

FOUR MERCER PLAYERS GET PLACES ON MYTHICAL TEAMS

HERNDON, CECIL, SMITH, SIMMONS RECEIVE BERTHS

Centre is Only Other Team Furnishing More Players to S. I. A. A. Pick.

It was a success! A few have been prone to knit their brows, look askance at the record of the Baptists on the gridiron for 1923—and keep silent. Others have been wearing a bright smile all along, waiving all "remarks the contrary" with a you-just-wait attitude.

And now they can say "I told you so" with the biggest type in the shop—and the last laughs seem to be getting much the longest and loudest guffaw. The season must have been a success. Morgan Blake and Ed Danforth signed their names above certain facts and figures that offer very material proof for their assertion.

The Macon Daily Telegraph and The Macon News believe it just as strong as their contemporaries in Atlanta. Sport writers of four of the largest daily papers in the State selected mythical elevens last Sunday, and in each case Mercer was represented with one or more of her stalwart sons of the gridiron.

The two Atlanta papers picking all S. I. A. A. teams were the Journal and Sunday American, the sports editor of each of these papers being recognized as high authority in their realm. Neither of the Macon papers limited their selections to Conference or Association teams, but picked what, in their judgment, were the best players in the South for an All-Southern team.

Cecil, Smith, Simmons, and Herndon all earned places on the teams selected by the four papers, though opinions differed as to Mercer's combination on each.

And that is why the ones who have been smiling along their way, waiting for the chance to argue back at the occasional long-face with some very material proof, now sit astride the wide, wide world with their feet dangling off into the ozone. It must have been a success.

The Telegraph's All-Southern (By Wallace and Glenn)

Player	Pos.	Team
Wakefield	End	Vandy
Rives	Tackle	Vandy
Reagan	Guard	Auburn
Kubale	Center	Centre
Herndon	Guard	Mercer
Bennett	Tackle	Georgia
Smith	End	Mercer
Covington	Quarter	Centre
Newton	Halfback	Florida
Reese	Halfback	Vandy
Wycoff	Fullback	Vandy

(Continued on page six)



TWELVE OF THE TWENTY-ONE LETTER MEN RECENTLY SELECTED

It is likely that all these players will return for the season of 1924, with the exception of Mike Herndon, who played his last game two weeks ago. And with the exception of one man, the above is the identical line that faced Georgia in the first game of season.

MERCERIANS END SERVICE ON GRID

Five Players of '23 Eleven Have Played Last Game.

By Malcolm Johnson

For four years you have seen them flashing up and down the football field, fighting, charging, plunging, carrying the ball ever towards the Mercer goal.

But now, after four years of battle, these gridiron warriors, these heroes of football fame, have stepped out of the limelight, and are gracefully making their exit from the Mercer gridiron after helping to make football history.

They have played their last game for their school; they have fought their last battle for the honor and glory of their Alma Mater; for the last time they have donned the flashy Orange and Black jerseys.

Those who will not respond to the tocsin sound next year when the Mercer eleven again charges into the fray are: Mike Herndon, Beverly Gaines, W. M. Barron, Joe Bailey and the ponderous Ike Cowart.

For four years these men have had the grit and determination (there is another name for it not quite so genteel, but more expressive) to stick to their posts no matter what the cost, giving the best in them for the team and the school.

Mike Herndon and Beverly Gaines, particularly, have made a record of which to be proud in not having missed a single football practice during their entire four years at Mercer. Further—

(Continued on page six)

SIMMONS SELECTED AS GRID CAPTAIN FOR NEXT SEASON

Tennessee Giant Has Seen Three Years' Service on Squad.

Jared Alexander Simmons, known less formally as "Red," or "The Colonel," has been selected to lead the Mercer Baptists through the strenuous grid schedule being planned for 1924.

To attempt to estimate "Red's" value to the Baptist machine as a tackle of ability, would be to say what every Mercer fan already knows—that the fiery-haired Tennessean is a well nigh indispensable cog. His work on the forward wall has prompted favorable comment by more than one hapless opponent across the neutral zone. And besides being able to stand right along in the front rank of Southern footballers, "Red" is a performer of no mean ability on the basketball floor. His work in this sport during the coming season will bear watching by any team that hankers after championship honors.

"The Colonel" has already served three years on the grid under the Orange and Black, and 1924 will be his last season in Southern football. He is a quick thinker, hard fighter, and is slow to surrender an inch of ground. The Baptists should shine brightly under his leadership next year.

Simmons will graduate next year in the School of Commerce. He is a member of the Alpha Lambda Tau fraternity.

GIVE 22 PLAYERS FOOTBALL LETTER

Baptist Gridders Receive "M" at Annual Banquet.

Twenty-one of Mercer's Battling Baptists, and the student manager, received letters at the recent football banquet given all members of the varsity and freshman squads.

After addresses were made by several members of the faculty, alumni, and Macon supporters of Mercer, the coveted "M" was given to the following:

Captain Cecil, Captain-elect Simmons, Consuello Smith, Shorty Poore, Son Sammons, Norman Felder, Little Reese, Tarzar Bowling, Scotty Young, MacDonald, Mike Herndon, Bela Lancaster, Baxter Coke, Bill Barron, Carson, Beverly Gaines, Marion Roberts, Dewey Jowers, Coot Lynch, Jack Bate, Dave Rice, and Henry Shell, manager.

The awarding of letters was supervised by the Athletic Board of Control. Dr. J. Clay Walker, head of that body, acted as toastmaster at the banquet given the football men.

Twenty-five years ago, when Penfield Hall was the college dining hall at Mercer, meals there cost only \$7.00 a month and rooms were furnished free. At the end of the month when all expenses were paid, whatever amount was left was divided among the students. They often received from \$1.00 to \$3.00 by this refund. It was at this time that Lee Battle came to Mercer as cook for Mr. Wayne Sewell, who managed the dining hall then.

COACH ROBINSON IS ALREADY PREPARING FOR SEASON OF '24

Has Raised Mercer's Athletic Standards.

"Our football success next year depends entirely on our ability to build up a football spirit on the campus," declared Coach Stanley Robinson in an interview this week.

Speaking of the past season, Coach Robinson says: "I believe we have made some progress in creating a football spirit. The team has done as well as could be expected under the conditions here this year."

"Our greatest trouble," he said, "has been that we have not thought football; we have not talked football on the campus. The students do not

(Continued on page six)

"PADRE'S LONG RUN

Captain Cecil's 85-yard run through the Oglethorpe Petrels, for a touchdown from the kickoff, was the third longest run made in the South this year, according to statistics published this week in The Atlanta Georgian. Haggerty, of Georgetown, ran 90 yards for a touchdown against Tech on Grant Field and holds first place. Wycoff tore off 87 yards against V. M. I. for second place.

Cecil received Kilgore's kick on his own 15-yard line, fumbled the ball, picked it up, and ran wild for 85 yards for Mercer's only scor of the day.

VITAL COGS



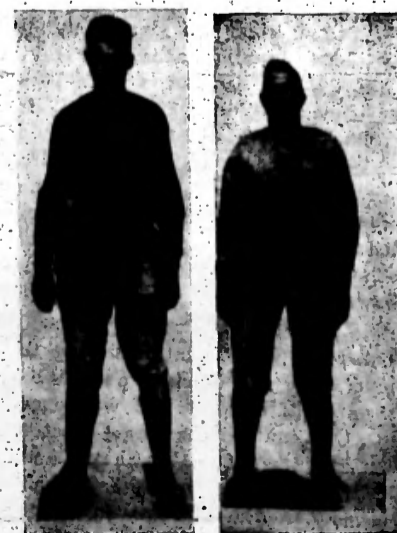
"Consuello" Smith and "Immovable Mike" Herndon have given all they had to Mercer's grid machine. Mike has played his last game for Orange and Black. Smith, who is captain of this year's basketball quint, has yet another season in football.

SOME OF THESE MAY WEAR VARSITY JERSEYS IN '24



This is the Frogs' grid aggregation for the season just past. Each member of the crew states that it is his intention to make a berth on the first string eleven next year—which means that a lot of stepping about must be done by those who intend being among those present in the strenuous clashes being billed for the season of 1924. Anyhow, they gave the varsity plenty of opposition this fall.

TWO LEADERS



Captain Cecil, who lead the Baptists through the 1923 season, and Captain elect Simmons, both received berths on Danforth's S. I. A. A. eleven. 1924 is the last year for both on the gridiron. Each of them will be seen on the basketball floor this season.