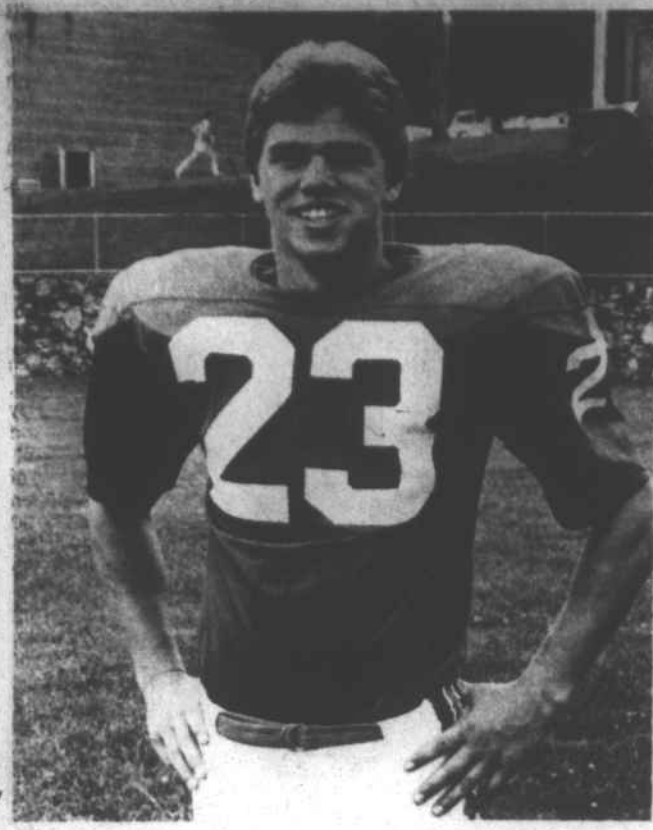


Mars Hill Lions Upset Nationally-Ranked Elon



FREE SAFETY STEVE CAMPBELL was voted both SAC-8 defensive player of the week and NAIA district player of the week for his game-winning efforts against Elon.

The Mars Hill Lions broke a six-year jinx last Saturday by defeating the powerful Elon Fighting Christians 10-9 in a superb defensive effort.

Both teams proved to be far stronger on defense than on offense, but Mars Hill surprised even their own coaching staff in upsetting the team ranked second in the NAIA.

"I have to say that our defense played extremely well," said head Coach Claude Gibson, "especially since Elon is considered a great defensive team. You have to remember that this team has had 10-0, 9-1 seasons almost every year we've played them. And we've never beaten them in the six years we've played them."

The Lions' win was no fluke, either; the Fighting Christians were repeatedly driven back into their own territory. Coach Gibson says that the score would have been considerably higher except for poor luck in kicking.

"The discouraging thing is that we were down in their end of the field all night long," said Gibson. "We were 0 for 7 in field goals. We had trouble with snaps, they were dropped, the protection broke down. It was no one thing. But when the protection is erratic, the kicker has trouble getting set."

The Lions' free safety Steve Campbell was chosen not only as the defensive player of the

week by the SAC-8, but also the NAIA district player of the week for all North Carolina as well. Campbell made eight unassisted tackles, one interception, and the game-winning fumble recovery.

Other outstanding players on defense were defensive back J.C. Burkett, with six tackles, linebacker John Gullede with five intercep-

tions and two fumble recoveries, Clayton Curry, and Cliff Searcy.

One of the most successful changes Coach Gibson has made was to move John Gullede from defensive tackle to linebacker. Not only is Gullede doing well, but also his replacement, a 6'4", 225-pound freshman named Ricky Williamson, is proving

one of the most promising new players on the team.

Both defenses performed so well in the first half that neither team was able to score. The first points came quickly in the second half, however, when Elon pulled a reverse for a big gainer, followed by an off-tackle escape by Bob DeFreen for 45 yards and six points. The score took no more than a minute. Then Phil Renn kicked the extra point.

Steve Ferguson jarred the ball loose from quarterback Mike Currin and Steve Campbell pounced on the ball in the end zone for six points. The Lions then gambled successfully in sending Dexter Fish around right end for a two-point conversion to make the score 10-7.

Deep in their own territory with 54 seconds remaining, the Lions elected to take a safety rather than punt from their own end zone, bringing the score to 10-9. After the safety

they got to kick off from their own 20. Melvin Dunn punted, in order to get height on the ball, and Elon ran the ball back well for 15 yards. A pass brought the ball nearly to mid-field. But finally Steve Campbell stopped the final drive with an interception and a run-back of 63 yards, nearly scoring as he did so.

Instrumental in the Mars Hill victory was the fine punting of Melvin Dunn, who averaged 41.2 yards for 10 kicks.

Volleyball Schedule

Madison High School has announced the schedule for the 1979 girls' volleyball season as follows:

Sept. 4	Mitchell	Away
Sept. 6	Henderson	Home
Sept. 11	Owen	Home
Sept. 13	W. Henderson	Away
Sept. 18	Mt. Heritage	Home
Sept. 20	N. Buncombe	Away
Sept. 27	Mitchell	Home
Oct. 2	Henderson	Away
Oct. 4	Owen	Home
Oct. 9	W. Henderson	Away
Oct. 11	Mt. Heritage	Away
Oct. 15	N. Buncombe	Home
Oct. 22	State Playoffs	

(top team from each division)

Regular season matches consist of the best two out of three 15-point games. Junior varsity games being at 7 p.m., varsity games at 8. Admission is \$1.

Patriots Lose Battle With Erwin Warriors

For three periods it looked as though the Madison Patriots might limit a larger Erwin team to one touchdown last Friday night, but Warriors erupted for two more scores in the fourth period to win 20-0 at Erwin.

Erwin's Larry Wilson bulled his way into the end zone with 9:25 left in the first period on a six-yard run for the first touchdown. The Patriots held well for three periods after

that, and when Tim Wilde picked off a pass for an interception, Madison began to think about an upset.

That kind of thinking was quickly dashed, however, as the Warriors then exploded in the person of Larry Wilson, who ran through the Patriots' defense repeatedly. They scored their second TD with 11:07 left, on another six-yard run, and then again with 1:35 left on a 20-yard pass from Tim Sluder to Randy Ledford.

Wilson was the game's leading offensive player, with 228 yards on 34 carries, accounting for nearly all of Erwin's 290 yards.

A strong point of the Patriots' game was their punting. In four punts, Mike Hensley averaged 43 yards per kick.

Erwin's defense was formidable all night, holding Madison to just one yard rushing and only one pass completion for 19 yards.

Patriot Coach Mike Cook said that Madison also did a good job defensively, playing well as a unit. He said that the team's biggest problem was the inability to generate any offense; the running backs were unable to break loose and the plays did not run smoothly, he said.

In 1975, U.S. Apollo and Soviet Soyuz spacecraft linked up in space and two Russian and three American astronauts visited each others' craft. The Apollo-Soyuz mission marked the first time the two nations had undertaken a joint space venture.

Barbeque For Morgan In Brevard

Sen. Robert Morgan will be in Transylvania County on Sept. 22 for a fund-raising barbecue dinner beginning at 4 p.m. at Knob Creek Bottoms, Wilson and Elm Bends roads, in Brevard. The barbecue and all the trimmings will be donated by local supporters of Sen. Morgan and is being sponsored by Transylvania, Polk, Henderson, Buncombe, Madison, Haywood and Jackson counties.

The dinner is free and open to the public. However, this event will provide those in attendance with the opportunity to contribute to Sen. Morgan's re-election effort.

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