

Harris Hits For Bears' GSC Win

By JOHN ROBINSON

ATLANTA—Big Doug Harris, Mercer catcher, sparked the Bears to a 3-1 win over Georgia State College here Tuesday. Harris pounded out a single in the fourth frame to score one tally and another in the eighth for a two for three record for the afternoon.

The Bears' first run came on a combination hit and error in the second frame. The Bears scored once again in the fourth with a base on balls, sacrifice by Carter, and Harris' hit.

The Mercer score rounded out at three runs in the top of the seventh inning after Bear centerfielder Bob Crane drew a free pass and Marvin Tarpley pounded out a long single to score Crane.

Harry Estes went all the way for the Bears on the mound giving up five hits and one free pass.

The Bears meet Valdosta State here Friday at Willingham Field at 2:30 p.m., and the last game of the season will be a return bout with GTC, Saturday.

RABUN MATTHEWS

Where's The Crowd?

Some you win, some you lose, and others are rained out. So goes the story of all baseball teams. Fortunately enough, the Mercer Bears' aggregation of a baseball squad has been doing mostly the former of late, with several of the middle variety and as of yet none have been called because of the latter.

Yet, despite the winning ways of the Bears, there seem to be only a certain group of individuals hearty enough to brave the beautiful sunshine and fresh cooling breezes to see a fine group of individuals fight their hearts out to win a baseball game.

In a school where sports activity of late has become decidedly de-emphasized, it would be a pity to lose one of the three major interscholastic athletics left, because of the poor support and lack of interest shown by the Mercer student body.

These students who fail to appear at the baseball games are the same students who, en masse, continually gripe about the lack of sporting events offered for their benefit.

Surely there is no plague to harm any student, and the brand of ball played at Willingham Field is on a par with a lot of that played by the local professional team. Perhaps the most amazing and delightful feature of these games is the price. Nothing!

Now who can top these virtues which the Bears offer? An afternoon of delightful fun at no expense. And for the local MEP mulattoes, there are accommodating bleachers behind third base where basking in the sun, dodging foul balls, and watching foreign behemoths are the only rigors which the young co-eds must endure.

Who, during the spring quarter at old MU, can entertain themselves in the dormitories studying? Who, for that matter, would be so pretentious as to suggest that anyone does?

There is undoubtedly a great need for more sporting endeavors at Mercer, but this dream will never become a realization until the student body gets behind the athletic events we now have and shows a desire for



METAMORPHOSIS—This week's Sports Girl, Jane Clements, decides that formal attire is a tad too cumbersome for softball. Jane is 21, and a senior majoring in education. From Morgan, she likes swimming, skiing, dancing. She has been a Sweetheart of Kappa Sigma, a cheer leader and band sponsor.

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CHI O TAKES FIRST IN SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Chi Omega captured first place in the women's softball league for the second consecutive year, by virtue of a 17-15 victory over Phi Mu in the final game of the season.

more and better sports. Whom have we to blame for the lack of quantity in athletics but ourselves. An athletic team can be only as strong as the support it receives. By this yardstick our baseball team should have trouble beating "The Bloomer Girls" from Bushville, USA.

This is fortunately not the case, however, and the Bears with the big bats have done well without the moral support which is sorely needed.

This will not always be the case, though, and the time will come when the fans will make the difference in winning or losing a ball game, or more important still, having or not having a team.

The burden and balance of power lies on our shoulders. Let's all support Mercer athletics. It doesn't hurt and it could be fun if given a chance.

Trailing 14-8 in the bottom of the sixth inning, Chi O took advantage of 13 errors by Phi Mu to win the contest. In the seventh inning Phi Mu was able to score only a single marker to make the final score 17-15.

WIN FOUR

Chi Omega won four games this season, while dropping none under the direction of Tommy Holland. Phi Mu, finishing second, ended the season with a record of two wins and a like number of defeats. The other participant in the league was MICA, which lost four games while winning none.

The victory in softball brought to three the number of first places the Chi Omega girls have won in athletic events this year. They took first in basketball, gym night and softball, while finishing second in tennis, volleyball, and badminton.

SAE's Take Title In Softball Play

The aroused SAE Lions copped the Mercer men's intramural softball trophy Wednesday, by swamping the second place Kappa Sigma team 6-2.

The win for SAE was the eighth of the season against losses, and threw the runner-up slot in a virtual tie with three teams having two losses apiece. These three are Kappa Sigma, MIMA, and Sigma Nu.

SAE's powerhouse nine was led by their outstanding pitcher, A. D. Hall, who was the league's leading hurler with a record of eight victories and no losses. His eight wins this year give him a three year record of 22 wins and only two defeats. Both of his losses came last season at the hands of Sigma Nu, when SAE was edged out of the championship in a post-season playoff game.

ONLY NINE ERRORS

Hall was backed up in the field by a team which made only nine errors during the entire season, and which, combined with Hall's pitching limited the opposition to only 12 runs while the Leo's scored in excess of 115 runs in their eight contests.

Three men for SAE were tied for the home-run leadership with two apiece. They were, Ben Hudson, Ronald Heath and Rabun Matthews. Eight of the starting

pitching players for SAE hit better than .300. The E's combined to post an over-all team average of .343.

Tuesday afternoon will see SAE send Hall to the mound to face an aggregation of all-stars, picked by the athletic directors of the seven fraternities, plus MIMA and the Ministers.

This All-Star contest is an annual affair sponsored by the Mercer Cluster with the help of the Administration and the Athletic Department.

The SAE's sport a comparatively young team this year, and next year will find them only without the services of senior Doug Skelton, their regular left fielder.

All-Star Softball

The All-Star Softball game will be played Tuesday between the intramural softball champions and the All Star squad which will be selected by the captains of the respective teams.

Game time for this contest will be 3 p.m. on the first softball field.



THE CHAMPS—The SAE team that won the softball championship is composed of (left to right), front row: Hall, Jay, Johnson, Barker; back row: Matthews, Torrance, Hudson, Heath and Skelton.

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