

AVERAGE SHOWS MERCER WON ALL SEVEN GRID GAMES, 13-8

BEARS REGISTER 36 POINTS MORE THAN OPPONENTS

Baptist Eleven Scores Four Victories, Two Defeats and One Tie

By Dennis Pierce

Boasting one of the best football teams that has ever represented Mercer on the gridiron, Coach Robinson's Bear eleven expects to pave another block for their march towards an 80 per cent average for the year and thus make easy their way into the S. I. C., as they clash with the University of Florida Gators this afternoon on Alumni Field in the eighth game of their season.

Bears Lead Scoring

Up until the game with Florida, Mercer has dealt with her seventh for this season. Out of these games the Bears have laid bare route to four victories, one tie and only two defeats. Furman, Howard, Chattanooga and Wofford Colleges have been sent to the ropes by the Mercerites, and no longer threaten Mercer's path to the S. I. A. A. championship. Although Coach Robinson's men have been matched with such teams as Syracuse and the University of Georgia they lead their opponents in score by a 36-point margin. Taking an average of the scores in previous games, Mercer's lead is enough to allow her thirteen points and opponents eight in each game played. Considering points only, Mercer has won every game played this year by a 13 to 8 count.

After the game with Florida, Oglethorpe will come next on Mercer's schedule. This, according to newspapers, will likely determine the S. I. A. A. champions of this year. The Petrels were able to send the Baptists home with a 7 to 6 defeat in the last meet, and they are set on delivering a similar blow this season. According to "dope," both teams are as evenly matched for the contest this year as in the past. A hard contest is certain. Even though they lost last year the Bears, under the leadership of Captain J. A. "Red" Simmons, are inclined to believe that they can turn the tide on Captain Maurer and his eleven.

Grid Achievements

Mississippi College, too, deserves respect on the grid. The last game on Mercer's 1924 schedule is to be played with Coach Robinson's former charges. The game is billed for Macon on Thanksgiving Day.

The University of Georgia Bulldogs, in the first football affair of the season, forced Mercer's eleven to take the smaller end of a 26 to 0 count. For the first time since 1914, however, the Baptists were able to take the oval across the Bulldog goal for a Touchdown. Georgia admits that Mercer has a good team and no longer regard their annual game with the Maconites as a practice match.

For the first time in the history of Mercer University, this school was represented this year against a Northern team on the football field. Mercer matched her strength against that of the strong Syracuse eleven and held them to the low count of 26 to 0. But until the second half Syracuse was not able to score.

Furman fell easy prey to the Bears when the Purple Hurricane yielded 23 points and were unable to score any. They realized that they were playing a much stronger team than they played last year.

Chattanooga came to Macon and went home disappointed again. Only once during the entire game did the Moccasins threaten the locals. In the first quarter of the game they brought the ball to Mercer's 3-yard line, but the Bears would not yield that other yard. On the fourth down, the ball went over to Mercer on her own 6-yard line. This was the end of Chattanooga's threats.

With a badly crippled team, the Baptists defeated the Howard Bulldogs, 14 to 5. Wofford bowed to her grid superiority by a 16 to 0 score on last Saturday.

Loyola and Mercer played on even terms, for neither team could score.

All-Southern Aces Who Face Mercer



Behold Captain Art Newton and Golly Goldstein, two of Florida's star performers who will endeavor to lick the Bears this afternoon. These two Alligators have won berths on the All-Southern mythical eleven, Captain Newton, half; Goldstein, guard.

ALUMNI REPORT ORGANIZED UNIT

Officers of Association Have Accomplished Great Work, Reports Show

From June 1, 1924, up to the present date something over 50,000 pieces of literature has been sent out from the Alumni office of Mercer University. The daily average would be around 300 pieces per day.

The work of getting an authentic directory of all Mercer men is a task that assumes gigantic proportions when the fact that it has never been done before is taken into consideration. The alumni move so rapidly that it is somewhat like hunting for the proverbial needle in the haystack.

Not only the preparation for this directory but the organization of the entire body of alumni that have passed through the institution along with the publishing of a monthly magazine and putting the work of the Mercer Alumni before the eyes of the public in the daily press are some of the many phases of the work handled by the alumni office at Mercer University.

Something of the magnitude of the task is realized when it is known that the alumni office of the University of Georgia was around eighteen months in securing a correct list of their alumni. That the Mercer office has practically received publicity in every daily and weekly newspaper throughout the entire state and many of the larger dailies of the South.

Local units of the Alumni Association have been formed in over fifty per cent of the counties of the state, and state organizations have been formed in Alabama, Florida and North Carolina.

Today for the first time in the history of Mercer, the Alumni of the institution are functioning in an organized body for their Alma Mater. They are keeping pace with the rapidly expanding program of Mercer and their usefulness to the institution and to the world at large is not measured in dollars and cents.

Old Grads, Were You Mixed In These All-Time Pranks?

Practical Jokes of Years Ago Recalled of Former Campus Jesters.

Wanted: A cat. See Dr. Fountain at Mercer University.

"They came, by ones, by twos, by threes, and by the sack-fulls. But they came as they went for Dr. Fountain had a cat and did not need any more either at his home or in his experiments."

This was the result of the above ad which appeared in one of the papers in Macon as recalled by Miss Sallie Boone, Librarian of Mercer University, as one of the many practical jokes of all times played on the Professors by students who have left the institution.

On April 1, 1889, when Dr. A. J. Battle was president and when Dr. S. P. Sanford was professor of Mathematics the students locked up the chapel, at that time located in the present Denfield Hall, they took a holiday and did not meet classes. Dr. Battle was away and Dr. Sanford was in charge of the student body. When he went to chapel and found it locked he kicked on the door and at the same time said, "I'll swear that the men who did this couldn't decline hie-hae-hoe."

Saved up Biscuits
Another joke pulled off in 1889 by the students was saving up biscuits for two or three weeks and when, according to Dr. Peter Zellers, they had

Just the week preceding this, Loyola and Oglethorpe played to a 15 to 13 tie on the same field.

Prospects of winning at least two of the three games yet to be played are thought to be good. The team ranks among the best that has ever represented Mercer on any football field at any time.

about a thousand of them, they strung them on wire and hung them over the front entrance of the Chapel and then waited to see what the faculty would do when they, in their beaver hats and long tailed Prince Albert coats, walked under them. Mr. Zellers said that they didn't crack a smile but that when they got in Chapel the students sure got a roasting.

Miss Sallie recalls that Professor Whipple, who was an instructor here during the S. A. T. C. had a small Saxon roadster of which he was very proud. One night about mid-night a crowd of students went to his garage and took the car. The next morning when the faculty began to collect on the Chapel platform they found that they didn't have room as there sat Mr. Whipple's roadster on the rostrum. After holding a council the faculty appealed to the student body to remove the car. The students voted to do it so further trouble was avoided.

One of the more recent jokes was the using of Dr. Fountain's old bicycle which was recently replaced by a sky-blue Overland auto, as a flag. He left it on the porch of the Science Hall one night and the students swiped it and ran it up on the flag pole. After a half day search for it someone showed it to Dr. Fountain and it is said that he refused to teach another class until it was taken down.

Rings Bell With Toe
Dr. Harrison, Mercer graduate, related that once a student crawled up in the tower and tied a string to the clapper of the big bell that used to hang there. The string was long enough to reach to the dormitory and the student, when he went to bed, tied it to his big toe and he rang the bell for half the night. It is said that that was one night that even the Mercer professors did not get to sleep until long past midnight.
Lee Battle, employed in the Mercer

dining hall for 25 years, said that one April Fools Day the old students poured all the chairs on the freshman side of the dining hall full of syrup and then to cap the climax poured all the salt on the various tables into the sugar containers. When the waiters poured the sugar into the barrel which was nearly full they ruined all of it. Some of the students put up wagers that they would have to eat it but the dining hall authorities fooled them and gave it away.

There is another old legend that goes around the campus that deals with a cow. One night the students got a cow and locked her up in the chapel, where they milked her and put the milk on the stand where the Bible rests. They then stopped the key holes with putty so that a key could not be inserted.

The next morning, after trying in vain to open the doors, the President sent for the janitor and had him to break in one of the back doors. Lee said that they never could find out who did it so no one paid for the door.

Dining Hall Funeral

It seems that in 1889 the dining hall hash and grits did not appeal to the students and that one day an impressive funeral ceremony was held in the dining hall in which the steward, Mr. Medlock, was buried. It seems that the students got up a dummy to represent Mr. Medlock and then put it down on the floor and dumped all the etables in the dining hall on him. There was a great deal of trouble but it was finally settled to the satisfaction of all.

There are many stories of cane stealing, snipe hunting, Ku Klux Klaning, and hazing told on the students and faculty, but they have vanished with the old grads, and it is a hard matter to hear of any of them now but it is a safe bet that today many of them will be pulled from the archives of some old Mercer man's memory and told with many "don't you remember Bill's" and all of the frills that go with good story telling.

Daniel Elected Volunteer Head

Robert T. Daniel, of Mercer, was elected president of the Georgia Baptist Volunteers, at the closing session of the 1924 convention of that body, held Friday, Saturday and Sunday of last week in the Vineville Baptist church. Other Mercer students elected to office were: Henry Dearing, chorister, and Chas. Fulghum, corresponding secretary. The other officers of the convention elected were: Miss Cecilia Huff of Shorter College, vice-president; Miss Inez Shaw of Besse Tift College, secretary-treasurer, and Miss Florence Carlton of Besse Tift, publicity secretary.

The 1924 convention of the Baptist Volunteers, it was said, was considered the best in the few years' history of the organization. The reason given for this fact was that nearly every speaker on this year's program was an experienced missionary direct from the firing lines of the mission fields, each one of whom is spending a brief furlough in the homeland. Among those present were: Dr. W. Harvey Clark, Miss Frances Fulghum of Macon, and Mrs. Eph Whisenant. The 1925 convention will go to Shorter College at Rome, Ga. Shorter had four representatives at the convention just closed.

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