

Bears Drop Last Home Tilt 82-79

by Marty Layfield

The Bears of Mercer University blew a 10 point lead to lose their final home game of the season to the University of Tampa last Saturday night 82-79.

Mercer made one field goal while Tampa scored eight points in the last three minutes to give the Spartans their fifth victory and another loss to the Bears 8-13 record.

With 11 minutes to go in the second half, Mercer held a 14 point lead after a 35-34 intermission lead.

Captain Roger Bolton and forward Bobby Graham, playing their last home game of their Mercer career, hit in the 20's. Graham hit 22 and Roger had a good night with an even 20. Woody Richardson also accounted for 20 of the Bear's total.

Captain Wiley Cairns hit 23 for Tampa while his four teammates also hit in the double figures.

With about six minutes to go, the Bears held a 71-61 margin. With four minutes remaining, the Bears still held a 10 point lead with the score standing at 75-65. Tampa then began its successful drive to overcome the deficit.

Howie Bernstein hit a jump shot, Cairns hit a field goal, a free throw, and Bernstein hit another bucket to make the score 77-72.

Gene Fogle hit a jump shot to push Tampa ahead for the fourth time of the night with only three minutes 78-77. A field goal and two free throws by freshman Bill Turner put the game on ice.

Woody Richardson lead the Bears in rebounds with a total of 12. It was also Richardson who pushed through the last field goal for Mercer with less than thirty seconds of play remaining.

Tampa shot an excellent .435, making 30 of 69 while the Bears hit for a .412, making 28 of 68. Mercer hit a fine .500 for the second half.

MERCER (79)	G	F	P	T
Kinslow, G	2	4-11	1	5
Bolton, G	2	8-10	5	20
Craft, G	1	2-2	1	4
Graham, F	9	14-14	2	27
Richardson, F	9	1-6	1	21
McGriff, F	1	2-2	1	4
Whiteley, F	0	0-0	0	0
Smith, F	0	1-2	1	1
Total	28	23-32	19	79
TAMPA (82)	G	F	P	T
Fogle, F	1	1-1	1	1
Cairns, F	9	5-8	3	23
Bowworth, G	6	1-3	1	18
Peoples, G	3	0-8	4	12
Bernstein, G	6	2-3	1	14
Miller, G	0	0-0	0	0
Turner, G	0	2-3	1	7
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Total	31	20-29	17	82
MERCER		35	44-79	
TAMPA		34	48-92	

21 GAMES ON DECK

Six Letterman Return To Mercer's Diamond

by Winston Leonard

Mercer's baseball team began practice last week, facing a rough 21 game schedule, under the tutelage of Coach Claude "Red Dog" Smith.

Smith has six returning lettermen, in the persons of Bill Lee, infield, Gene Harrelson, infield, Melvin Kinslow, catcher, Robert Norton, catcher, and Frank Worthy and Furman York, pitchers.

Four returning, but non-lettermen, are Ken and Dean Crane, Roger Bolton and Joe Murray.

"Several new candidates are looking good as the practice sessions open," said Smith. Among these are Drayton Sanders, infield, Larry Painter, outfielder and a transfer from Mars Hill Junior College.

George Piper, infield, and Royce Hobbs, a senior playing his first year for Mercer, is an above average first baseman. Cliff Kenny is a good candidate for the outfield. Jim Kirkpatrick is a new reprieve for the catching job; Charles Sykes is also on call for the catching position and Hugh Wallace and Frank Bynington are roaming about in the outfield.

Coming off the basketball team will be Bolton, Kinslow, Doug Harris and Gene Tarpley. These re-

ported for practice at the beginning of this week.

Speaking of last year's team, which completed the season with a 16-6 record, Smith said, "This year's team will be as good, if not better, than last year's team. Our weak spot, however, will be in the pitching department."

And speaking of pitching, there are several hurlers for whom Coach Smith has a liking. George Wright is showing some fine material in spite of a bum ankle and Frank Worthy will be back in his previous spot from last season, as will Furman York. H. A. Andrews, a new one for the record, looks good enough to handle a few assignments.

The team will open with the University of Tennessee on March 16, at Willingham Field. Games with three Southeastern Conference teams have been scheduled, those are with Tennessee, Auburn, and the University of Georgia. Georgia Tech will not be on this year's schedule, due to a new schedule arrangement.

Cadet Five Drops Bears In Last Tilt

Mercer University lost its final game of the season last Tuesday night to the Cadets of North Georgia College by a score of 108-88.

The game in Dahlonega was the final game in the careers of captain Roger Bolton and Bobby Graham. Roger paced the Bears with 21 points and Graham totaled 17 points in his final Mercer regular season game.

Mercer played a fine first half, and they lead by a slim margin at the halftime with the score 49-45. The Bears continued their fine play until the score reached the high 70's, and then the Cadets went wild.

They hit from every angle at an unbelievable pace. Hamp Alexander lead North Georgia with a tremendous total of 38. He hit twelve field goals and an amazing 14 of 16 free throws.

The Bears ended the regular season with a 8-15 record. They will journey to Statesboro tonight to meet Georgia Teachers in the annual NAIA tournament. Piedmont will meet Stetson in the first game and the two winners will gamble their chances to go to Kansas City the following night.

MERCER (88)	G	F	P	T
Graham	5	1-2	5	17
Hanks	1	2-2	5	16
Richardson	5	2-3	0	12
McGriff	3	2-2	2	7
Craft	2	3-6	4	7
Bolton	9	3-3	3	21
Kinslow	3	1-2	1	7
Totals	37	15-20	21	88

NORTH GA. (108)	G	F	P	T
Alexander	12	14-16	4	38
Shepherd	0	0-0	2	0
Camp	4	3-4	3	11
Patrick	3	11-15	2	24
Van Meter	0	2-4	0	20
Chapman	0	3-3	3	15
Totals	36	36-44	15	108

Score at half Mercer 49 North Georgia 45.

Ga. Nips Bears In Rifle Match

The University of Georgia defeated Mercer 956-902 in a varsity team rifle match last Friday, February 22.

Walter Smith was high man for Mercer with 188 points. The high man for Georgia was R. S. Mouser who scored the maximum score possible of 50 points in the standing position. This feat in rifle marksmanship is seldom done, according to Mercer Coach Lt. Lennox Oglesby.



Emory Dean Puts Quietus On Raiders

Emory University freshmen made two attempts at panty raids upon Alabama Hall, which houses the Emory girls.

On a Monday evening several weeks ago during a University official roomcheck in Means and Longstreet halls, the freshmen found themselves outside their dorms with nothing to do at 11:30 p.m. The freshmen made their first attack which was quickly brought under control by the dorm counsellors and members of the University staff.

The next evening the freshmen still restless, tried another raid. This time they were joined by men from the entire campus. Again the raid was quickly disorganized when Dean Rece and two police squad cars appeared in front of Alabama Hall.

Dean Rece stated that any person found entering a dorm during a panty raid would be dismissed from the University.

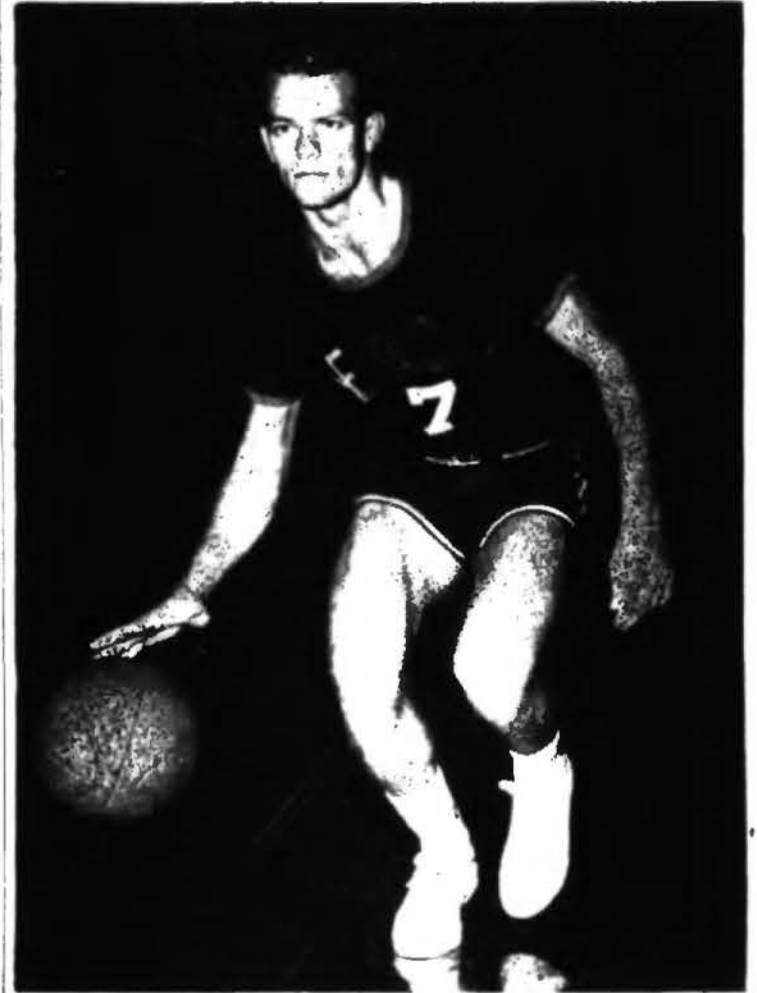


BEAR TAILS

by Marty Layfield

Two years ago at this time Tommy Mixon became one of the greatest, if not the greatest, basketball players that Mercer had ever seen play on its team. He finished Mercer in June of 1955 after breaking most of the MU basketball records. His jersey No. 7, is now retired and can be seen in the Library trophy case.

It is with pleasure that I see Tommy still active in the athletic world. He is at present assistant basketball coach at Dudley M. Hughes Vocational School.



TOMMY MIXON

It was announced last week that Mixon would open the 1956-57 baseball season as a member of the Macon Dodgers. Dodger officials confirmed the fact that Mixon, who played with Thomasville in the Dodger chain last season, will open the season with the local club.

Last season, with Thomasville in the Class D Georgia-Florida League, Mixon hit .270 and led the league in triples. He also led his team in stolen bases and runs batted in. His .270 average was the second highest on the Thomasville club.

Mixon, who signed a contract with the Dodgers in 1955, will be informed after the cut-off date whether he will remain with the Macon club or be assigned to a lower classification club in the Dodger organization.

The Junior College Basketball Tournament was a tremendous success. Mr. Vance reported that the gross was \$1,572.50. The expenses totaled \$422.03 for the tournament.

The only disappointing factor in the total column was the fact that Mercer University did not realize any profits from the intake. Last year, as I reported last week, Mercer received \$750.00 for its athletic scholarship fund, but this was not possible after the current tournament. It seems that the profits went to the JC teams for their expenses.

At the present time there is a total of about \$2500.00 in the athletic scholarship fund. This is a small sum in view of how many athletic teams Mercer supports. Only through aid from the alumni can we increase this total. This is not even large enough to support the basketball squad much less the tennis, baseball, track, golf and cross country teams.

This is a problem which Mercer University must meet and it is not just for the administration, but for all Mercerians, past and present.

The Mercer Basketball team will journey to Statesboro tonight to meet Georgia Teachers College. Piedmont will meet Stetson and the winner of these two games will meet to decide who will go to Kansas City for the NAIA.

It would be great if a large delegation from MU would accompany the team to the tournament. Maybe we can charter a bus. The time is getting late, so better get to work right now.

I received a letter from MOSCOW the other day inviting anyone interested to enter the VI WORLD YOUTH AND STUDENT SPORTS FESTIVAL FOR PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP in Moscow. The dates are July 28 through August 11, 1957. You name the sport and brother they will have it. Anybody for Rugby, Cycling, Aircraft model competition? If so, see me and I will arrange for your entrance application and also your one-way plane ticket to Russia. March 1 is the deadline for mailing the entry form.

It is rumored that all losing teams will be sent to Siberia. See you later

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