



Laura Burkett

Miss Laura Burkett, North Highlands, Macon, who was recently selected as the first honor sponsor for the local chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. This fraternity was installed at Mercer last spring.

(Courtesy Macon Telegraph)

REVIEW OF BAPTISTS GRID YEAR SHOWS IT WAS SUCCESS

By Hugh Awtrey

What facts are shown by a resume of the Mercer Baptists' past football season?

Some say the season was a failure, others say it was successful, taken by and large. On the fact of the issue one is almost certain to lean toward the first alternative.

The Mercerians negotiated nine grid struggles, winning four of these and losing the remainder. That, in itself, probably sounds not so successful. Coach Robinson's crew has scored something like ten points less than their opponents, collectively speaking.

The Home Angle

Ask that question on the Mercer campus. The lowliest freshman there will contest the issue to the death, and everybody else will join in the refrain. The spirit that burst forth at Tattnell Square on the occasion of victory over the Purple Hurricane from Furman pulses as vigorously today.

And they may not be far wrong at that, even when youthful enthusiasm is discounted and the cold facts are left unclothed. Mercer won some games, but not so many as she possibly should.

another. It is to be admitted, however, that the Baptists have suffered some mighty ill luck this season. Injuries to players, the unfortunate unfaithfulness of the road jinx in his efforts to be on hand on every occasion, and in a number of cases, the breaks in the games. But even this does not account for all the defeats.

Some Supporting Facts

Local supporters who have thought the matter over, and who do not consider the past season in the light of a failure, present the following facts: Mercer held the Georgia Bulldogs to a lone touchdown, this scored through a break. The Athenians themselves are undoubtedly a much weaker aggregation than usual, but even so, Mercer's performance was creditable.

And when taking the field for the last fray of the season Mercer was outplayed for one half by Carson-Newman, but came back stronger in the second period and played better football than the opposition.

Those are the facts, possibly slightly biased, but on the whole unvarnished. The one element that turns a season of apparent failure into one

that savors more of optimism is the fact that this year's crop turned out to be a well-flowered and now stands out on the stage of southern football. The Baptists are recognized, despite more defeats than victories, as a factor to be cautiously reckoned with on that part of the grid.

The squad began the season under a new regime, which, like all other things new, can not start off like a cyclone when set in the embryo. The new tactics will be more successful in 1924 than in the season just past, as the players will know better, will work together better—and will win more football games.

That, in the opinion of many expressing themselves, is why the season of 1923 was not a failure for the Baptists. And the same is not intended for an alibi. It is simply the home angle.

DAVIS REPORTED ILL

Roy Davis, president of the senior class, and a prominent figure in a number of college activities, is reported ill at his room in Nancy Mills Hall.

Davis has been absent from the campus during all the current week, and it is said, he is suffering from fever with other complications. His many friends wish for him a speedy recovery and hope that he may be able to resume his duties at an early date.

Select Managers For Three Teams

Fields, Herndon, and Dennis Chosen by Board

Student managers for the athletic teams for the remainder of the current college year, as well as for the football team of next season, were announced last week at a meeting of the Athletic Board of Control.

Elbert Fields was selected as manager for the basketball quintet, with Claude Tarrell and Carlton Fleming as assistants. Mike Herndon will be manager of the baseball team, and assisting him are Eugene H. Massey and R. H. Womack.

T. Ward Dennis will manage the 1924 football eleven, and his assistants will be Robert Eubanks, L. Granada, and John Simms.

The managers of all teams were selected at the same time the twenty-two letter men of the past season's grid eleven were chosen. The Athletic Board of Control, which supervises all teams which represent Mercer, is in charge of the scheduling of games, the selection of letter men, and the personnel of the managerial staffs of the various athletic organizations.

Many of the older followers of football around Macon can remember when the games were played in front of the Main building on part of what is now Tattnell Square that then belonged to Mercer. That was the day of center rushes and many tactics unknown to present day football.

Pretty young thing to the football hero:

She—"Are you very strong?" He—(Modestly) "Well, what can I do for you little girl?" She—"I was just wondering if you could break this twenty dollar bill."

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