

Lady Patriots Look Strong On Track

By GINA WORLEY

The Madison High Lady Patriot track team opened their 1980 season March 18 with a showing of third place in a five-team meet at East Henderson.

Individual placings were: Rene Cole, first in the shot put, second in the broad jump; Denise Thomason, second in the 110-hurdles; Lori Hagan, first in 220-yard dash, third in 100-yard run; Susan Chapman, fifth in the 880 run; Brit-

tany Plaut, fifth in the mile run; the team of Robin Holcombe, Lori Hagan, Rachel Ammons and Rhonda Bentley was second in the 440 relay; the team of Pam English, Rene Cole, Rachel Ammons and Rhonda Bentley was second in the 880 relay; and the team of Rene Cole, Vera Melvin, Laurie Melvin and Denise Thomas was second in the mile relay. The final order of finish was Erwin 82, East Henderson 56,

Madison 38, North Buncombe 30, and Edneyville 13.

The next contest was March 19 in a four-team meet at Cherokee. The Lady Patriots finished third but were only 10 points out of second to a team that easily defeated them by more than 30 points last year. Individual placing in this meet was: Rene Cole, second in broad jump, third in 220 dash and fourth in the shot put; Rachel Ammons, fourth in the triple jump; Denise

Thomason, second in the 110 hurdles; Laurie Melvin, fourth in the 110 hurdles; Robin Holcombe, fourth in the 100 yard dash; Brittany Plaut, fourth in the mile run; Pam English, second in the 440 run; Susan Chapman, fourth in the 880 run; the team of Rene Cole, Robin Holcombe, Denise Thomason and Lori Hagan was first in the 880 relay; and the team of Rene Cole, Laurie Melvin, Karlyn Ammons and Pam English was first in the mile relay. The final scoring for the meet was Franklin 61, Cherokee 44, Madison 34 and Swain 13.

The Madison High Lady Patriot track squad had their best showing ever March 27 at West Henderson in the Little MAC conference meet. The Lady Patriots finished second in the meet and won the track events by scoring 83 points, which is three more than the winner, West Henderson. Individual placings were: Rene Cole, first in the 220 yard dash, second in the broad jump, third in the shot put; Denise Thomason, fifth in the high jump, fifth in the 110 hurdles; Rachel Ammons, fifth in the triple jump; Rhonda Bentley, third in the 100 yard dash; Lori Hagan, fourth in the 100 yard dash; Donna Roberts, second in the mile run; Brittany

Plaut, third in the mile run; Pam English, first in the 440 dash; Vera Melvin, third in the 880 run; the team of Denise Thomason, Rachel Ammons, Lori Hagan and Rhonda Bentley was second in the 880 relay; the team of Robin Holcombe, Rachel Ammons, Lori Hagan, and Rhonda Bentley was first in the 440 relay with a time of 55.1 (this time lacked a tenth of a point from the sectional qualifying time); and the team of Karlyn Ammons, Laurie Melvin, Rene Cole and Pam English was first in the mile relay. This team ran an outstanding 4:43 which is 5 seconds better than state qualifying time.

Coach Ricky McDevitt commented that he was well pleased with the meets and thought they were good showings for the team. Coach McDevitt feels that the team is still very young, but by midseason should be very tough.

The team in its entirety is Rhonda Bentley, Donna Roberts, Vera Melvin, Lori Hagan, Susan Chapman, Wanda Hensley, Sherry Sutton, Robin Holcombe, Pam English, Denise Thomason, Brittany Plaut, Laurie Melvin, Cynthia Payne, Rachel Ammons, Rene Cole, Karlyn Ammons and Teresa Norris.



PATRIOT BOYS TRACK TEAM gathers the day before its meet with A.C. Reynolds April 1. First row, left to right, are: Robert Murray, Erwin Herndon, Julian Roberts, Robert McGee, Tommy Ray, David Adams, Buzz Cook and Roger Meadows; second row: Jack Wallin, Teddy Wells, Tim Plaut, Gerry Kraus, Dewitt Bishop, George Hackbarth and Bill Cantrell; third row: Mark McPeters, Dewayne Buckner, Greg Deptuch, Jon Thorsen,

Steven Garrison, Fran Randall and Greg Dillingham. Coaches are Stu Forster and Linda Forster. After the A.C. Reynolds meet, the team competes at Brevard April 3, at West Henderson April 11, at Mars Hill College April 16 (the Mountain Invitational, with Avery, Mitchell and Mountain Heritage), at Avery April 21, at Tryon April 30 and at Brevard (league meet) May 3. The sectionals will be held May 10.



PICTURED ABOVE is the Mars Hill third and fourth grade girls basketball team. The team took second place in the Twin County League tournament held at Barnardville. Bottom row, left to right, are Lisa Ballard, Susan Eatman, Missy Leininger and April Ball. Top row, left to right, Christy Grigg, Cindy Robinson, Kim Worley, Elke Worley and Stacy Sears. The team coaches are Pat Worley and Nancy Ballard.

Upper Laurel Sets Softball Tournament

There will be a men's softball tournament at the Upper Laurel Community Center (Ebb's Chapel) on May 1-4. The entry fee is \$60 plus two balls. For information call 689-3263 after 5 p.m.

Advise ASCS Of Changes

Farmers participating in programs administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service should report to the county ASCS office any sale, purchase, lease or rental of farmland, according to W.B. Zink, county executive director for Madison County ASCS.

"I strongly urge those who have added to or reduced the size of their farms to get the information to the county office as soon as possible," said

Zink. He pointed out that when the size of a farm is changed, the ASCS records must be changed, including re-determination of farm allotments, quotas, bases and yields. Farmers who are thinking of buying or selling property are urged to come in to the ASCS office first and check on how the quotas for the farm will be affected by the change. This can prevent misunderstandings and disappointments.

Changes Announced In Burley Program

Some program changes made in the burley tobacco program in 1979 will continue to be in effect for 1980, according to W.B. Zink, county executive director for the Madison ASCS office.

One change which affected some Madison farmers in 1979 was the provision that a farmer cannot lease and transfer quota to and from his farm in the same crop year. For example, if a farmer leases quota to his farm during the crop year, he cannot lease quota away from the farm later in the year.

Also, if he leases quota away from his farm he cannot lease quota to the farm later. Zink said that this provision should be emphasized so that farmers can understand how it will affect them before signing a lease and transfer agreement.

Another change which occurred with the 1979 crop year will also continue for 1980. That is the requirement that producers will be asked to file reports of any tobacco on hand at the end of the marketing season. A percentage of the

farms having carryover tobacco will be visited and checked.

Questions concerning these provisions can be addressed to the Madison County ASCS of-

ice, Marshall. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



ELAINE WILLIS, left, presents a check for \$500 to Dr. Evelyn Underwood and Ruth Anderson of Mrs. Hill. The check represents a

donation from Asheville Federal Savings and Loan toward the planned Mars Hill public library.

Patroit Girls Field Solid Softball Team

The Madison Girls' softball team, under the direction of Coach Karen Dillingham, appears to be headed for another outstanding season. Their combined three year record is 34 wins and 8 losses. Two leading outfielders, Mary Jane Pressley and Beverly

Bruce, and pitcher Charlene Carter have graduated, but seven starters are returning.

Senior starters Susie Davis, Holly Hough, Janice Plemmons, Carolyn Ramsey, Janet Reed and Cindy Shelton are returning. Susie led the team in batting (.491) and in home

runs (five) last year. Cindy batted .457, Janice .408, Janet Reed .333 and Holly .304. The infield of Susie at first base, Carolyn at second, Holly at third and Janet at shortstop is solid. The outfield composed of Cindy in left, junior Sandy Franklin in shortfield, sophomore Marla Reese in center, and Janice in right is also excellent defensively. Sandy had a batting average of .368 last season.

Three players — senior Sherry Maynard, junior Johnna Webb, and sophomore Robin Hough are contending for the pitching position while sophomore Vickie Bailey and junior Linda Ray (last year's starting catcher) are competing for the catching duties.

Other girls contending for positions are junior Hanna Anderson — outfield, junior Etiska Bishop — second base, junior Tina Carter — outfield, senior Lynn Gibson — outfield, and sophomore Peggy Sexton — third base. The girls lost their first game to Owen 7-3 on Wednesday, March 26 at the Owen field. The starters included Johnna pitching, Vickie catching, and Peggy as designated hitter.

Varsity Girls' Softball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Mar. 31	North Buncombe	North Buncombe
Apr. 1	Mitchell	Walnut
Apr. 4	West Henderson	Walnut
Apr. 7	Pisgah	Madison
Apr. 15	Mt. Heritage	Mt. Heritage
Apr. 22	Hendersonville	Hendersonville
Apr. 25	Owen	Walnut
Apr. 29	North Buncombe	Walnut
May 2	Mitchell	Mitchell
May 6	West Henderson	West Henderson
May 9	Mt. Heritage	Walnut
May 16	Hendersonville	Walnut

Starting time for all games is 4 p.m.

Rummage Sale

The United Methodist Women will have a rummage sale on April 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lobby of Sandra's Beauty Shop on Main Street in Marshall.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

There will be a double elimination softball tournament for women at Laurel School April 18-20. The entry fee is \$40, and teams are to supply their own balls. Deadline for entry is April 13. For more information call Quentin Ramsey at 649-2711 or Jerry Gunter at 656-2592.



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