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All-Star Softball Game Set After Wednesday

IN CASE ANYBODY is interested, the annual Intramural Softball All-Star game will be played in a couple of weeks between whoever is lucky enough to win the IM softball championship and the All-Star team selected by the captains of the various teams who participated in the tournament.



This is certainly a startling bit of news. And as if this were not enough to satisfy any thrill-hungry student body, it gives the Cluster great pleasure to announce that in addition to selecting outstanding young intramural enthusiasts to the All-Star squad, it will become the duty of the team captains to select, at the same time, a Most Valuable Player for the 1958 season. The said Most Valuable Player will have his name printed in the Cluster in token of the great distinction he will have thus attained.

SO FAR SO GOOD. But, in order that the readers of this rag, (either one of them) and any of the team captains involved, will be free of all confusion as to procedure, it will now become our duty to instruct anyone interested as to how all these individuals will be selected.

First, each team captain is going to select three members of his own squad and submit their names to The Mercer Cluster. These names will be put together on a ballot and a ballot returned to each team captain, who, from the list of candidates on the ballot, will select a first and second string All-Star team to compete against the IM champs.

This ballot will be returned to The Mercer Cluster, which reserves the right to count the ballots. At the same time these ballots are submitted, the team captains will submit their individual votes for the Most Valuable Player.

Such a procedure seems pretty simple. Yet there may arise complications unforeseeable at this time which might cause difficulty later on and might possibly-cause this important ball game never to be played. What a tragedy!

So if the team captains will submit their nominees from their respective squads quickly, the All-Star team can be selected and the date for the game set.

The regular IM season is scheduled to end Wednesday but with canceled games still yet to be played and other such complications, it may be a little while after the regular season ends before the game can be played. So if the team is selected quickly, the game can be played soon as possible after the regular season ends.

Last year the All-Star squad downed the SAE champions by a score of 5-2 or some such tally. The Most Valuable Player of the '57 season was Leo pitcher A. D. Hall, who is now in his second year of IM softball play. Several of All-Stars of former years are still around. These include Mac Smith, veteran Phi Delt pitcher, Doug MacLaughlin Snake first Sacker, to name only a few.

Bama Series Reaps Mercer Losses As Bears Drop to API and Howard

by Jim McKinney
A three day tour of Alabama last week cost the Mercer baseball team losses to Auburn and Howard College.

The Bruins lost to Auburn 17-5 and to Howard, 8-4. Another game with Howard was scheduled for May 2, but was cancelled.

The Bears held Howard for five innings before succumbing to a late Howard rally. Clay Bailey went all the way for the Bears, who collected four hits and made two errors. Howard used three pitchers in all against the Bears. Their eight runs came by way of nine hits while Tiger fielders committed two miscues.

The day before Auburn's Frederick belted a home run on the first pitch of the ball game to set the stage for the Tiger win.

The Bears greeted starter Shirley in the second inning with four singles assisted by an error to score two runs. They returned in the fourth to score three more runs on an error, two walks, a fielder's choice and one single.

Then Auburn began to click. Carter served four more home run

pitches and gave up twelve hits before being relieved in the seventh. Crane came on and allowed four runs on four base hits before the side was retired in the eighth.

Mercer collected six hits and made three errors. Auburn scored seventeen runs on sixteen hits including five home runs, and made four errors.

Final Net Match Set For Monday

The Mercer tennis team will play its final match of the season Monday against Emory. The match, originally scheduled for Tuesday of this week in Atlanta was postponed due to unfavorable weather conditions in the State capital.

It is not certain at this time whether or not the team will participate in the Georgia Inter-Collegiate Tennis Tournament, played in Athens later in the month. However Sam Daniels and Tommy Johnson, Bruin Nos. 1 and 2 netters respectively, plan to enter the Macon City Tournament.



KEN HUDSON School Football Needed

Hudson Asks More Sports

by Charlotte Moore
"Seven man intramural touch just doesn't quite take the place of a Mercer football team. College is primarily concerned with education but most people just naturally associate college with football."

With these words Ken Hudson expressed his feelings about Mercer's athletic program, adding that he fully realized that the athletic department was doing a fine job and that lack of adequate funds prevented anything more.

Being interested in sports, Ken is naturally concerned with Mercer's athletic program. He thinks that well-supported athletics are necessary to a well-rounded campus life.

Ken Hudson, better known as "Rock," is Alpha Tau Omega's representative student. Ken is a senior and a ministerial student. He has been quite active in his four years at Mercer and has held many offices on campus as well as participating in nearly every sport.

Coming here from Jacksonville, Fla., Ken brought with him an impressive high school record. He was active in many clubs and was an officer in his senior class. He was voted "most athletic" as a senior superlative, having letters in basketball, baseball, and football. He was also awarded the Florida High School Athletic Association leadership award.

At Mercer "Rock" has been active in student government, holding the office of freshman advisor and serving on the student activities committee. He is a member of Blue Key honorary fraternity, the Ministerial Association, and is vice-president of Chi Alpha Omega and treasurer of Alpha Chi Omega. He has been chairman of gym night for three years.

An enthusiastic fraternity member, he has been vice-president, secretary, and sentinel of ATO. He has been on the all-star football team for four years and won the outstanding sportsmanship award. He participates in all intramurals.

Sportsmanship Award

The Cluster Sportsmanship trophy will be presented Friday at Honors Day.

This trophy is given each year to the player in the Intramural Football tournament that the team captains feel best exemplified the characteristics and qualities of a good sport. This man is selected at the same time the team captains select the football All-Star team. Last year, the award went to Billy Lee.

GTC Profs Outhit Bruins To Cost Carter 2nd Loss

by Cliff Hendrix

Mercer's baseball Bears dropped a fast one to the GTC Profs Tuesday, 8-3, in a contest that was over in one hour and 48 minutes.

Clay Bailey To Start For Bears

"We plan to start Clay Bailey against North Georgia Friday," Coach Claude Smith commented earlier this week. The Bears left Friday for Dalton-Georgia where they will play North Georgia Military College. The Bears have already beaten the Cadets once this season, 1-0, behind the six hit pitching of Norman Carter. It was in this game that Carter faced only 32 batters and yielded no walks.

Saturday the Bruins move over to Demorset, Georgia, where they will take on Piedmont College. In the last meeting between these two teams, the Bears picked up a 5-1 win behind Carter again. Coach Smith plans to throw Carter Saturday, in hopes he will be able to pull a repeat performance.

Mercer will wind up its '58 baseball campaign next week with a two day tour of South Georgia. The Bears will tangle with Georgia Teachers College in Statesboro Wednesday and will play its final game Thursday against Valdosta State in Valdosta. The Bears dropped one to Georgia Teachers earlier this week, 8-5. They have not played Valdosta State thus far this season.

The Profs outhit the Bruins twelve to six, with two of those blows, a triple and a home run, accounting for six Georgia Teachers College rallies.

"You don't feel ashamed of a game like that," Coach Smith commented after the game. On any other day, those two hits (the triple and the home-run) might have gone for easy put-outs in the outfield.

The Profs got things off with a bang in the first inning as they put one run across to take the lead. They got two more in the fifth, four more in the sixth on the pitcher Alwine's curcuit clout and one more in the eighth.

Mercer got all its runs in the sixth inning, combining hits by Norman Carter, Don Ford and Donny Veal with a passed ball and a sacrifice fly to push three across the plate.

The Bruins had placed a man on third earlier in the game as Doug Harris tripled, but the Bears were unable to bring him around.

Donny Veal led the Bears at the plate with two for three for the afternoon. Ford and Carter each went one for three. Carter went the route for the Bears marking his second loss against three wins.

This game marked the Bears final home contest, leaving them with four more road games which will round out the season.



Members of the winning Phi Mu swim team are, left to right, standing: Anne Chaplin, Jo Ann Gilder, and Frieda Strauss. Seated is the meet's top swimmer, Carol Cobb. Not pictured are Iris Baleam and Jane Clements. —Photo by John Robinson

PHI MU TAKES SWIM MEET

Phi Mu, aided by the outstanding performance of Carol Cobb, Monday won the SAE-sponsored swim meet, collecting a total of 46 points.

The Phi Mus and ADPIs were the only entrants in the second annual meet held Monday at Baconsfield Pool. Capt. Ralph R. Johnson and Major James E. Davis were judges for the event.

Carol Cobb, top swimmer in the meet, won the first event, the fifty yard free style. ADPI's Kathryn Floyd took the underwater distance swim, and another ADPI, Flora Jane Fowler, led the field in the fifty yard backstroke. Carol Cobb showed her great

form again to win the diving contest. Phi Mu came through again to take first place in the relay.

Scholarships Open

Applications are being accepted now for 12 scholarships of \$500 each, totaling \$6,000, which will be awarded to students from 11 states in the South and Southwest who plan to enroll in the College of Optometry at the University of Houston.

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