

Toby's Topics

Comes to mind just now, a few things concerning subsidized sports in the colleges and universities. As I heard one of the Bear cindermen comment at Porter Stadium during the Florida State track meet, "It's hard to beat the athlete who is paying his way solely by athletic competition."

However, I think that the spirit shown by our representatives in inter-collegiate competition is extremely good considering the fact that they not only are lacking monetary gain from entering but often suffer great detriment in personal affairs for the time they must devote to the sports. I know that they wouldn't be out for the teams were they not enjoying the work. It is work, and the pleasure of participating is as we said, the only payment received for many hours contributing.

No, I don't favor subsidization at Mercer. I feel that especially in the smaller schools, there is no place for the hired athlete. Here a student interested in taking part is not hampered by competition from paid specialists, but is free to become a specialist himself through fair rivalry with other contenders.

The big universities besides financing the academic activities, often aid considerably in furnishing material for the extra-curricula entertainment, also. I do feel that if a prospective student is so desirous of higher education, but is hampered by financial embarrassment, then arrangements for his aid are well and good, but too often the student becomes a professional athlete, and the academic is only a formality. Fortunately, many such needy but ambitious students are benefitting by scholarships, athletic as well as otherwise.

Back to the subject of the Bears, their spirit is something to be praised, win or lose. Did you ever consider trying for a varsity sport, or does the glamour of being an athlete wear off, when you think of the endless hours necessary in preparation for even one contest? Thinking of it this way should bring one to appreciate the determination of the guys who represent your Alma Mater on this and other campuses.

Participation in athletics is certainly not limited to varsity sports. There shouldn't be one person on this campus who, if interested can't prove eligible to take part in intra-murals. The teams are many and varied, and each and every one should be able to find an opening on some team.

This, of course, excludes varsity contenders, but they form only a small percentage of the student body.

Once more, I'd like to harp on this subject of attending the ball games, meets, and matches. Coaches have expressed thanks for attendance at recent events, and extend a further invitation to the remainder. They really shouldn't thank us, you know, since there is no better reason for attending than enjoyment. As for our conduct at these events, I sincerely, and with an attempt at an un-prejudiced opinion, believe that I have witnessed no demonstration which would reflect unfavorably on our university. Our participants and our fans seem to be well indoctrinated with the idea of good behavior. At least, we have drawn no such condemnation as did one of our basketball foes during the past season. I myself am proud of the fact, and I think we take losing as well as winning.

Sometimes, it seems that we may go a bit too far in jibing the more unfavored members of the opponents' teams, but even this is held to a minimum.

In closing for this, the last time, again I'd like to encourage you to follow the Bears to a great season in spring sports! Farewell!

CAREER INFORMATION

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MAJOR BRANCHES OF ACCOUNTING: 1. Control Accounting; 2. Cost Accounting; 3. Auditing; 4. Systems Installation; 5. Tax Accounting; 6. Public Accounting (C.P.A.)

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: The American Institute of Accountants recommends an accounting major in a Business Administration or Economics Course, or, a Liberal Arts Course plus a year of graduate study in accountancy.

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Trackmen Bow To Fla. State

The Mercer University track team dropped their first meet by a score of 84-47 to the cindermen from Florida State.

Though the Bruins lost the meet, much was gained in experience, and one new record was set by the Bruins.

Dependable Richard Reid took first place in the pole vault, while taking second honors in the 100 and 220 yard dashes.

A new school discus record was set by newcomer Hugh Hodges, with a toss of 134 feet.

Malone took the high jump at six feet. Kevin Sumner, distance runner for the Bruins, won both the mile and two mile run.

Outstanding Floridian was Lou Castele who took first honors in the 220 and 440 yard dash and also first place in the broad jump. Castele also ran one leg of the winning relay team.

Freshmen and newcomers showed good form in this first meet, and are expected to do better in later season competition.

Davidson Sweeps Bruin Thinclads By 82-48 Margin

The thinclads from Davidson College powered over the Mercer trackmen by a score of 83 1/3 to 48 2/3 Saturday afternoon on the Bruin track in Porter Stadium.

Kevin Sumner, the Bruins long distance man, and Dayton Malone led the Bear scoring as they both took two first places. Sumner won both the mile and the two-mile distance runs and Malone captured first place in both hurdles events.

Sumner posted a 4:39 time in the mile run.

Malone captured the hurdle events with a 16.5 timing on the 120 yd. high hurdles and a 28.6 time on the 220 yd. low hurdles.

Top scorer for the meet was Phil Koonce, Davidson man who took first-place honors in the 229 yard dash, as the broad jump and added three more points for a 13 point total, as he captured second place in the 100-yd. dash, which he lost only by a few inches to teammate Frank Mitterner.

Richard Reid was Mercer's only other first-place winner, having a 10' 6" record when the opponents dropped out. Reid took second in the broad jump event behind the speedy Phil Koonce who jumped 19 feet 6 inches.

In other events, Davidson's Bill Shipley added 10 points to the North Carolinian's total as he won the 440 yard dash and the 880 yard run. Jack Huffaker cleared the high jump bar at five feet, 11 inches for another first place, and David Regan, taking advantage of his tremendous height and frame, hurled the shot-put 41 feet and seven inches.

Tim Gilley, Davidson's discus entrant, made a beautiful throw of 134 feet, eight inches to take first honors and to tie the all-time Mercer record set by the Bear's Hugh Hodges only last week.

Intra-Mural Schedule

Thursday, April 15
S. Nu vs. Phi Delt—Field 1
ATO vs. Min.—Field 3
SAE vs. MIMA—Field 4

Monday, April 19
P.K. Phi vs. L. Chi A.—Field 1
C. Nu vs. KS—Field 3
Phi Delt vs. Wildcats—Field 4

Tuesday, April 20
ATO vs. KA—Field 1
SAE vs. Min.—Field 4
MIMA vs. Wildcats—Field 4

Baseball Team Opens '54 Season With Eyes on Conference Crown

Experience for New Men Sought

By Dan Cline

Coach Claude Smith's diamondmen, strengthened by some good freshmen prospects, are looking forward to one of the best seasons they have had in recent years. Although they have had trouble against some of the better teams in the Southeastern Conference, they have overcome their early season "jitters" and, as indicated against the Cadets from North Georgia College, are ready to face their Dixie Conference competition.

Leading the Bears as they seek to annex the crown for the first time since the 1952 campaign are senior outfielders Dan Hammack, who is this year's captain, and Cliff Powers, infielders Tommy Mixon, Vasil Hoffich and Mack Thompson and pitchers Bud Culbreth, Reggie Wilkes, Steve Spence, and Don Banks.

Ralph "Sonny" Crosby of Gainesville is one of the newcomers to the squad and, despite the fact that he lacks experience against collegiate teams, will probably nail down a position in the rightfield gardens this season.

Another Gainesville sensation is Maurice Burt, who has been holding down the first string shortstop position and batting in the leadoff position.

Billy Smith, a native of Macon who has just completed a hitch in the Army, is causing many of the smiles on Coach Smith's face as he handles the keystone spot as second sacker. Smith is also dangerous at the plate as was indicated by his showing against the Cadets, when he rapped out a single to start off the rally that put the Bears out front in the first inning. Again in the ninth inning, when the chips were down and the Bears were on the short end of a 5-3 score, he walloped one of Cadet pitcher, Bill Carter's fast balls deep into right field for an inside the park four bagger.

Not only are the Bears sharper due to the fine freshman prospects on hand, but some shifting around of the old regulars has aided the Bears considerably. Mack Thompson, last year's third sacker, has been moved behind the plate to handle the catching duties. Thompson was a catcher in his freshman season and in that season he enjoyed the best year of his college career as he batted out a great .344 percentage and drove in the winning run to clinch the conference crown.

Cliff Powers, who has played virtually every position on the team during his seasons with the Bears, is holding down the left field spot and Dan Hammack, a sharp outfielder, has been moved from his customary left field job into centerfield, which in the Bears' home park, is a lot of area to cover.

Mixon, who played the shortstop position last season, is in the hot corner and has been hitting thus far this season better than any previous campaign. Against the Yellow Jackets from Tech, he smashed out a triple and two singles in four official trips in an attempt to save the Bear cause.

Hoffich, the Bears' captain in the 1953 campaign, is in his usual spot as the Bears' first sacker and is one of the Bears' best glove men as he handles the red hot grounders that come his way. The Bethlehem, Pa. veteran is one of the Bears' greatest threats at the plate and in the tussle with the Cadets on Thursday was batting in the clean-up spot.

The Bears' pitching, their greatest weakness in the 1953 campaign, is probably the most improved de-

Auburn Takes Netmen 7-2

The Plainsmen from Auburn, Alabama handed the Mercer netmen its third loss of the season here Saturday.

This was the second loss of the season suffered by the Bears from the Auburn Tigers.

The Tiger netters copped all but one of the singles and two of the doubles matches to post a victory over the outclassed Mercer netmen.

The better match of the day was freshman Buddy Moore's win over Auburn's No. 1 ace, Hunter Bell Moore downed the veteran Plainsman 6-4, 6-4, to account for the Bear's one singles victory.

Mercer's only other point came when Tommy Knotts and Bill Causey, No. 2 doubles combo, tripped Auburn's Phillip Adams and A. Smith, 6-2, 6-4.

The Bruins go after the second win tomorrow against the University of Florida of the Southeastern Conference.

Results of Saturday's matches:

Singles: Moore defeated Bell 6-4, 6-4; Bost defeated Schwartz 6-4, 6-0; Adams defeated Knotts 6-3, 6-0; Wall defeated Causey 6-0, 6-3; Lee defeated Smith 6-3, 6-1; Masos defeated Taylor 6-1, 6-4.

Doubles: Bell and Bost defeated Schwartz and Moore, 6-4, 6-2; Knotts and Causey defeated Adams and Smith, 6-2, 6-4; Wall and Lee defeated Plummer and Smith, 6-1, 6-2.

Bruins To Face Tough Opposition

Mercer spring sports will be booming this week as they face a very heavy slate.

The Bruin tennis team faces the University of Florida, a strong SEC contender on the local courts Tuesday.

On Friday the Bears will be host to the Florida State University tennis team from Tallahassee.

The trackmen will seek their first win as they entertain the Blue Horsemen from Presbyterian College of Clinton, South Carolina.

The Bear baseballers, after a comparatively light slate this past week, have three games on tap here in Willingham park.

Monday, (today), the Bruin nine will meet its first Dixie Conference foe of the season in the Oglethorpe Petrels.

Georgia Teachers will face the Bruins on Wednesday, as the Professors renew their baseball rivalry with the Bears.

The Bear nine will close out the week by playing host to a strong Piedmont Club from Demorest, Georgia on Friday.

partment on this 1954 edition of the Bears. Leading the hurlers is Bud Culbreth, an Edison, Ga. native who should turn in one of the best records that any Bear hurler has ever turned in. Backing the speedster are Reggie Wilkes and Steve Spence, both good prospects that are well seasoned and can give the Bear cause a great boost. Only letterman on the pitching staff is Don Banks, who was the Bears' ace in his freshman campaign. Banks reported to practice late and as a result is not in tip top shape yet, but is rounding into condition fast and will be one of Coach Smith's mainstays before the season is far gone.

Another outstanding prospect of the Bears is newcomer Bobby Pinkston, a high school all-state and one playing in the lighthouse game held annually in Ponce de Leon Park.