

# Bears Remain Undefeated Here With Stetson Upset

by Jim McKinney

The Mercer Bears remain undefeated on their home court after downing Feb. 2 a favored Stetson team, 76-70, before 2,000 cheering fans.

The lead changed hands 10 times and the score was tied 13 before Mercer finally took command in the fourth quarter.

During the first half, the Bears kept pace with the better Stetson team by rebounding and shooting from the outside. The Hatters jumped to a three point lead after 3:15 minutes in the first period.

Mercer came back by scoring eight points, four by Bill Finch, to go ahead 12 to 9. Before the buzzer, the accuracy of Wells and Kitchens tied the score at 16-116.

To begin the second quarter, Tommy Johnson substituted for Richardson and the Bears matched Stetson point for point. A foul shot early in the half gave the Floridians a slim lead.

In the final four minutes, Mercer was held to only one field goal. But the Bears scored on seven foul shots, two each by Banks, Richardson, and Johnson, and one by Finch. Richardson scored the only goal with a jump shot.

In the second half, Stetson enlarged their lead by hitting three goals to Mercer's one after three minutes of play. The Bears retaliated by scoring 15 points. With the score 52 to 55, Finch calmly swished two points to tie the score for the last time.

### Mercer Takes Lead

The Bears went ahead as Bergwall grabbed a rebound and flipped to Finch, who dribbled down court, set, shot, and scored. Mercer took the lead to stay. The Bears hit three more goals to go ahead 63-57. Mercer was again held to one goal in the last five minutes, but they collected 11 points on foul shots.

Stetson threatened only once late in the ball game after they stole the ball and scored on suc-

cessive craps. They were alert and successfully stopped Mercer's shuffle. Both teams scored the same number of goals, 26; but the Bears got more rebounds and shots. The game was really won at the foul line where Mercer collected 24 free points while Stetson scored 18. The six point difference was the margin of victory.

### LAST MINUTE PLAY

# MU Pulls Ahead In Stetson Thriller

By Cliff Hendrix

DELAND, FLA., Feb. 8—Mercer combined deadly shooting from the floor with tremendous back-board play to defeat Stetson 78-76 in the Bruin's best game of the season. Mercer took the opening tip, but the play went out and Stetson brought the ball back up the court where a Bear foul was called. The

Hatters quickly rolled back down the floor where Stetson's Dan Kitchens scored from beyond the foul line to put Stetson out in front, 2-0. The Bears came back and Bill Finch slipped one in from the outside to tie the score at 2-all.

### Extended The Margin

In the next few minutes, the Bears extended their margin to 29-20, led by Finch who put in 8 for the Bears during this interval.

By half-time, the Bears had extended their advantage to 11, leading 43-32 and paced by Finch with 15 points.

The Bears started the second half with a bang. With 14 minutes left, the Bears were leading the Hatters by 59-42, paced by Bergwall under the boards and Richardson on the floor.

At this point, the Hatters began to close the gap, pouring in three straight before Mercer could score again. Stetson put another one in to make the score 61-50, Mercer.

Then with 13 minutes left Stetson started the full court press. The Hatters slipped in two more quick ones to bring them within 7 points of the Bears. Norman Carter countered with a field goal and three good free throws to extend the Bears again, but the Hatters rolled back coming once as close as 66-61.

With the score tied 76-76 and only seconds remaining, Richardson hit with a jump shot from the outside to give the Bears a slight 2 point margin. With 7 seconds left, Stetson took time out, then bringing the ball down the floor, shot from beyond the keyhole as the horn sounded. The ball hit the rim, but bounced off and the game ended with the Bears on top. Woody Richardson took top scoring honors for the Bears with 23, followed closely by Bill Finch with 22 and Norman Carter with 14.

# Bruins Down Mocassins Winding Up Florida Tour

LAKELAND, FLA., Feb. 10—Mercer's rampaging Bears took an early lead and then staved off a late Florida Southern rally to defeat the Mocassins, 81-75. This ended the Bear's Florida tour, giving the Bears 2 wins against 1 loss for the trip and an overall season record of 12-4.

Mercer took the opening tip, and forward, Norman Carter moved down to score the first MU bucket to put the Bears ahead, 2-0. Florida Southern came back quickly to take a momentary 9-6 lead.

But the Bear onslaught, led by Norman Carter, with 19 points in the first ten minutes and Bill Finch who scored repeatedly from the outside, overtook the Mocassins and went on to post a 49-32 lead by halftime.

Florida Southern employed a zone defense against the Bears, but this proved ineffective against as Mercer shot a phenomenal 59 percent of field goals attempted in the first half.

### Stretch Their Advantage

Mercer moved on to stretch their advantage to 20 points early in the second half, going ahead 57-37. At this point Florida Southern shifted to the full court press in an attempt to halt the Bruins onslaught.

Later on in the second period, the Mocassins moved up to close the gap, hitting 10 quick points to make the score 69-59 with eight minutes to go. With a minute re-

maining in the game, the Floridians moved to within 3 points of the Bears who led 77-74.

Bill Finch hit 2 free throws to give Mercer insurance points. The Mocassins countered with a lone charity toss to cut the Bruin lead down to four points. In the final seconds of play, Ray Banks took a long pass and layed up the final Bear bucket as the game ended with MU on top 81-75.

Mercer	F	G	P	T
Carter	15	3-5	2	33
Richardson	2	4-4	1	8
Bergwall	5	0-0	4	10
Finch	8	2-2	2	18
Johnson	4	2-4	5	10
Banks	1	0-1	2	2
Totals	35	11-16	16	81

  

Florida Southern	F	G	P	T
LaPolla	4	4-6	0	12
Riley	6	3-3	3	15
Scuderi	5	7-8	3	17
Sharp	3	1-2	3	7
McNamara	8	1-2	3	17
Ball	3	1-1	2	7
Totals	29	17-22	14	75

  

Mercer	F	G	P	T
Mercer	49	32-81		
Fla. Southern	32	43-75		

# Rollins Takes Bears, 69-64

WINTER PARK, FLA. Feb. 7—Rollins' Tars, led by all-star center Dick Bezemer, overcame an early Mercer lead and went on to defeat a slippery band of Bears here, 69-64.

Mercer combined a fast break attack with the deadly shooting of Woody Richardson to keep the game close in the first half. The score was tied at several points, and with six minutes to go, the Bears were ahead 28-24. But, as the first period drew to a close, Bezemer slipped one in to tie things up at 32-all and sunk another two pointer in the last five seconds to give the Tars a 36-33 advantage at half-time.

The Bears came back in the second stanza to close the margin, coming to within one point, 41-40, with 13 minutes left to play.

The Bears were led in the scoring department by Woody Richardson with 25 points, followed by Bill Finch with 15 and Olaf Bergwall with 10.

Mercer	fg	ft	tot	Rollins	fg	ft	tot
Finch	6	3	15	Ruggles	2	1	5
Carter	1	0	2	Coffie	4	4	12
Bergwall	5	0	10	Bezemer	13	7	33
Johnson	2	0	4	Bishop	2	1	5
Richardson	12	1	25	Martindale	3	0	6
Banks	0	0	0	Gabbard	0	0	0
Veal	1	0	2	Davis	0	0	0
Harris	3	0	6	Crooks	0	1	1
				Schuler	1	0	2
				Griffin	1	3	5
TOTALS	39	4	64	TOTALS	26	17	69

Score by halves:  
 Mercer ..... 33 31-64  
 Rollins ..... 26 23-49

### Veterans Club Forms Here

Mercer veterans are organizing a veteran's club on campus. Interested former service men met on Jan. 26 to discuss aims and purposes of such an organization.

Bill Weaver, one of the leaders of the group, said a committee had been organized to draw up a constitution.

"The club will be dedicated to the ideals of scholarship, leadership, and fraternity," he said.

When arguing with a fool make certain he is not similarly occupied.

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