



Shown above are the conference champion Mars Hill Mountain Lions, who closed their season last night with the Carson Newman Jayvees. Front row, left to right: Jerry Ball, Tommy Bell, Bill Long, Jim Harris, Conrad Keesecker, Dicky Kirby, Walter Lysinger, J. C. Pope and Jay James. Second row: Thomas Cooper, Smith Danielson, Mac Caldwell, Ed Morton, Ken Horton, Mickey Conklin, Jim Kennedy, Johnny Mac Brown, Russ Bowman. Third row: Ross Knowlton, Claude Sittin, Laurence Ponder, Gerald Lankford, Gene Hall, Jerry Brown, Charles Todd, Mac Thacker, Buck Lyda. Fourth row: Jim Charles (manager), John Wright, Wayne Whitson, Clifton McClure, Bill Self, Haskell Ezell, Jim Lankford, Ronald Singleton, and Bruce Phillips. Absent when the picture was made were Red Sudderth and Judd Force.

Edwards Announces 18 Game Cage Slate

Coach Bob Edwards announced an 18 game schedule for his Mars Hill Mountain Lion cagers. The card is split evenly with nine home games and the same number of away tilts. The Lions will also participate in the Western Carolina Junior College tournament late in February.

The schedule lists four games before the Christmas holidays including three home games. In addition to the seven conference teams there are two non-conference foes. They are Bluefield, Va., and Ferrum, Va.

Two lettermen are returning from last year's squad. They are John Wright and Tommy Sherman. There are several promising freshmen and returnees from last year who have also shown promise.

The schedule:

Dec. 3—Asheville-Biltmore—here
Dec. 5—Lees-McRae—here
Dec. 10—Spartanburg—there
Dec. 12—Bluefield—here
Jan. 6—North Greenville—here
Jan. 8—Asheville-Biltmore—there
Jan. 9—Gardner-Webb—here
Jan. 11—Ferrum—here
Jan. 14—Lees-McRae—there
Jan. 16—Brevard—there
Jan. 18—Spartanburg—here
Jan. 30—Wingate—here
Feb. 1—Brevard—here
Feb. 4—Wingate—there
Feb. 8—Gardner-Webb—there
Feb. 11—North Greenville—there
Feb. 19, 20, 21, 22—Conference Tournament
Feb. 24—Ferrum—there
Feb. 25—Bluefield—there

Horton Races But Lions Lose

Mars Hill's Lions ran everywhere but across the goal lines at Monroe last Saturday night as they lost to Wingate Junior College 13-6, in a hard fought game before a sparse crowd of chilly spectators.

The Lions threatened several times but were hurt by penalties and fumbles in key situations as they outplayed the homestanding lads in every department but the scoring.

Coach Don Henderson unleashed a single-wing attack at the winners in the first half and the powerful offense had the Wingate defenders guessing at every play. In the second half the Lions went back to the split-T formation and continued to rack up the yardage over the Wingate forward wall.

The Lions scoring play came, ironically, on an intercepted pitchout when Ken Horton captured the misfire from the Wingate quarterback and scampered 45 yards for the score in the third period.

The winning Wingate gridders tallied twice in the second period as Sonny Basinger went over for three yards and H. T. McManus tallied from one yard out.

The Lions had driven inside the 10 yard line in the first period until a pitchout went astray on what looked like a touchdown and was recovered by the Wingate squad. Still another drive was halted by bad breaks as the Lions again drove down within striking distance of the Wingate goal line when two successive penalties of 15 and five yards put a halt to this drive.

Coach Henderson would not single out any player for an outstanding job but said that the entire team played a heads up game and played together with real spirit.

One confused fan has defined some football terms:

INTERFERENCE: Cheering so loud it prevents me from hearing the other ballgames on my portable radio.

QUARTERBACK: What I don't get from the program salesman, who never has any change.

—Ed. note: Taken from the *Black and Gold*, Wake Forest College.

Bulldogs Top MHC, 14-0, In League Play

Gardner - Webb's Bulldogs caught the Lions right after their battle with the flu and the Lions came out on the short end of both bouts. The Bulldogs came through with a 14-0 win over Coach Henderson's men in the final conference game played at Shelby.

The Bulldogs shut out the Lions, although the Lion line threw the home town runners for losses on several occasions. Mars Hill's whole squad was hampered by lack of practice the preceding week as the flu epidemic knocked out practice and also several of the football players.

For the Lions the running of Ken Horton, Gene Hall and Mac Thacker was outstanding. In the forward wall captain Buck Lyda, Johnny Mac Brown, Dicky Kirby, and Tommy Bell were impressive.

In two games with the Gardner-Webb squad the Mounties tied the first one on their home field and lost the final one at Shelby.

Flu Bug Halts Intramurals

Intramural football league play was halted by the flu epidemic which hit Mars Hill's campus several weeks ago. One week of play had been going on when the league was halted.

Actual championship play had not gotten underway when the league was halted. Seven teams were entered in the league.

The Block-M club was in charge of the operation of the loop and will handle the intramural basketball league which will begin after the Christmas holidays. Jack Chalmers is in charge of the football league and will make further announcements as to whether play will be resumed.

Sports Chatter

By LESLIE TIMMS

Lions Not On Backs

The Mars Hill Mountain Lions are again the conference football champs, but they did not win by lying on their backs and resting as was stated in some area publications. Although they were awarded the title when they were idle due to the flu, they most certainly had to win out over the other conference squads before they could be named champs.

Coach Henderson had to do considerable lineup changing due to injuries and the flu. The changing of Mack Thacker back to his old post of halfback and moving freshman Ross Knowlton into the quarterback slot put in a new backfield and enabled the Lions to pour on the steam and win the first game in which this grouping was tried against Lees-McRae. Thacker seemed at home in his old position, at which he earned many honors while in high school. Knowlton put on a fine passing display to end John Wright, who also came in with some fine catches.

Flu Attacks Team

The flu which hit the campus hurt the Lions chances at probably attaining national ranking and also having a better record. Since practice had to be held off for a week with one game being cancelled, the team missed some of the peak performances of the season.

The fans at a football game could possibly enjoy the game more if a scoreboard and clock could be installed at one end of the field. Certainly this would not be a big burden and it would mean a lot to the fans to be able to tell how much time remains in the game and also what the score is. Although this isn't the time for an all out reform, I imagine that the visiting teams would enjoy the use of dressing room facilities during the halftime, since most visiting squads have to sit out behind the stands; during cold weather, it isn't too comfortable for the players to have to stay out in the open after playing a hard game throughout the half.

Successful Season Ends

Last night's game with Carson-Newman ended a successful season for the Lions, with the whole team deserving a big accolade for their performances whether they were subs or the front line stars. The subs deserve praise for sticking it out during the season, and, although they did not get to play too much, they helped the first stringers get ready for the coming games.

With the coming of basketball season the Mars Hill students are reminded to keep up the good spirit and sportsmanship which was shown during the football season.

LIONS TOP WCJC LOOP

Coach Henderson's Lions captured the Western Carolina Junior College championship for the second year in succession and with only one game remaining has a 3-1-2 record.

The Lions have only one conference loss and this came after a layoff due to the flu epidemic. The final game of the season was last night with the Carson-Newman Jayvees.

Two games were cancelled due to the flu and one game postponed. The cancelled games were with Marion Military Institute and the Appalachian Jayvees. The Carson-Newman game was postponed from September 27 till November 15.

The results:

Mars Hill 27 - Ferrum 0
Mars Hill 7 - Lees McRae 6
Mars Hill 7 - Gardner-Webb 7
Mars Hill 17 - Lees McRae 14
Mars Hill 0 - Gardner-Webb 14
Mars Hill 6 - Wingate 13

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