

Bruins Win Last Game 99-68

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Sharp-shooting Tommy Mixon hit the nets Saturday night for a record total of 47 points, enough to enable him to surpass Glen Wilkes' former all-time scoring record, as the Bears won their last regularly scheduled game of the season from Millsaps, 99-68.

Monday night the Bears will go against the Georgia Teachers College Profs in Tallahassee, Florida, in the first round of the District 25 NAIA tournament. The same night host Florida State will tangle with Stetson.

Mixon scored his 1,772nd point in the Homecoming game to break Wilkes' former all-time record of 1738. This year's captain of the Bruin cagemen, Mixon still has the NAIA tourney remaining to be played.

Two other records fell to Mixon in the game. Scoring 47 points put Mixon seven ahead of the most Wilkes could ever muster in one contest. Wilkes scored 40 in a 125-54 onslaught over Oglethorpe at Parter Gym in 1950.

Partially because of the new bonus foul rule, Mixon set a new free throw mark by sinking 21. With the bonus shot rule a player is allowed to try for another ringer if he makes the first one.

Millsaps proved to be tougher than was expected of them, as the Majors from Mississippi were still in the ball game until about the start of the fourth quarter. Then with Mixon and a host of teammates hitting with a more accurate ability, the gap was widened.

Rebounds came hard for the Bruins, and the Majors out rebounded the Bears most of the game. John Hughes lead Mercer's grabbers with a total of 10 taken off the boards.

UF Rifle Squad Top MU by 29

The University of Florida's Army Rifle team dropped the Bear sharpshooters 891-862 recently in a shoulder-to-shoulder match held on the local range.

High score for the day was Joe Shoemaker from Florida with an 184x200. High for the Bears was Richard Andrews of Macon with 177x200.

Participants fire in four positions—prone, sitting, kneeling, and standing—for a possible 200 out of 200 points.

Other scorers for Mercer were Jimmy Park, 173; Walter Smith, 173; Pat Maloy, 171; and Tommy King, 166.

Today the Bruins will meet the Florida State Seminoles in a return match on the local range. In an earlier match, the Bruins defeated the FSU firers, 972-862.

'Oberammergau' Film Scheduled

"Oberammergau", a film about the passion play of the German town by the same name, will be shown at vespers Thursday, March 3, sponsored jointly by the BSU and the German Club. Time is 6:45 and the public is invited at no charge.

The film tells of a tiny German village which had no plagues during the time of the many plagues, and which commemorated the event by producing a passion play every 10 years. The town villagers dressed as characters in the play, which told a Biblical story.

After the meeting, the German Club will hold a regular meeting, and anyone wishing to attend this meeting is invited.

Buddy Moore is president of the German Club.



Bearing Down

By Brackingham

Mix Breaks Old Record, Scores 1772 Total Points

TENSION AND TALK WERE MOUNTING Saturday before the Millsaps game about how far Tommy Mixon might go to break the all-time scoring record here at Mercer. Coach Jim Cowan had not let any of



TOMMY MIXON

the publicity out on Mixon's pace toward the record, and many fans were inquiring about Mixon's chances.

Officially, here are the results: In four years Glen Wilkes scored 1,738 points, while Mixon has totaled 1,772, with the NAIA still in the distance. Here is the total four year accounts of both stars:

Wilkes	Games	Goals	Free Throws	Points	Average
1946-47	25	99	30	228	9.1
1947-48	21	139	112	390	18.4
1948-49	23	189	109	487	21.2
1949-50	26	241	151	633	24.3
Totals	95	668	402	1738	18.38
Mixon	Games	Goals	Free Throws	Points	Average
1951-52	29	111	47	269	9.3
1952-53	27	154	87	395	14.6
1953-54	27	216	139	571	21.2
so far					
1954-55	21	186	165	537	25.6
Totals	104	667	438	1772	17.04

Readers will note that Mixon has scored one less field goal, but 38 more free throws. And that difference in free throws certainly takes place with the bonus rules. In Mix's junior year (1953-54) the bonus rule said that if a player missed his first free shot, he was awarded another. This year if a player makes his first free shot, he gets another.

Mixon, all told, snapped three records in the game with Millsaps. (1) He broke Wilkes' mark for total number of points during four years, by 34 points, Mixon: 1772, Wilkes: 1738; (2) broke the number of points in a single game by scoring 47. Old Mark was 40 set by Wilkes. (3) Established a new record for number of free throws rung in one game, by hitting 21. And there is a possibility that he broke the record this season for free throws in a season.

Mixon certainly closed his home career in fine style in front of the home folk.

There has been talk about retiring Mixon's jersey, as was Wilkes' after he set a new scoring mark. To do this, the students would have to vote on the movement in chapel, and the proposal would have to go through the Faculty Athletic Committee. It is left entirely up to the students to do this, not the Administration.

After a fellow has broken three, maybe four records, it would seem to me fitting and proper for his jersey to be retired never to be worn by another Mercer basketball player. It would be a lasting tribute to such an outstanding proformer as Arthur Thomas Mixon, Jr., class of 1955.

Baseball Training Begins; Smith Molds New Team

Unusually pleasant weather for February enabled the Mercer baseball nine to begin early spring training for the oncoming 1955 season. Workouts began last Monday as Coach Claude Smith commenced the difficult task of shaping his disorganized team.

Out of the eleven players who lettered last year only five are returning this season; they are Tommy Mixon, this year's team captain, John and James Hughes, Bud Culbreth, and Harrold Scott.

Coach Smith said he is expecting a lot from Kenneth Crane, Reggie Wilkes, Bobby Pinkston, and Sonny Crosby, all of whom are returning from last year's traveling squad, though they did not letter. Perhaps the Bear's major loss from the '54 team is that of Billy Smith, last year's star short stop and leading hitter, who, according to Coach Smith, will not be out for the '55 squad.

Workouts thus far have centered around running, hitting, catching flies, infielding—in fact, almost everything connected with baseball with the exception of throwing, as it is far too early for that yet. After the second day of practice Coach commented that newcomers Tony Sansone, Billy Lee, Sid Harrelson and Darrell Fennell were looking good on infield play, and that the team was handling ground balls well.

Other newcomers to the Bear tryouts include Ken Hudson, Furman York, Venson Ham, Robert

Norton, Benny Woodall, Jimmy Carnes, Danny Hobbs, and Bill Pickard. Pickard is a transfer from Auburn.

Coach Smith also said that he will not be able to judge the team's potentialities until after the spring quarter gets well underway.

Some of the baseballers are still playing basketball and will not be out until after the basketball tournament.

Coach Smith still has the welcome mat out for any potential players who would like to tryout for the team but have not yet come out.

Last year's Bruins led the Dixie Conference with a good 6-2 record and finished the entire season with a standing of 10-6.

The first practice game will be played Monday afternoon, March 14, against the Roberts Field Fliers in Warner Robins. The first season game will be here against Auburn on March 26.

Club to Form

The group of former photography students who broke into the news recently with their plans for forming a photography club will hold an organizational meeting next Thursday morning, March 3, at 10. This is the free-period on Thursday.

The group is holding open several places for new members. Because of limited darkroom space, the number of people in the club must be small. Those who would like to join should see one of the five original members before Thursday.

The former class group includes Russell Hanson, Bobby Lamb, Sammy Childs, Felts-Dent, and C. C. Lynch. The meeting on Thursday will be held in the economics building, the exact room to be announced later. Professor Mel Mayfield is to be adviser for the club.

Forums Set

Dr. Nicholas P. Dallis, author of the popular comic strip, Rex Morgan, M. D., will be one of the principal speakers at a series of public medical forums to be held in Willingham Chapel beginning March 15. Dr. Dallis, who is a well-known psychiatrist professionally will be in charge of the forum on March 29 discussing "Nervousness".

Three local doctors will be the other leaders of the forums scheduled to begin at eight in the evening and last approximately one hour and 15 minutes. The schedule of subjects and speakers is as follows: March 15, Allergies, Dr. Derrell Hazelhurst; March 22, The Handicapped Child, Dr. Charles Rumbie; March 29, Nervousness, Dr. Dallis; April 4, Cancer, Dr. Tom Harrold.

These forums will be open to the general public free of charge.

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