

Toby's Topics

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Successful Season

Spring sports are in full swing, and team members are sacrificing a lot of time and effort to place Mercer University on the intercollegiate athletic map. The Bears have done exceptionally well in this department, and records show that their efforts have not been in vain. The Hoopsters started this year's sports off with a bang and the participants since then have kept up the good work.

In regard to an earlier appeal to the student body for support of varsity sports, it may be said that response was good but not the best possible. There are yet many home contests, which are very enjoyable to witness. Turn out and cheer the Bears on to a successful season.

Intra-mural Softball Adds Interest

The intra-mural softball program has afforded spectators varied treats. Some games have been closed and exciting while others have been pitifully one-sided, but teams have been more spirited than usual and the purpose of the program seems to have been accomplished in affording over energetic students an opportunity to expel some of their excess energy.

Rifle Team Gets Sweaters

A new phase of athletics was introduced among ROTC students last week with the awarding of sweaters to Rifle Team members. Although the team is sponsored by the Military Department, the awards are under the auspices of the student athletics program.

These boys spend many hours in the basement of Shafter firing and having done pretty well for themselves this season as far as record goes. They have won seven of fourteen matches. The shoulder to shoulder meets with Georgia Tech have added a lot of interest to ROTC, and should add much to the student interest since we have another team to pull for.

Toby's Tid-Bits

The Cluster blushinglly apologizes for a faulty statement in a recent issue. Mrs. Gingles is still a member of the Bear Netters.

Rumor has it that one of the catchers of the Bear Baseball team has resolved never to lose his temper until he is sure that all play has stopped.

According to some of the varsity coaches, Cupid as well as mid-terms and spring fever, seems to be taking a toll of participants.

From appearances, the elements must have been with the Mercer slingers in the game Tuesday. Home runs were rather plentiful.

Students are invited to the state track meet of class A, B, and C high schools this weekend. The meet begins Friday morning, and continues through Saturday afternoon.

There will be no danger of the tennis courts, spoiling now that they have been slated seriously, this should be an improvement for the clay surface.

Student Retreat At Bessie Tift

The B.S.U. State Spring Retreat met at Bessie Tift College, April 17-18. Friday night the main address was given by Dr. Glendon McCullough, B. A. secretary, who discussed his experiences in Japan.

Following this was a social period including a party based on a South Pacific theme with the title "Some Enchanted Evening."

The Saturday sessions included clinics for the new officers with instruction by old officers and other leaders, and the election of new B.S.U. officers for the coming year.

The conference was concluded Saturday night with the installation of the new officers and a closing message by Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan.

Bears Win Over Oglethorpe 26-3

The Bruin diamonders had a field day Tuesday afternoon as they batted around a grand total of 26 runs to down the nine from Oglethorpe University 26-3.

Home runs were plentiful as Hammack connected for one inside the park. Power rapping two inside the fence for four bases, not to be outdone by Caldo Martin and Ralph Beard with one each.

Powers was the big man at the bat Tuesday with two homers and a total of four RBIs to his credit. The little guy to show his versatility pitched the closing innings of the game with the Bulldogs in Athens the day before.

Coach Claude Smith dismissed his first string crew after three innings as he led the Petrels 17-1. With the regulars in the showers the Bruins still added to the one way affair collecting six in the fourth inning, three in the fifth to add the grand total of 26 markers across the plate.

On the mound freshman Don Banks started the contest and was relieved in the third inning with one run against his record for the afternoon.

Bobby Brown, regular center fielder for the Bears then took over the mound chores and pitched the Bears to victory.

The Petrels used three men on the mound with Joe Harper starting the contest and lasting 1 3 of an inning as the Bruins knocked him for 5 runs. Wilson, Harper relief, did not fare too well as in 2 1/3-innings the Bears took 12 markers against him.

The Bears collected a total of 14 hits in the contest compared to Oglethorpe's 5.

Mercer Track Team Moves to Athens for Last Meet of Season; Tournament Begins Next Week



Mercer's Track Team. Front: Huckaby, Ridley, Coach Nymics, Watson McCus. Second Row: Bonner, Bloodworth, Byrant, Anderson, Jordan, Malone, Shackleford, Kilpatrick, Reid, Jones, "Toro", McDaniels, Nelson, Sumner, Boswell, and manager Akin.

Mercer Teams Await Tourney

All Mercer teams are preparing for a trip to Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi next weekend.

All teams leave home as defending Conference Champions, as the Bruins walked off with all honors bestowed in last seasons tourney.

The track team has a meet in Athens Tuesday, which should add them plenty in the bid for the Dixie Conference Championship.

Golf and Track teams have been reduced to minimum strength because of scholastic averages of some of the teams.

Auburn Tigers Ovrpower Bears

After driving across five runs in the fourth inning to put them in front, 5-3, the Bruins lost one in the eighth and three in the ninth after being tied in the sixth inning to the Auburn Tigers the second win of the season, 9-5.

This makes the second year the Tigers have taken both games from the Bears, but the little never say die Bruins will give the SEC team competition every time they tangle with the Tigers.

Hofflich, left-hander and regular first-baseman for the Bruins began the afternoon on the mound, and stayed there for eight and one-third innings to be relieved by Richard Draper in the last of the eighth frame after giving up eight runs.

Clifford Powers came through again at the plate, sticking out a single and a triple in three official trips to the rectangle.

For the Tigers, Jack Ramsey began the pitching chores and was relieved in the third by Tom McCClinton.

The Bruins came out on the short end of the score in the error column also. They had a total of four errors compared to one for the Tigers.

Horseshoe Tournament is to begin next week.

All would be contenders need to be making ready to get started next week.

Two Unbeaten In Intramurals

Two softball teams entered this weeks competition undefeated in three diamond appearances. At approximately the mid-way point in the intra-mural schedule, Phi Delta and KA are sharing the victors place. Following close behind are the Ministers and Kappa Sigs, both of whom hold a 2-1 record.

Contributing to the success of the leading teams are Aud Ave-Fett's pitching for the Phi Deltas backed by capable relievers, and the tight infield play of the KAs. Due to conflicts with the Bear baseball schedule, only one game was played this week. This contest saw Sigma Nu drop a 7-4 thriller to the KA team.

Fifty percenters are ATO and SAE with 2-2 records and MIMA with 1-1. Sigma Nu and Lambda Chi each have won one and lost three, while the Pi Kaps have dropped four thus far.

Intra-mural director Dub Flowers plans to announce the intra-mural horseshoe program next week. The first tag of the individual tennis tournament is near completion, and results will be announced later by Flowers.

Baseball Firsts

The first regularly recognized baseball club was the Knickerbackers of New York which was formed in the autumn of 1845.

The first mask is reputed to have been the invention of the captain of the Harvard team of 1875, Fred Thayer.

Dickey Pearce, the short fielder of the Atlantics of Brooklyn, the first player of his day to drop a fly ball in order to make a double play... an act that gives him the honor of being the father of the double play.

The first code of playing rules was introduced in 1845, by A. S. Cartwright.

Chicago beat St. Louis 1-0 in the first major league game which took place in 1875.

The National League, as such, first played in 1876.

Leave for Miss. Thursday Morning

The Bear cindermen end their dual meet schedule Monday afternoon, and begin final preparations for defending their Dixie Conference championship.

The Trinclads journey Monday to meet the University of Georgia's Bulldogs, and thereby close the regular season. Coach Towns' cindermen are fresh from a triangular encounter with Tech and F.S.U. in Athens, F.S.U., whom the Bears met at the beginning of the season, came out on top, and the Bulldogs are seeking revenge in the form of a victory over the Bears.

Mercer is expecting trouble from Otho Dodd and Kermit Perry, both of whom have been flourishing under the supervision of old timer Spec Towns. Both Dodd and Perry entered the Athens Meet last Saturday undefeated in their specialties: the former in the dashes and Perry in both High and low hurdles. However, after a period of a dozen days since a heartbreaking defeat at the hands of a strong Presbyterian College team, the Bears are seeking an end to the glorious records of the Bulldogs.

The Bears have lost some key men since the opening season, but their places have been filled satisfactorily, and Coach Nymicz is looking forward to success in the conference meet next weekend. If the weather man continues to smile on Porter Field, the cindermen should be in good condition for the big event. Several conference veterans will make the trip, and comparison of Mercer records this season with those of other competing conference schools give a favorable prediction.

Mercer's coach and team deserve a great deal of credit for their showings against teams strengthened by subsidation.

Those Bears who have been faithful in their efforts to provide Mercer with a winning team have done so solely for the team. For several of the cindermen, the Dixie Conference meet next weekend will climax a college athletic career. There has been no place for individualism and the team spirit has been excellent.

Emory Netters Nip Mercer 6-2

Emory University's netters came down to the recently salted down courts and gave the Bruins a jacking Tuesday afternoon as they took all but two of the singles matches, and the two doubles that were finished to walk off with a 6-2 win.

Bruin's little "Foots" Fowler came through with a win in one of the two matches that went three games. Fowler took the win defeating Emory's Henry Palmer 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Mercer's lady of the courts, Mrs. Linda Gingles took the other win from the visitors by topping Bob Napp 6-3, 6-3, in one of the faster sets of the afternoon.

In doubles play Asbury-Dillard combine topped Mercers number one Schwartz-Knotts combination 6-8, 6-1, while Boone and John Loudermilk landed the number three combo Lane-Thurmond with an easy 6-1, 6-1, margin. Fowler-Chaffin, Hamilton-Palmer duel was not finished in the afternoons play.

Other singles saw Harry Ashbury take Schwartz 6-1, 6-4, Morris Dillard defeat Chaffin 6-0, 6-4, Louie Hamilton squeeze by a tough Tommy Knotts 4-6, 6-1, 7-5, and Toof Boone defeat Rickerson 7-5, 6-1.

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