

Mars Hill Battles Wofford To 7-7 Tie

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Fifth-ranked Mars Hill and 16th-ranked Wofford played to a 7-7 standoff last Saturday afternoon before 6,670 thrilled homecoming fans at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

After the Lions tied the score with a brilliant drive to open the fourth quarter, the Wofford Terriers had two golden opportunities to break the tie but placekicker Ronnie Andrews failed on two field goal attempts from inside of 40 yards to preserve the deadlock.

The Terriers threatened to put Mars Hill on the ropes in the second period with a relentless wishbone attack. Wofford drove 72 yards in seven plays late in the opening stanza to score on a 12-yard halfback option pass from Wade Lang to Jeff Sarvis to put the Terriers up 7-0. They then began another drive on their own 43 with 10 minutes remaining in the first half that pushed the ball to the Lion 29 after seven plays. But with 7:31 to play in the half, Jeff Sarvis coughed up a critical fumble and the Lion's J.C. Burkett pounced on it at the 16 to set up the wild finish later in the game.

Down 7-0 with six minutes to play in the third period, the Lions made a dramatic and determined drive to tie the contest. Beginning at their own 26, Mars Hill used 14

rushing plays to reach paydirt on a one-yard sweep by halfback Kenny Phillips on the first play of the fourth quarter. John Coble's PAT tied the score at 7-7 with nearly 15 minutes left to decide the issue.

Wofford gained a big opportunity when Terrier defensive end Carl Richardson intercepted an errant Tim Gearrin pass on the Lion's 15 with 12 minutes to play. A costly holding penalty set Wofford back and forced Ronnie Andrews to attempt a 37-yard

field goal with 10 minutes to play but his kick sailed wide right.

Mars Hill got the next opportunity for the tiebreaker when Lion's defensive back Terry Hartnett intercepted quarterback Charlie Bradshaw's sideline pass at the Wofford 42 with 2:49 to play. The break was wasted when on second down flanker Sean Conlin lost 11 yards on a reverse and a clipping penalty was tacked on to set the Lions back to their own 31. From there, Melvin Dunn got off a poor 23-yard punt to put Wofford on

their own 44 with 1:26 to play.

The Lions looked dead when a 32-yard penalty was called on Mars Hill for pass interference and a personal foul and put the Terriers on the Lion 24. This set up a dramatic 32-yard FG attempt by Ronnie Andrews with 30 seconds to play to win the game. But the Lions refused to fold and noseguard Steve Ferguson leaped high to block the kick harmlessly to the ground.

Three desperation plays in the last half-minute produced excitement but no points. Lion quarterback Tim Gearrin was

intercepted by cornerback Tony Painter at the Mars Hill 40, while Bradshaw fumbled after being sacked by Lion defensive tackle Ricky Williamson on the next play. The final play was an overthrown last-ditch pass by Tim Gearrin.

The tie in the crucial NAIA game left Mars Hill with a 7-1-1 record and Wofford with a 6-2-1 worksheet. The Lions will attempt to secure a playoff berth when they travel to Newberry, South Carolina, to play Newberry College next Saturday night in the regular-season finale.



HEAD COACH RICKY McDEVITT works with Madison High's varsity girls' basketball team Monday during practice session in the Patriots' gym. McDevitt is assisted in coaching duties this season by Jack Radford.



Photo by N. Hancock

PRE-SEASON PRACTICE has begun for the Marshall Youth Basketball League. Third and fourth grade youngsters worked out in the Marshall Elementary School gym Monday night in preparation for their season opener on December 1.

School Menus

NOVEMBER 17-21

BREAKFAST

Monday: sausage biscuits, juice and milk.

Tuesday: pancakes w/syrup, juice and milk.

Wednesday: cereal, juice and milk.

Thursday: manager's choice.

Friday: apple turnover, juice and milk.

LUNCH

Monday: roast beef on bun, lettuce-tomato-cheese, french fries, pear half and milk.

Tuesday: western baked beans, cole slaw, cheese wedge, diced beets, mixed fruit, cornbread and milk.

Wednesday: chicken pot pie, tossed salad, apple crisp and milk.

Thursday: manager's choice.

Friday: tomato soup in cup, turkey and cheese sandwich, lettuce-tomato, peanut-butter delight and milk.

AMERICANS OUTDOORS

BOSTON (AP) — The Museum of Fine Arts at Faneuil Hall is showing through mid-January 1981 more than 30 paintings by such artists as Winslow Homer, Childe Hassam and John Singer Sargent.

The main focus of the show, "American Outdoors: Painters of Light From Homer to Hassam," is on "the representation of artists who depicted outdoor leisure activities that were popular in America from the Civil War through the early part of this century."

Community Calendar

YOUTH APPRECIATION WEEK

The Madison Central Optimist Club will recognize Youth Appreciation Week Nov. 9-15.

EXERCISE CLASS

There will be an exercise class on Thursday evenings, 7 p.m., at the Marshall Presbyterian Church. All are invited and there will be no charge for the class. Bring a friend!

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Mars Hill Merchants Association Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 22. Any one interested in entering, working on, or participating in the parade should call Carolyn Ammons: 689-3881 (day) or 689-2641 (nights).

CHURCH PLAY

The Red Hill Freewill Baptist Church will present a play entitled, "Don't Wait Until It's Too Late" at the Sexton Freewill Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 16, beginning at 7 p.m.

Rev. Archie Rice, pastor, cordially invites everyone to attend.

REVIVAL

Revival services will begin at Little Ivy Baptist Church Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. The Rev. James Keasing will be guest evangelist.

Health Watch

Autumn has arrived and nature's signs are posted everywhere. Shorter days, cooler nights, and forests ablaze with brilliant flames of red and orange all attest to the beauty of the seasonal change. But another season has arrived too.

For some it is an inconvenience, for others it is potentially life-threatening. For everyone, it is the flu season.

This year's flu immunization campaign is geared mainly to those persons who have a high risk of flu complications. The high risk population is defined as all adults over the age of 65 and all persons, adults and children of any age, who have chronic conditions that make them more susceptible to influenza and its complications.

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