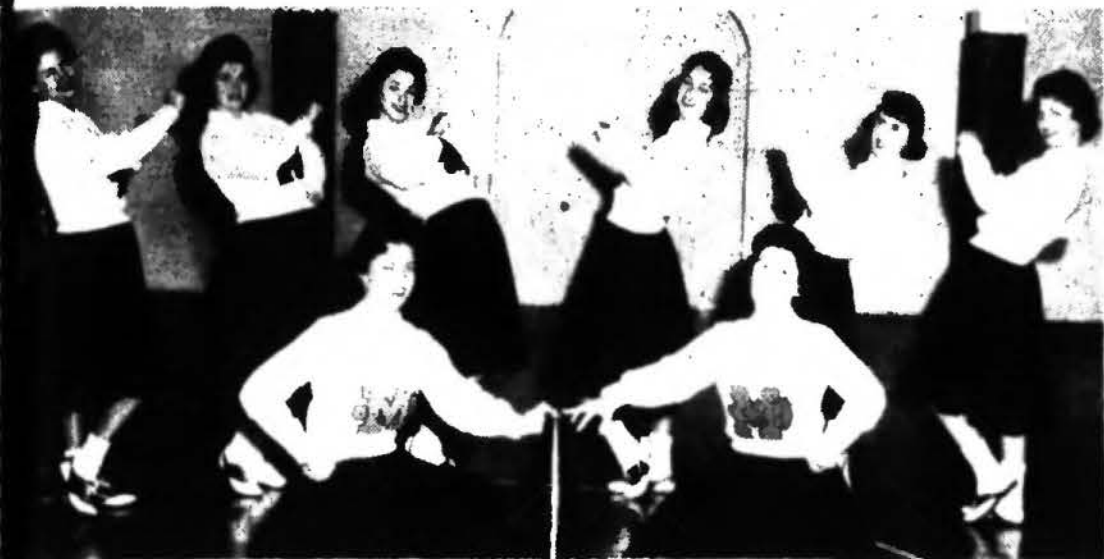


Bears Lose First Home Game To Catawba, 45-41



1959 CHEERLEADERS—Left to right, Linda Watson, Gail Norris, Kim Small, Jimmie Mackwell, Sandra Hutto. In the foreground are Co-captains Mimi McMahan and Carolyn Robertson.—Photo by Robinson.

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In the second half Mercer showed Catawba they were not going to fall in defeat without a fight.

Ray Banks started the half off with a hook shot that put Mercer within ten points of the Catawba five. Catawba's Medford hit for two and dropped a free throw in to increase their lead to thirteen points, making 31-18 with 17:05 left to play.

Mercer got within ten points again when Banks sank a jump shot to make the score 24-34. Mercer and Catawba then exchanged baskets to leave the margin at ten.

With the clock showing 10:40, Butch Clifton grabbed a rebound and hit a jump shot to narrow the lead to eight. Jim Milton scored from the corner and the Bears were within six points of Catawba, 30-36.

NEW BLAZERS

The members of the basketball team will be sporting new blazers. These are not game uniforms, but they will be worn on all road trips.

Each member of the team has purchased a navy blue blazer which has inscribed on the pocket the Mercer University emblem.

The Bear five will get their first chance to wear them this weekend when they journey to South Carolina to tangle with Presbyterian Friday night and Belmont Abbey Saturday night.

Catawba lessened Mercer's hopes when they came back with three, to make it 30-39. Banks hooked for two and Johnson stole the ball and drove in for two more to put Mercer back in the ballgame 34-39, with 7:45 remaining to be played.

Within 4 Points

Catawba's Snow hit for two out Dulick hit a jump shot from the foul line and Johnson swished one through from outside to put Mercer but four points from the leaders.

Catawba froze the ball for about two minutes before Snow got in the open and scored to make it 39-45 Catawba's favor.

Veal drove in and scored two more, but this was not enough and the Mercer Bears were caught on the short end of a 41-45 score when the final buzzer went off.

The second half showed that the Mercer quintet out-scored Catawba 25 points to 17, but this just wasn't enough to overcome the lead Catawba had built up in the first half.

Hit 17 Goals

Each team had seventeen tallies from the floor but the Catawba quintet led in free throws by four, eleven to seven.

The individual scoring honors for both teams went to Catawba's Snow who had fifteen for the night.

Donnie Veal lead the Mercer Bears with ten points, eight from the floor and two from the foul line. He was followed by Tommy Johnson with seven.

In the rebound department, Joe Dulick led with ten, followed closely by Jim Milton and Tommy Johnson who had nine and eight respectively.

Under Finch's coaching, the Mercer engers showed great promise for the games to follow. They will journey North to meet Presbyterian and Belmont Abbey this weekend and will not play again on the home court until January 11, when they play host to Stetson.

MERCER

	F.G.	F.T.	T.
HARRIS	0	0-2	0
EDWARDS	1	1-3	0
BANKS	3	0-0	6
VEAL	1	2-3	10
JOHNSON	3	1-1	7
CLIFTON	1	2-4	4
DULICK	2	1-3	5
MILTON	2	0-0	4
HENSLEY	1	0-0	2
Total	17	1-15	41

CATAWBA

	F.G.	F.T.	T.
FLYNN	3	3-3	9
MEDFORD	1	5-7	7
CHALK	4	2-3	10
SNOW	7	1-1	15
FORBIS	2	0-3	4
KOPP	0	0-0	0
Total	17	11-17	45



Rabun Matthews

In this year when Mercer seems to have nothing but interim presidents, vice-presidents, etc., it may also claim a distinction of sports, by laying claim to the fact that they have for the past two months, had one of the few intercollegiate basketball coaches now in existence in the person of Bill Finch, former star and co-captain of the Bears hardwood quintet.

Doctors Degree

In the absence of Coach Bobby Wilder, who is on an extended leave of absence to complete work on his Doctor's degree at Peabody Institute in Tennessee, Finch has been in charge of rounding the present edition of the Bruins into shape.

With the exception of the alternate weekends when Wilder has returned to oversee the practice of his charges, Finch has been in complete command of the some fifteen men, who have been able to endure the rigors of the daily sessions under his guiding hand.

Despite the fact that this is the first effort at coaching by Finch is generally agreed that the basketball team this year is at least in good shape as it has ever been at this stage of the season. It may have seemed that there was an unnecessary amount of stress placed on the fundamentals during the first month.

Run, Run, Run

This may or may not be the case. In a situation such as Mercer faces this year it is only feasible to believe that to win this year as in the past, Mercer must literally and figuratively run their opponents to death. To accomplish this, every man on the team must be in top physical condition, for with the pronounced lack of height that the Bears have, no matter how good are the shooters, to win the Bruins must run, run, run.

In the past Mercer has played this brand of ball with an amazing amount of proficiency, and, combined with a spirit for winning, some of the most exciting all you may ever hope to see at Mercer, has been played in Porter gym over the past several years by the Bear's swift midgets.

Not for a minute may the coaching tactics of Finch be questioned.

His job was to get the team in shape for the brand of ball they play best. He has done his job and done it well.

First of Series

Finch is the first in what is hoped to be a series of student coaches at Tatnall Tech. This policy was inaugurated as a convenience and a necessity in Wilder's absence. Upon Wilder's return in January, Finch will still work both with the team and with Wilder, but his main purpose will be to coach the "B" team.

This corner is certain that in his short tenure as coach if Finch has instilled into the squad any of his skill and desire to win as witnessed in his two years as a player at Mercer, then the 1959-60 edition of the Bruins will be a better team because of his presence.



MERCER SPORTS

All-Stars Edge SN; Jay Catches "Sleeper"

By JOE BECKNELL

In one of the most exciting games of the year, the All-Stars rallied with just ten seconds left in the ball game to turn a 12-12 dream into an 18-12 nightmare for Sigma Nu.

The big play was a 45 year "home run" pass from quarterback James Whidden to "sleeper" end Charles Jay, who was all alone in the end zone. This play climaxed a see-saw scoring battle between the two teams.

SN Scores

After the opening kickoff and a few exchanges of the ball, Sigma Nu received a break when David Kellam intercepted an all-Star pass and ran it back to the three yard line. Marvin Tarpley at the quarterback slot proceeded to direct his team to pay dirt.

With the ball on the three, Tarpley, finding no pass receiver open, ran off tackle for the score. The pass for the extra point was incomplete. Score: Sigma Nu 6, All-Stars 0.

The All-Stars came right back behind the passing of Richard Davis and drove to the eight yard line. On the next play Davis threw for six points to Wendell Lynch, his blocking back who had brushed his man and then had maneuvered himself into the clear in the end zone. A bad sap from center nullified the extra point attempt. The Score: Sigma Nu 6, All-Stars, 6.

All-Stars Gain

Later in the second quarter, Davis threw behind the line of scrimmage to Lynch who cut loose with a 45 year bullseye to end Jack Napier for the score. Again, the try for the extra point was no good. The score at the half read:

IM ALL-STAR TEAM		
Here are the All-Stars selected by the various organizations participating in intramural football. The number at the right of each name is the number of votes each player received on the All-Star team.		
James Whidden	ATO	4
Mike Knight	ATO	3
Noel Osteen	ATO	3
Tommy Wells	ATO	3
Charles Jay	SAE	5
Jack Napier	SAE	4
Ronnie Thomas	SAE	3
Charles Deal	Kappa Sig	3
Marshall Reeves	Lbda. Chi	3
Richard Davis	MIMA	3
Wendell Lynch	MIMA	3
Marvin Hardy	Phi Delt	6
Bill Crane	Phi Delt	4
Don Ford	Phi Delt	3
Doug McLaughlin	Sigma Nu	3
Marvin Tarpley	Sigma Nu	3
"Snuffy" Smith	Sigma Nu	3
David Kellum	Sigma Nu	3
Pete Sharber	Sigma Nu	3

All-Stars, 12, Sigma Nu 6. Throughout the third quarter and deep into the fourth, frequent interceptions by both teams halted drives of the other team.

These interceptions were due to all-round excellent play of (Continued on page 6)

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