

Madison's JVs Win 2-A Conference Championship

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Madison High School's Junior Varsity football squad has made history. The 1987 version of the JV Patriots finished as regular season champions in the Western Highlands Conference 2-A division — the first time a Madison junior varsity football team has won that honor.

The JV Patriots, who lost only one game on the year, went down to the wire to do so, edging Sylva-Webster 7-6 in a season-ending game last week.

Sylva was the fourth of the Patriots' four conference games.

The team's goal at the beginning of the season was to win all its conference games, said head JV Coach Jeff Treadway. With last week's win over Sylva-Webster, the Madison JVs achieved that goal.

Madison also beat Mountain Heritage 21-0, Avery 28-0 and Mitchell

47-12 to outscore conference opponents 103-18.

Treadway said he is extremely pleased with his squad's success.

"This is by far the best season we have ever had. I attribute our success to the talent and dedication of the players," he said.

"We had an exceptional group of young men who were willing to work together instead of gain glory for themselves personally," Treadway said.

The JV coaches are so committed to that philosophy that they did not keep individual player statistics during the season — so don't ask them how many yards a certain player might have gained or how many tackles your son might have made.

"We felt that if one person did well, the whole team did well," Treadway said. "We are proud of our 103-18 total score for the conference."

Treadway said he did not change his coaching habits during the just-completed season — except for motivation.

"It's easy to be motivated when you win," he said.

Treadway said he especially appreciated the support and help of assistant coaches Clayton Willis and Ricky Flynn.

Willis has volunteered his time for at least the past three years to work with Madison's JV team.

Woody Ammons, varsity football coach at Madison, must be licking his chops at the thought of some of the players he'll be bringing up from the JV ranks next season.

"The whole objective for the JV program is to prepare them for varsity ball, so they'll be ready," Treadway said.



Allan Fisher, quarterback of the Madison High School Junior Varsity Patriots, runs

for yardage against Mitchell enroute to Madison's conference championship.



Cheering Champions

Two cheerleading squads from Madison County were named Western North Carolina champions during cheerleading competition Saturday at the WNC Youth Football League Conference Championship held at Pisgah High School. Madison's Termite squad (second-, third- and fourth-graders) out-cheered Brevard to win in its division, while judges gave Madison's Mites (fifth- and sixth-graders) a higher ranking than Bethel. Members of the Termites (above) are, front row from left to right: Magen Caldwell, Tiphonie Shelton (mascot), Christie Ball. Se-

cond row: Kim Ward (captain), Lisa Cole (co-captain), Nan Franklin, Jennifer Caldwell, Kelly West, Chastity Shelton, Jessica West. Third row: Rachel Harriger and Pumpkin Gosnell. Members of the Mites (below) are, first row: McKenzie Steen, Tanya Roberts (mascot), Melanie Cole (co-captain). Second row: Heather Hyatt, Christie Bailey, Lorena King, Stacey Hunter, Christie Ledford. Third row: Jessica Miller, Amanda Grooms, Tifanie Nix. Fourth row: Robbie Sams (captain).



WNC Champs

The Midgets of the Madison County Youth Football League won their division crown Saturday at the Western North Carolina Youth Football Conference championship game played at Pisgah High School. It took three overtime periods for the undefeated Madison Midgets to take a 40-34 win over West Asheville in an excitement-filled ballgame.

Going into Saturday's championship game, the team of seventh- and eighth-graders had held all nine of its opponents scoreless in regular season play. Another area team also won its division title — also in a triple overtime battle. North Buncombe's Termites (second-, third- and fourth-graders) defeated Brevard to win the Termite championship.

Mars Hill Basketball Season To Begin

The Mars Hill Lions and Lady Lions will get cranked up for basketball starting Monday as they begin a hectic first week of play.

The men's team will open play on Monday at Tusculum, the first of 29 games for the Lions for the season. Their first week of action will take

them to Central Wesleyan, S.C., next Thursday. The Lions will open their home season on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. when they entertain High Point College.

The Lady Lions will tip off Monday at Tusculum in a doubleheader for the teams. The Lady Lions will begin their home schedule on Wednesday when they host Milligan and will be at home again on Friday, Nov. 20, when they entertain Guilford College.

The Milligan game gets under way at 6:30 p.m.

3 Make V-Ball Tourney Team

The Mars Hill Lady Lions placed three members on the 1987 All-Tournament team this weekend at Catawba in the District 26 volleyball tournament.

Junior Melanie Wright and freshmen Dede Head and Suzanna Mayberry was selected for the team as voted by the coaches. The Lady Lions finished tied for third in the tournament and closed out their

season at 18-16.

Earlier, it was announced that senior Cindy Hodge had been voted to the 1987 All-District team, her third straight selection to the team.

Runner Takes Honors

Joy Ponder, a sophomore at Madison High School received individual honors in recent 5-kilometer road races.

Ponder took third place in her age group in both the Smith-McDowell on Sept. 12 and University of North Carolina at Asheville Run in the Garden Oct. 10.

She received first place in the French Broad River road race, Oct. 24.

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