

SPORTS

Winning Record Low For the Past Season

PROSPECTS FOR NEXT YEAR BRIGHT

It seems that the athletics were not on a par this year as compared to the records made in previous years by teams here at Mars Hill. But before anyone passes judgment with the team he must take into consideration some important facts. Mars Hill is to the best of my knowledge the only school in the state that does not offer some inducement to athletes. There are no "jobs" for the prospective athlete and only bona-fide students are allowed to represent the school in any form of sport. Only a small number of letter men returned from the various teams of last year. The outlook for next year is considerable brighter, and we feel safe in saying that next year will be a banner year for the "Mountain Lions."

The prospects for a first class football aggregation for next season are more than excellent at the present time. In the backfield there will be Plemmons, Anderson, Camnitz, and Bruce; all of these men have made their letters and should make a wonderful ground-gaining aggregation for the "Felines." Camnitz had the misfortune to get hurt this year, but he showed up well in running the club. It is needless to say anything about Plemmons or Anderson as backfield men, we doubt if there is a better blocker in junior college circles than Penny, and Anderson is one of the best ball carriers that ever slid into a pair of football "trousers." Bruce has the ability to develop into a passer that will be hard to equal, at the present time he can toss the pigskin for over fifty yards and his accuracy improves with the season.

In the line there will be such men as the Albritton brothers, Andy and Jimmy; Gibbs, Wright, "Red" Robinson, Chiles, and Caudle. These men will form a nucleus around which to build a strong forward wall. Besides these letter men there will be a number of men returning from the squad who should develop into real players.

The basketball team will have a number of letter men back from this year's team and should turn out one of the best cage teams in the history of the school. Buckner, giant forward, will again show his ability to handle the leather pellet. The guard situation will be well taken care of by Andy and Jimmy as well as Graydon Jordon. Jordon will perhaps be shifted to center or a forward. Plemmons, the best dribbler that the club had this year, will be back also and it is safe to say that he will hold down a regular position on the team, "Penny" broke into thirteen games this past season and developed rapidly during the season.

The following letter men will return next year for the diamond team: Andy Albritton, James Albritton, Bruce, Howard Camnitz, Dean Plemmons, Dick Anderson, "Baldy" Riddle, Paul Briggs. These men will form the strength of the club. In the above named men are three pitchers who can play other positions equally as well. The hitting average for the letter men who will return next year was .336 for the past season.

All in all, the "Mountain Lions" will be hard to stop.

For the benefit of The Hilltop readers the following records of the baseball team is being published. Below are the batting averages of the men who won their "M."

A. Albritton	.....	.479
Bruce	.....	.402
Gaines	.....	.400
Riddle	.....	.391
King	.....	.391
Anderson	.....	.295
Plemmons	.....	.293
9—HILLTOP—	.....
J. Albritton	.....	.250
Camnitz	.....	.244
Briggs	.....	.188
Bost	.....	.111
Furches	.....	.151

Plemmons, lead-off man for the team, led the club in total number of bases stolen during the season, Plemmons also worked the pitchers for eleven free tickets to the initial bag during the season.

Albritton and Riddle were the heavy sluggers of the season when it came to extra base blows. Andy poled out a total of 23 hits during the year; this includes two four-ply swats, one triple and five hits of the two-base variety. Riddle hit clean for eighteen times and had two home-runs, five triples and two doubles to his credit.

Andy Albritton made a record this year that will be hard to beat by any amateur catcher in the state. In the fourteen games that the team played Andy made only one error out of over ninety chances that he handled.

There are all kinds of schools in the world but the latest thing on the market is the baseball school that has been founded in California. The purpose of the school is to teach to young ball players the finer points of the game so as to help them along in the professional side of baseball. The "head men" are: Jonnie Bassler, former Detroit Tyger catcher, and Jess Orndorff, who also was a receiver under the big tent. If a player does not show sufficient promise he is sent home at the end of thirty days.

The American Davis Cup players will next meet Cuba in their effort to bring back to the United States the tennis championship of the world. The team is composed of the youngest group of players that has ever represented America in this branch of sports. So far the team has met and defeated the teams from Canada and also from Japan. Helen Wills is continuing to reign supreme among the women players of the world.

Mars Hill Defeated In Season's Final 2-1

Lions Find Thompson For Only Three Safe Hits; Bruce Hurls Well For the Locals.

Big Boy Thomson let the hard-hitting felines down with three safe bingles in the final game of the season which the Teachers annexed by a count of 2-1. The game was played on a very slow field due to the unusual downpour from the overloaded water barrels of Jupe Pluvius in the forenoon. Despite the condition of the diamond, however, only five miscues were committed and three of these were made by the visitors.

The two local errors were costly, to be sure, but the biggest reason for the downfall of the Lions was the airtight twirling of the Tennessee pitcher. Of the three hits two came as the result of a single by Andy Albritton and the other was a long three-bagger by Lank Bruce that went to deep center.

Not satisfied with silencing the bombardment of the Lions, Thomson proceeded to win his own game in the sixth when he lifted one of Bruce's offerings over the left-field fence with a runner in the paths. Mars Hill's lone tally came in the first inning when Plemmons drew a pass, took second on a sacrifice, went to third on an error and scored on a fielder's choice.

Keith Bruce hurled a good game for the locals and except for one bad inning was never in trouble, although he gave up seven hits. The game was a seven-inning affair, due to the delay in getting started. Fielding honors for the day go to Baldy Riddle, who sprinted down into short left to grab up what looked like a sure hit and make it into a put-out.

Batting laurels went to Andy Albritton, who is a native of Hendersonville, N. C. This Albritton combination is getting to be quite a byword in Mars Hill athletics. The locals filled the bases with none out in the fifth but a fast double play nipped the rally. Summary:

	R	H	E
M. H. C.	1	3	2
Tenn.	2	7	3

1929 Football Schedule Has Been Announced

SEVERAL LETTER MEN ARE SLATED TO RETURN

Coach Roberts has announced the 1929 football schedule along with a list of men who will report for practice early next fall. These veterans include: Bruce, Furches, Sprinkle, Baber, Robinson, Anderson, Plemmons, Whitesides, Carter, Webb, Chiles, Albritton, Albritton, Camnetz, Caudle. These men have all made letters. The following are veteran members of the squad and will return: Boyd Brown, Preston Gibbs, and Terry Wood Gibbs. With these men as a nucleus Coach Roberts hopes to build a team that will be one of the best to ever represent Mars Hill on the gridiron. The above men have all been players at Mars Hill for at least a year and are familiar with Roberts' system of play.

An ambitious schedule has been arranged and many tough battles are expected. A wholesale invasion of Tennessee is arranged, and fans in that section are assured of many opportunities to see the Mars Hill aggregation in action.

The 1929 schedule that is now arranged is as follows:

Sept. 28: Tusculum at Greeneville, Tenn.

Oct. 5: Milligan at Johnson City, Tenn.

Oct. 12: Boiling Springs at Mars Hill.

Oct. 19: Tennessee Wesleyan at Athens, Tenn.

Oct. 26: Carson-Newman at Jefferson City, Tenn.

Nov. 2: Belmont Abbey at Mars Hill.

Nov. 9: Tennessee Teachers at Johnson City, Tenn.

Nov. 16: Bluefield College at Bluefield, W. Va.

Nov. 23: Oak Ridge at Charlotte, N. C.

Nov. 28: Rutherford College at Mars Hill, N. C.

With this schedule in mind the followers of the pigskin pastime will be amply repaid for following the team in its rambles. Although no eastern invasion is planned this year the Oak Ridge game at Charlotte is considered one of the outstanding engagements on the schedule as will be the Carson-Newman game at Jefferson City.

Diamond Chatter

By Ray Bowman

The baseball season of 1929 saw the first managerial letter ever awarded by Mars Hill pass into the hands of "Snowie" Lingerfelt. In this school it is a distinct break from the traditions that have been established. Of course, it is presumed that the rule will be followed.

The Felines dropped eight contests and won six. Not so bad when it is considered that Coach "C" had a new bunch of twirlers to break in and also very little material that he could develop for an infield.

Albert Kenney, former manager of the sandlot baseball team of Truxton, N. Y., is responsible for the discovery of John McGraw. He discovered John and gave him a trial with the Baltimore Orioles. McGraw went from there to New York and has been managing the Giants since 1902, a period of twenty-seven years. Now, after a lapse of nearly forty years, Kenney has found what he believes to be another sensation in Floyd Johnson, rookie southpaw mound ace, who also comes from the Truxton lots.

At least he looked good enough to get a contract from McGraw and that's saying quite a bit, because, according to modern phraseology, the "Little Napoleon knows his onions." In return for his discovery Kenney gets a pass to all world series games and all the cast-off Giant uniforms for his home-town club.

ALUMNI NEWS

Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins is one of the leading citizens of Asheville. She is known as the unofficial mayor of West Asheville, because of her active interest in the improvement of the civic life of the section of Asheville west of the river. Mrs. Gaskins has been in Asheville since 1922, and has taken an active interest in the business life of her city.

—MHC—
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—MHC—
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