

Three Bear Squads Cinch Crowns

Racketeers Rout Final Matches

With every Mercer man reaching the Dixie Conference tennis finals in Clinton, Mississippi, Saturday afternoon, the Bears came home with their first loop championship after chalking up 15 points to lead Millsaps, who tallied 9.

The Bears, riding on the crest of a sparkling late-season drive, rode roughshod over the other three teams entered in the meet. They dropped finals matches only in the number five singles and the first two doubles.

Sellers Parker, the elongated Savannah senior, paced the Bears by winning the individual championship. He came home with straight set wins, winning his final match over Millsaps' Rodney Jeffries, 6-4, 6-1.

Parker, who had captained the Bruins last year came in for warm remarks from Coach Mayfield.

The meet upset the dope cart, for Millsaps had ruled as the pre-game favorite.

Number two stoker Keith Benning swept Mississippi College's Hannah off the courts in the finals to win 6-0, 6-2.

Captain Bert Schwartz handed Lee, Millsaps, a solid licking in the third flight. The scores were 6-0, 6-1.

Consistent Tommy Knotts had an easy 6-2 first set, then had to stave off a desperate rally by Millsaps' Frazier to win the second one 11-9. Mercer's only defeat in singles play came when Frazier, another Millsaps product dropped the first set 5-7, then returned to capture the next two 6-2, 6-1.

Lynn Fowler, the only Bruin to come through unscathed during tourney play, in both singles and doubles, eked out a 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 victory over Mississippi's Pope.

Fowler and Fallin annexed the Bears only doubles win when they overcame Mississippi's combine of Jones and Vessell.



VICTORIOUS COACHES of Mercer's five Dixie Conference championship squads discuss prospects for next year in front of Porter Gymnasium. They are Mel Mayfield, Dan Nyimicz, Claude Smith, Zeb Vance, and George Connell.

Monogram Club Hears Grace Speak At Annual Banquet; Leroy Awarded

Mercer's Monogram club heard an address by W. T. Grace, a former Bear star athlete, to top off an evening of festivities Tuesday night at Roberts Grill.

Grace, a prominent Macon attorney, had praise for the records compiled by Bruin aggregations this year. He said that the squads had compiled a record that would last through the years.

Forty-nine Mercer athletes were present at the banquet to receive awards for their participation.

The highlight of the evening's activities came when diminutive Bobby Wilder was given the trophy for being selected the outstanding athlete of the year on the campus. The award was made by

President Springht Dowell.

Julian LeRoy, just back from leading the Bear track team to the Dixie Conference Championship, was selected the most outstanding track man of the year. He received a trophy emblematic of the honor.

Club president Dub Flowers presented the coaches of the five teams who had annexed conference championships. They were given in appreciation of their work.

IN STUDENT POLL

Bobby Wilder Given MOA Award For Basketball, Baseball Prowess

By Avon Buice

Dynamite comes in small packages? That's right, and the most powerful thing on this campus as far as athletics go is little Bobby Wilder.

Last Tuesday the students of Mercer recognized him as such when they elected him to receive the most valuable player trophy, given by Peeler Hardware Company each year.

Bob was presented this trophy Tuesday night at the "M" club banquet held at Roberts Grill.

Bobby comes to Mercer via Fort Valley High School and Brewton Parker Junior College.

While in high school, Wilder lettered in three sports. He lettered two years in basketball, one year in football, and two years in track.

Although a standout on the Mercer basketball squad, Bob relates that he never made the starting squad in high school.

Bob held the Fort Valley one-half mile distance record for two years.

Bobby actually began his basketball career at Brewton Parker During his stay there he made the

Linksmen Finish 60 Strokes Ahead

After Larry Moore had turned in medalist honors in the Dixie Conference golf tournament with a score of 76, Mercer went on to finish 62 points ahead of Millsaps and cinch the league title last Saturday in Clinton, Mississippi.

The Bear squad, composed of Moore, Larry Blum, Billy Snow, and Buzzy Hall, had a score of 663 for 144 holes. Millsaps finished with a total of 695.

The Bears and Millsaps were the only teams to enter complete four man teams.

Moore had a 36 hole total of 154, Blum a 157, Snow a 160, and Hall 162. All of them won their individual matches.

George Connell acted as coach for the squad this season.

Lockhart Leads Bruin Hitters

Hefty Harry Lockhart, Mercer baseball captain, swatted a neat 380 to pace Bear batsmen this season, official figures released this week stated.

Tabulations showed him well ahead of Dan Hammack, who posted a .354 average to lodge in the runner-up slot.

Here is a summary of Bear averages for the season:

	AB	H	A
Lockhart	63	24	.380
Hammack	65	23	.354
White	61	21	.344
Powers	70	18	.257
Wilder	52	14	.269
Bryan	31	9	.290
M. Thompson	59	14	.237
Hofflich	61	12	.196
Brigman	55	9	.163
Lewis	36	8	.222
J. Thompson	8	4	.500
B. Carter	4	1	.250
B. Bryant	6	2	.333

Two Records Set By Mercer Stars In Track Meet

The Mercer track team closed out its 1952 season last Saturday by winning the Dixie Conference meet, outscoring Mississippi College 82 to 73 in Clinton, Mississippi.

Herman Bloodworth, freshman jumper from Dry Branch, went high in the air to grab himself a conference record in the high jump. He soared over the bar a 6'2 1/2" to knock 1/8 of an inch off the old record, set by Tanner of Oglethorpe in 1949.

Mercer's pole vaulting twins—Richard Reid and Billy Bryant—set a dual record by clearing 11' 10 1/2". The previous record of 11' set in 1951, was held by Lamar Clements and Reid.

Mercer captured top honors in seven events while they were scoring 82 points. Runner-up Mississippi College tallied 73. Howard was third with 41, and Millsaps fourth at 24.

High point man of the meet for the Bears was Reid, who tied for first in two events, giving him a total of nine points. Beside the pole vault, Reid was equalled by Akin, Millsaps, in the broad jump.

Billy Bryant added his high jump record and pole vault feat to place just behind Reid.

Kevin Sumner, who had been sidelined because of a pulled muscle for a month, won the mile and took a fourth in the two mile.

Julian LeRoy broke the tape in the half mile, finishing the distance in the excellent time of 2:02.8. He finished his intercollegiate career by taking his second consecutive conference win.

Joe Watson bettered his longest previous by ten feet as he hurled the discus 126 feet to a first place in the competition.

Mercer's mile relay team, made up of four freshmen, captured one of the hardest fought victories of the evening as they nosed out Mississippi at the tape. The quartet, made to believe that only a relay first would win the team championship, turned in by far their most impressive performance of the season.

The team is composed of Tommy Huckaby, Billy Bonner, Bob Bramblett, and Buddy Ridley.

the only thing in which Bob excels. Reliable sources state that Bob has maintained a very high academic rating, and upon finishing Brewton Parker took second honors.

Bob came to Mercer as a Junior in 1950.

His stay at Mercer has been an eventful one. While here he has played varsity basketball two years, run the 440 yd. dash on the track team, and also lettered in baseball.

Bobby has many honors in his college career, basketball especially. His first year on the Bear squad he placed on the all-Dixie Conference second team, and this year he was selected as most valuable player in Dixie Conference Tournament play.

Besides Dixie Conference honors this year, he also was placed on the Atlanta Journal-Constitution All-state college teams.

What about the future? Bob plans to coach.



BOBBY WILDER Most Outstanding Athlete

all-southeastern Junior College squad for two years and the All-state Junior College squad one season. He was also captain of the Brewton Parker squad one year.

While at Brewton Parker, Wilder began to broaden his interest athletically, and became a handy man on the Parker baseball team as a third baseman.

It seems that athletics are not plans to coach.

44 Get Letters For Athletics

Forty-four men have been awarded block letters for their participation in spring sports at Mercer, according to a release by the athletic department this week.

Track awards went to sixteen men, the largest number to receive letters in any sport this year. Thirteen baseball men, eight tennis participants, and seven golfers received their monograms.

The following were recipients:

Track
Bob Bonner, Kevin Sumner, Bill Bonner, Herman Bloodworth, David Ridley, Alvin Shackelford, Julian LeRoy, Joe Watson, Sterling Sexton, Tommy Huckaby, Billy Bryant, Bobby Baggot, Bob Bramblett, Richard Reid, Ebb Kilpatrick and Phillip Jones.

Baseball
Jim Thompson, Vassel Hofflich, Don Lewis, Billy White, Clifford Powers, Paul Brigman, Avon Buice, Mack Thompson, Dan Hammack, Bill Hull, Bobby Wilder, Harry Lockhart, and Earl Bryan.

Tennis
Sellers Parker, Keith Benning, Bert Schwartz, Harry Craffin, Tommy Knotts, Charlie Rodgers, Billy Fallin, and Winkle Harris.

Golf
Michael Blum, Larry Moore, Billy Snow, Bruce Gunnells, Angus Birdsey, Hewlette Connell, and J. E. Hall, III.

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