Mississippi, Starts Today

Tennis and Golf Teams Bid for Dixie Laurels

Mercer's golf team will be defending their Dixie Conference championship, and the tennis squad will try to improve on last year's second place finish in the conference meets this weekend in Clinton, Mississippi.

Last year the Bear linksmen won the title on default when a couple of the other entrants made last minute withdrawals. They are expected to face rougher competition this time.

They will draw heavily on the experience of Larry Blum, Bear number one golfer, in the play. He and freshman Larry Moore give the Bears formidable opposition, even if they are not toughened to tournament play yet.

Millsaps will probably be the team to beat.

Tennis Prospects Good

Bruin racketeers placed second in the tournament last season, and although visibly weaker, stand a good chance to better that record now. Florida State, last year's champs, have withdrawn from the conference.

Sellers Parker heads the Bear aggregation in his number one spot. He and Keith Benning will be placed in a bracket with the first two men from the other entering schools.

Captain Bert Schwartz will be placed in the second bracket, as will Tommy Knotts. They are the number three and four men. They will also team in doubles play.

Chaffin Out

Mercer will be without the services of Harry Chaffin, forced to remain at home with his family. Chaffin, regularly playing in the number four slot, had been one of the most consistent men to perform for the Bears.

Billy Fallin and Lynn Fowler make up the squad in the last two spots. Fowler has not seen too much service this year.



THE MERCER BEARS pose happily after the game with Florida Southern which cinched the Dixie Conference Pennant. From left to right they are, front row: Vasil Hoffich, first baseman; Mack Thompson, catcher; Billy White, pitcher-outfielder; Bobby Wilder, second baseman. Second row: Bill Hollingsworth, catcher; Don Lewis, pitcher; Cliff Powers, shortstop; Nick Strickland, pitcher; Dan Hammack, outfielder; Duke Bryan, utility man; Bill Hull; infielder; Harry Lockhart, third baseman; Don Carter, pitcher; Paul Brigman, outfielder; Claude Smith, coach.

Mercer Annexes Conference Title With 5-4 Win Over Fla. Southern

By Avon Buice

The Mercer Bears cinched the Dixie Conference Pennant in the second game of a twin bill with the Moccasins from Florida Southern at Willingham Field by a score of 5-4, Saturday.

Mear catcher, Mack Thompson, received credit for the all important RBI in the eighth inning of the scheduled inning game.

Thompson's down-the-line triple came after Bruins' first sacker, Vassel Hoffich, waited out a walk to put the winning run on the paths with one away in the inning.

Duke Bryan, pinch-hitting in the seventh, dented the plate to score the tying run on a Moccasin error, a stolen base, and a passed ball by the pitcher.

Winning pitcher was fast-baller Billy White, who gave the boys from Florida Southern only four runs, collected by six hits, and only one base on balls.

Bob Sengar took the loss after winning the first game of the day. Sengar in his second game of the afternoon gave up five runs off of four hits and one walk.

The Moccasins led the Bears from the second inning when they took the lead, 2-1, tacking on two more in the fifth, and were 4-3 going into what was supposed to be the last of the seventh inning.

Saturday results gave the Mercer diamonders a 6-2 record in Dixie Conference play.

Florida Southern holds the other Conference win from the Bears, also. This win was taken on the Southern diamond in Deland, April 18.

In the first game Moccasin ace, Bob Sengar, slammed the door in the face of the Bears, giving up no runs and only four hits for an 18-0 win.

Losing pitcher was Don Lewis who gave up four runs, four hits, and one base on balls during his stay on the mound.

Mercer hurlers Jim Thompson, Don Carter, and Nick Strickland also saw action in the game, giving up a combined total of fourteen runs, seventeen hits, and ten bases on balls.

Phi Mu Garners Badminton Crown

Phi Mu swept through three rounds of girls intramural badminton without a setback to win in a walk, but the softball picture is quite snarled with three teams in a playoff for the championship.

Phi Mu's lassies were too much for the rest of the pack, and came through undaunted in seasonal play. The matches were finished May 5.

AD Pi, the second round winner, Chi Omega, and Phi Mu are in a playoff for the first round softball title. AD Pi and Chi O begin the series Tuesday afternoon on the Mercer athletic field.

Phi Mu, who drew a bye, will meet the winner at a later date.

The winner of the first round title will meet the second stanza victor for the championship.

Trackmen Have Standouts in Tow As They Aim for Conference Crown

The Mercer cindermen journeyed to Clinton, Mississippi today, where they will be seeking top place in the Dixie Conference track meet to be held there Saturday.

Lockhart Leads Assault on Profs

The superb hitting of Mercer third sacker, Harry Lockhart, helped the Bears to bring home another last game victory Tuesday, as they beat the Professors 9-8 at Georgia Teachers College in Statesboro.

Lockhart lashed out a double to drive in what proved to be the winning run in the top of the ninth inning of a very exciting and hard fought game.

With the score tied going into the ninth, and two away, Billy White singled to put the winning run on the base paths. Lockhart then hit for a two-bagger which drove White across to chalk up the winning margin.

Lockhart had an excellent day at the plate, driving out a triple, a double, and a single in his five times at bat.

Lewis Wins

Mercer's number one hurler, Don Lewis, received credit for the win. Lewis, using his excellent curve and change-of-pace pitches, turned the Profs away with only five hits and five bases on balls.

This is the eighth consecutive last-game-of-the-season win for Bears. Coach Smith relates that they have lost only one final tilt, which was rained out in the fifth inning.

Carrying their new Dixie Conference pennant, the Bears were plenty sharp in their last tilt. Fielding was almost errorless and hits seemed to link together at just the right time to keep the Champs in the lead.

The Bears have been runners-up to Florida State University for the championship the last two years, and in '48 they won the crown.

The thinclads will meet strong competition from Mississippi College, Howard, and Millsaps, who will also be contending for the crown.

In the pole vault Richard Reid has bettered his Conference record of 11'6" to 12 feet. Teammate Billy Bryant has soared 12 feet 6 inches in that event.

LeRoy Holds Record

Julian LeRoy, Conference half-mile record holder of 2 minutes 1.2 seconds, has come within less than two seconds of that time in regular season competition.

Flip Jones, who is expected to score highly in both hurdle races for the Bears, is suffering from a pulled leg muscle but is hoped that he will be able to run Saturday.

Coach Nyimicz has not yet definitely squared off the runners in their respective events but Kevin Sumner and Ebb Kilpatrick in the mile and two-mile, Buddy Ridley in the 440 yard dash, Herman Bloodworth, high jumper, and Joe Watson, discus, are other men who will be strong contenders for top places.

Bobby Bonner, Alvin Shackelford, Bobby Bramlett are expected to be the Bear's hope in the dashes. Bill Bonner, half miler, and Hunter Johnson, hurdler, will also add points for the cinder squad.

The team consisted of 23 men. Trials for the running events will be held Saturday morning with the finals of the meet being run off Saturday night.

Reserve Commissions Issued Friday To Sixty-One ROTC by Tonnar

The third Mercer University ROTC activity held during Armed Forces Week will be the reserve commissioning exercises, which will take place before the entire Mercer University Student Body at Chapel at 10 a.m., Friday.

The young men will be presented by Colonel Wiley B. Tonnar to Dr. Spright Dowell, President of Mercer University, for their certificates. The Mercer ROTC Band will furnish music for the program.

Students who have completed their entire ROTC course, including Summer Camp, will receive certificates of completion of the military training required for reserve commission. Sixty-one students will receive their certificate of completion, of which thirty-six will be commissioned second lieutenants in the Reserve in May. The other twenty-five will complete their ROTC course, but will not receive their commission at this time because they are non-veterans and must complete four years of academic work, which they will do next year.

Five Already Given

In addition, five students have received their reserve commission during this school year and two more will receive their commission at the end of Summer ROTC Camp, July 31, 1952 at Fort Lee, Virginia.

The following students have completed ROTC Training and are to be awarded commissions as second lieutenants in the Quartermaster Reserve: Archie C. Absher, Cecil A. Brooks, James E. Carroll, Benjamin F. Chiles, Durwood H.

Davis, Thomas W. Dobbs, Hunter C. Johnson, Jr., Carl E. Lancaster,

Jack R. Meadows, Jozef F. Sena, Fred J. Sineath, Jr., Charles H. Teal, Jewel B. Walker, all of Macon; Earl N. Bridgman, Thomaston, Bruce D. Dubberly, Jr., Glennville, Billy G. Fallin, Moultrie, Jesse R. Hallman, Atlanta,

Robert M. Jones, Cochran, James R. Lewis, Norman Park, James G. Maddox, LaGrange, Harvey J. Mills, Hilton, James C. Moughan, Gray; Sellers Parker, Jr., Savannah; Harold L. Sangster, Vienna; William I. Sheffield, Newton;

Shelley M. Simmons, Eatonton, Grover W. Smith, Hogansville; Silas L. Thomas, Reese J. Vaughn, both of Forsyth; Spencer D. Walker, Newnan; Emory M. Wilson, Fort Valley; Frank R. Keasler, Jacksonville, Florida; Glenn C. Long, Callahan, Florida; Jack E. Senter, Kipling, North Carolina; and Fred M. Gibson, Selma, Alabama.

Robert C. Jones, Macon; Clyde L. Armour, Jr., Columbus; and George J. L. Napier, Milledgeville; of the Mercer Unit, were commissioned in December, 1951. John R. Calhoun, Macon, was commissioned in January 1952; while Robert E. Baynard, Macon, Georgia, was commissioned in March, 1952.

The two students who receive their reserve commission at the end of Summer Camp, Fort Lee, Virginia, are Tolar H. Boone and Joseph L. Boland, Jr., both of Macon.

Bert Struby, executive editor of the Macon Telegraph, will deliver an address during the exercises.

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