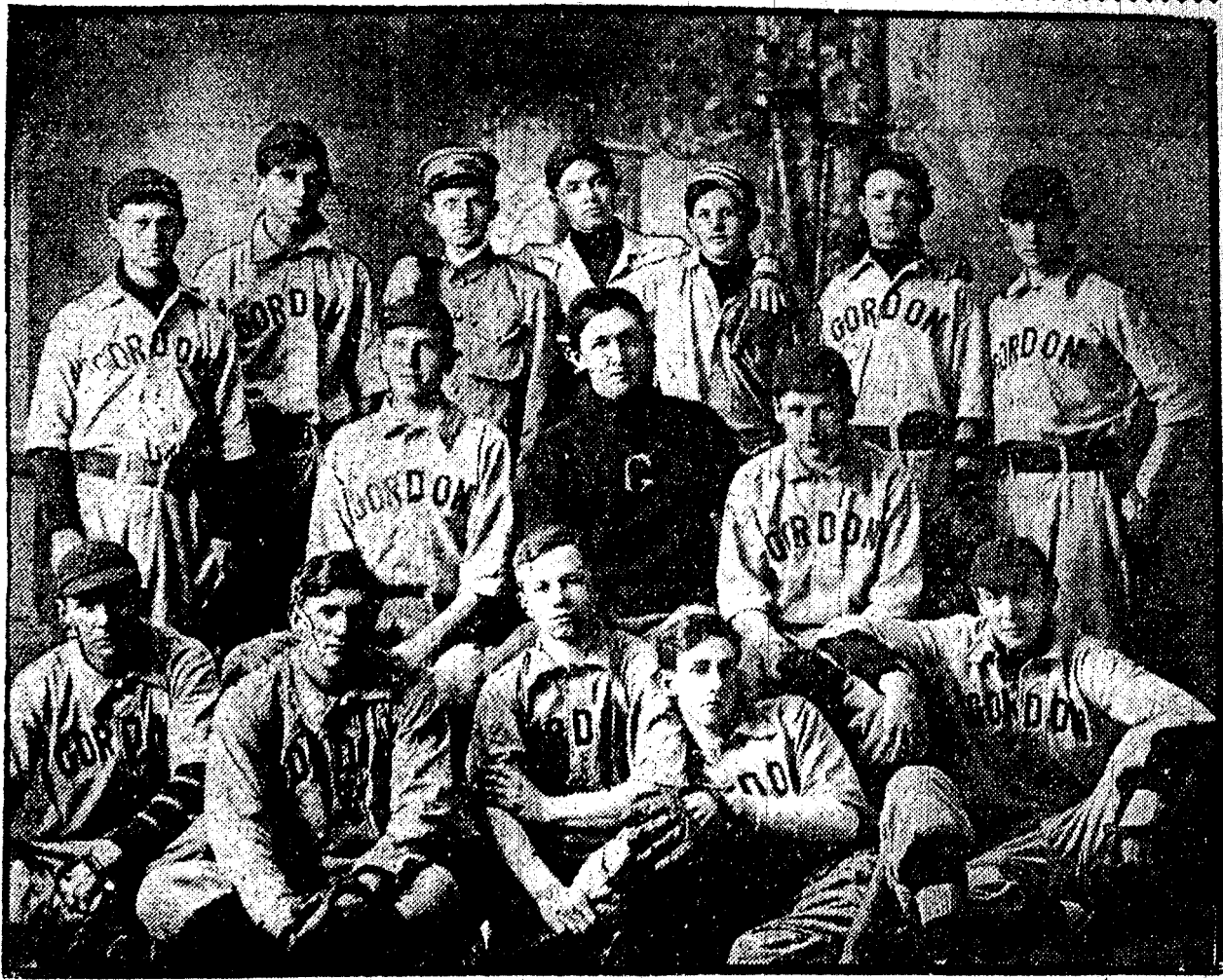


6/2/1907

STRONG GORDON BALL TEAM FOR THE SEASON OF 1907



Reading from left to right: Bottom row, Griffin, third base; Mercer, pitcher; Williams, first base, Simpson, second base; Binion left field. Middle row, Hill captain and catcher; Anderson, coach; Stallings, center field. Bottom row, Frank, short stop; Wright, sub; Wight, manager; Griffith, center field; Murphy, right field; Davis and Smith, subs.

The Gordon baseball team for the season of 1907 has made a record that any preparatory school team should be proud of. Although the team did not win every game played, they put up a gilt article of ball in every contest and showed that they knew the game from beginning to end. Under the careful catching of F. L. Anderson, the former University of Georgia star, the team learned inside baseball and always knew what to do at critical moments.

The G. M. C. team, at Milledgeville, was the hoodoo of Gordon. These two teams played five games, three going to G. M. C. and two to Gordon. In every contest Mercer had the best of the argument in the pitcher's box, and but for bad errors the result of most of the games lost by Gordon would have presented a different appearance. He is without a doubt the best prep school pitcher in Georgia and has a bright future before him. He twirled 45 innings without allowing a runner to cross the plate. He also

twirled a no-hit and several two-hit games. In every game that he pitched he fanned from twelve to twenty batters.

Lose Two Players.

The Gordon team will lose two good players by graduation this season, but these can be replaced by the many substitutes of this season's team and by the new men who will enter school next year. Williams, the best all-round prep athlete in Georgia, will be missed from the team next year, as will Hill, the captain and catcher of the 1907 team. Both of these men are football and baseball players of the highest order, and their services will be missed in both departments of athletics.

Those who will be back in 1908 to help the team win the prep championship are: Mercer, pitcher; Simpson, Faulk, Griffin, Griffith and Smith, infielders, and Stallings, Murphy, Wright and Binion, outfielders.

Four Gordon players were on the all-prep team that was recently selected, these being Mercer, Williams, Simpson and Faulk. Several others played good ball throughout the season, despite the fact that they did not make the all-prep nine. In Simpson, at second, Gordon has one of the best infielders in the league. Besides fielding well, he is a good batter. Faulk, the diminutive short stop, is another star. He is probably the best batter on the team and also fields well.

Mercer returns next season and will be better than ever before. Williams, the star first sacker, will be greatly missed next season. The services of Hill, the veteran catcher, will also be missed when the team is called out next season.

Six Games Arranged.

Gordon will play six games this week, one each day. As this is commencement week, a large crowd is expected to turn out. The games are scheduled with Bibbey's all-northern division prep team and McDonough.