

CLUSTER SPORTS

Why Not Baseball?

By Shirley Tolbert

What has happened to baseball at Mercer? A lot of people are seeking the answer to this question. Is the Mercer pep and spirit dying away?

It seems that when basketball season is over, all Mercer lads and lassies become uninterested in the sports which come in the spring. All records show that baseball draws more people and money than any other sport of the day. It is a very exciting game which offers many thrills to the players and fans alike. The game is not hard to understand, and girls who go say they enjoy it as much as boys do.

It is hard to understand why people choose freezing weather for football and yet will not go to see a baseball game on a warm, sunny day. The stands at the baseball park are well shaded and the bleachers are as comfortable as any football stands. It is no more than a 15 minute walk to the park.

I will give credit to the one small crowd that attends every game. I'm sure the stands would hold all of us and what better way could we spend a summer afternoon?

Why not all turn out for the next home game and give our team their much needed support? We know that support goes a long way in making a winning team.

SEE YOU OUT THERE NEXT GAME!

LET'S GO MERCER!!

Crack Florida Team Defeats Bears In Recent Tennis Match Here

The crack Tennis team from Florida defeated the Mercer Bears 9-0 here recently. The Bruins could garner but one set the entire afternoon against what some people rated the best tennis squad in the Southeast. Buddy Moore, playing his usual stellar game, could do little against the efforts of Gator ace John Hires. Hires dropped Moore 6-1, 6-2.

Through the whole match, the Gators continued to roll over the Bears. Carter Smith gave the Gator number five man much trouble before going down in defeat 6-4. However, Bill Hutcherson defeated Smith easily the second set 6-0.

Mercer's only set came in the last double match. Carter Smith and Gene Plummer battled Jim Fletcher and Joe Heyck of the Gators. Smith-Plummer won the first set 6-4, but dropped the remaining two 6-4, 6-3.

RESULTS

Singles Hires (F) defeated Moore (M) 6-1, 6-2. Kasantly (F) defeated Schwartz (M) 6-0, 6-2. Le Cann (F) defeated Knotts (M) 6-0, 6-2. Ingram (F) defeated Cauley (M) 6-1, 6-1. Hutcherson (F) defeated Smith (M) 6-0, 6-0. Edwards (F) defeated Taylor (M) 6-0, 6-0.
Doubles Kasantly-Ingram (F) defeated Moore-Schwartz 7-5, 6-0. Hires-Le Cann (F) defeated Knotts-Cauley (M) 6-1, 6-1. Fletcher-Heyck (F) defeated Smith-Plummer (M) 6-4, 6-3.

Chi Omega Edges Independents for Badminton Crown

By a very narrow margin, Chi Omega defeated MICA in the women's badminton tournament last week.

Chi Omega went undefeated, while MICA had only one loss. Last year's champions, the Phi Mu team, continued their fine playing this year.

Leading Chi Omega to victory in the tournament were Maxine Hunt, Inga Harper, and Mary Lou Wood. Carolyn Hayes, Gloria Twitty, Sylvia Smith, and Teenie Moody, played for MICA. The Phi Mu players were Betty Dempsey, Ann Kinnett, and Switzer Murphy.

Three out of four traffic accidents happen in clear weather on dry roads.

Saturday is the most dangerous day of the week in traffic.

Excessive speed was the principal cause of traffic accidents in 1953.

Three out of four accidents involve passenger cars.

Intramural Games In Softball

(Ed. Note: This schedule for softball will take you up to the next Cluster.)

Tuesday, April 20
ATO vs. KA—Field 1
SAE vs. Min.—Field 3
MIMA vs. Wildcats—Field 4

Wednesday, April 21
S Nu vs. L. Chi A.—Field 1
Phi Delt vs. KS—Field 3
ATO vs. P. K. Phi—Field 4

Thursday, April 22
SAE vs. KA—Field 1
MIMA vs. Min.—Field 3
Phi Delt vs. L. Chi A.—Field 4

Monday, April 26
KS vs. Wildcats—Field 1
ATO vs. S Nu—Field 3
SAE vs. P. K. Phi—Field 4

Tuesday, April 27
MIMA vs. KA—Field 1
Min vs. Wildcats—Field 3
L. Chi A. vs. KS—Field 4

Wednesday, April 28
ATO vs. Phi Delt—Field 1
MIMA vs. P.K. Phi—Field 3
Min vs. KA—Field 4

Thursday, April 29
SAE vs. S. Nu—Field 1
L. Chi A. vs. Wildcats—Field 3
ATO vs. KS—Field 4

Monday, May 3
SAE vs. Phi Delt—Field 1
MIMA vs. S Nu—Field 3
Min vs. P. K. Phi—Field 4

Tuesday, May 4
KA vs. Wildcats—Field 1
ATO vs. L Chi A.—Field 3
SAE vs. KS—Field 4

Wednesday, May 5
MIM vs. Phi Delt—Field 1
Min vs. S. Nu—Field 3
KA vs. P.K. Phi—Field 4

Friday's Tennis Match Rained Out

Wet grounds cancelled the scheduled tennis match between the Bears and the Florida State team Friday. Today the Bears are in Tallahassee battling FSU in a regularly scheduled match. Coach Mel Mayfield said that the first match between the two teams would not be made up.

MICA Beats ADPi In Friday's Game

MICA walloped Alpha Delta Pi to the tune of 26-1 in five innings Friday. ADPi's lone run came in the first frame by virtue of an error.

Spedye Tolbert swung the stick for three home runs. Indie's Sylvia Smith was the winning pitcher as she twirled a no-hit game. Myrl Sorrells and Tula Robertson were moundsmen for the losing cause.

This was the third for the Independents with none in the loss column, putting the mout front in the girls' softball intramurals.

Chi A O Delays Initiation

Initiation ceremonies for Chi Alpha Omega Ministerial Fellowship have been delayed, it was announced this morning by officers of the group.

The program was scheduled for today, but this week's crowded schedule forced the change. A date will be set later.

Presbyterian Trackmen Win Over Bear Team 91-35 in Friday Meet

The Presbyterian Blue Stockings slaughtered the Mercer trackmen in a meet Friday, 91-35. Presbyterian won all the running events and dominated all but three of the field events.

Mercer's only other first place winner was Dayton Malone who won the high jump.

With a wet track, very low times were registered in all the running events. The most respectable time was set by Johnson of Presbyterian in winning the 100 in 10.1.

All told, Mercer came through in the field events, but were behind the fleet-footed Presbyterians on the track.

RESULTS

100-yard dash, won by Johnson (P), Vass (P) second, Bryant (P) third. Time 10.1.
200-yard dash, won by Johnson (P), Bryant (P) second, Vass (P) third. Time 22.6.
400-yard dash, won by Tyler (P), Freeman (P) second, Lowe (P) third. Time 53.
800-yard run, won by Tyler (P), Bonner (M) second, Lowe (P) third. Time 2:04.
1 mile run, won by Fesperman (P), Prince (P) second, Vaughn (M) third. Time 4:55.
Two-mile run, won by Fesperman (P), Prince (P) second, Vaughn (M) third. Time 10:58.
120-yard high hurdles, won by Hancock (P), Wood (P) second, Malone (M) third. Time 16.1.
200-yard low hurdles, won by Hancock (P), Wood (P) second, Walls (P) third. Time 26.3.
Shot put, won by Harrington (P), Hodges (M) second, Rehrre (P) third. Distance 42 ft. 6 in.
Discus, won by Hodges (M), Rehrre (P) second, Watson (M) third. Distance 125 ft. 3 in.
Javelin, won by Brokenbrough (P), Hodges (M) second, Cothran (P) third. Distance 144 ft.
Pole Vault, won by Reid (M), Johnson (P) second, Watson (M) third. Height 10 ft. 6 in.
Broad Jump, won by Vass (P), Reid (M) second, Bryant (P) third. Distance 21 ft. 5 in.
High Jump, won by Malone (M), Reid (M) second, Falls (P) third. Height 5 ft. 8 in.

Bears Whip Ga. Teachers College In Baseball Game

The Mercer Bears put some sloppy pitching by the Profs, an error, and some good clutch hitting and base running together and came out on the long end of a 7-5 ball game with Ga. Teachers' College Wednesday.

The teachers drew first blood in the first frame and scored two runs on a base hit and a Bear miscue. The home team came back in the second half of the inning and pushed four big runs across the plate on five walks and a Prof error.

Billy Smith, who played an exceptional game at short stop, was the first Bear to cross the plate, and was soon followed by Hammack, Hoffich, and Mixon who came across the plate on a double steal by Hull and Mixon. The Teachers came back in the second and picked up two more runs with the big blow of the inning being a three-bagger by Evans.

Buddy Culbreth, the hurler for the Bears just did not seem to have his usual stuff and gave way to little Cliff Powers who had strated the game in left field. John Hughes was then put into the left field slot by Coach Smith and played a good game both in the field and at the plate.

Powers got out of the inning by forcing Warren to hit into a double play. During the next four innings, Cliff shut the Profs out, gave up one Texas Leaguer single in the seventh, and a lone run in the eighth on a home run into dep center field by Sparks.

During Powers' wonderful exhibition of relief hurling, he gave up two walks and struck out four. He was never in trouble and seemed to have the Profs eating out of his hand by forcing them to pop-up on his knuckler. The little man stuck in there and showed that he could bow his neck and pitch a winning ball game.

The Bears did not get a base hit until the sixth inning, when Mixon led off with a sharp single off the third baseman's glove. His team mates were unable to bring him around after he got into scoring position on a sacrifice by Hughes. He did, however, ruin the chance of a no-hitter.

Coach Smith's boys picked up two more runs on two base hits in the seventh. Smith led off with a single, followed by a walk to Hammack, another single by Powers, and a sacrifice bunt by Hoffich.

In the last of the eighth, Hughes unloaded a tremendous triple into left field as he led off. He was followed by a walk to Hull who stole second and allowed Hughes to score as the throw from the catcher was too high for the second baseman to handle. Hull went on to third on a sacrifice by Crosby and was out as he tried to score on a passed ball.

The losing pitcher was Everett and the winner was Powers. The final box score showed the Profs with five hits, five runs, and two errors. The Bears had four hits, seven runs, and four errors.

BSU To Install New Council

The new BSU Executive Council will be installed Thursday in vespers.

The group was recently elected by students at the devotional period. They take over their duties after this week.

The new officers include: Bill Middlebrooks, Selma, Ala., president; Tolly Williamson, Atlanta, 1st vice-president, (enlistment); Jane Carol Adams, Waynesboro, second vice-president (social); Bob Braswell, Atlanta, third vice-president (devotional); Lonz Adams, Ramhurst, recording secretary; Mary Price, Atlanta, corresponding secretary.

John Rabun was elected treasurer; Nancy Yates, LaGrange, editor of the Gauntlet; Jo Wommack, Macon, publicity chairman; Spencer Ludlow, Miami, Fla., promotional chairman; Bill Bonner, Chipley, extension director; and Kenneth Shaw, College Park, music chairman.

MICA Takes Over Softball Lead

Chi Omega and MICA were tied in the women's softball tournament, until they met on the diamond, and MICA pulled out ahead one game by defeating Chi Omega 15-8. The games scheduled for this week are:

Tue. April 20—Phi Mu vs. MICA
Thurs. April 22—A.D. vs. Phi Mu
Mon. April 26 — Chi Omega vs MICA.

More than 15,800 persons were killed in weekend traffic accidents last year.

Nearly 800,000 persons were injured in weekend traffic accidents last year.