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**1936 MARS HILL LION FOOTBALL SCHEDULE CONTAINS 9 GAMES, ALL IN CONFERENCE**

The 1936 football schedule calling for nine games, all against conference foes has been made public by Director of Athletics Oren Roberts. This is two less games than the 1935 schedule contained.

The only new opponent on this year's schedule is Campbell College. The Campbellites will be met at Mars Hill on October 10. Three opponents on the original 1935 schedule have been dropped from this year's schedule. Appalachian Frosh, Tennessee Wesleyan, and Biltmore College are the three.

The season will open September 26 on the Mars Hill gridiron with Rutherford College furnishing the opposition. For seven consecutive week-ends the Lions play an opponent each week, then skip a week, and close their regular season against their traditional rivals, Brevard College. This last game will be played Thanksgiving Day on the Mars Hill turf.

Eight of the nine games scheduled for the Lions are to be played at home. The game on a foreign field is the annual game with Oak Ridge Military Institute. The Cadets will be met October 31 on the Oak Ridge field.

The 1936 footballers will have an enviable record to uphold. For the past two years the Mars Hill gridders have been champions of the Old North State, compiling during that time a record of 11 victories, 1 defeat, and 1 tie in conference play. Taking into consideration non-conference play in the state the Lions have won 14, lost 1, and tied 1.

The schedule:

September 26	Rutherford	Here
October 3	Wingate	Here
October 10	Campbell	Here
October 17	Lees-McRae	Here
October 24	Belmont Abbey	Here
October 31	Oak Ridge	There
November 7	P. J. C.	Here
November 14	Boiling Springs	Here
November 26	Brevard	Here

**Trackmen And Netters Prepare For Hard Schedules**

**Track Team Faces Hardest Schedule In History; Netters Have 10 Meets**

Both the track team and the tennis team under the direction of Coach Spencer B. King and Coach Vernon E. Wood respectively have started work in preparation for hard schedules this season.

The tennis team held their first meeting early this week to plan for this season's work. As soon as the weather clears and courts are put in shape the netters will begin in earnest.

Only one letterman from last year's team is in school this year. Charles Hurst who held down the number four position on last year's team will again be ready for service. Several reserves from last year's squad and a number of newcomers will fight it out for the other positions on the team.

The college tournament last fall unearthed several good prospects in Warrick, Yelton, Ross, Ellen, and some other good prospects entered school the second semester so that the Mars Hill team should at least be able to make up in quantity what it may perhaps lack in quality.

Only five meets have definitely been scheduled by Coach Vernon Wood. Textile Institute and Wofford College will be met on the first week-end in May, both at Spartanburg. Textile has scheduled a return meet at Mars Hill on May 6 and Wofford will probably do the same at a later date. Two meets have been arranged with Lees-McRae with dates to be decided upon at a later date.

More meets will be scheduled by Coach Wood before the regular season opens so that the Lion racquetters will likely engage about ten foes. Coach Wood is attending a meeting of Southeastern Junior College Conference heads this week and upon his return will make public whether or not the Mars Hill team will enter the conference tourney later in the spring.

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**LIONS FINISH THIRD IN CONFERENCE RACE WITH A RECORD OF 11 WINS IN 16 STARTS**

The Mars Hill Lions finished third in the conference basketball race with a season's record of eleven wins and five losses. Oak Ridge was awarded the championship held last year by Belmont Abbey, with a record of nine wins out of ten games.

In all games played the Lions have a record of 16 won and 9 lost. Only one team was able to defeat the Robertsmen twice during the season. Asheville School conquered the Lions in two games before the Christmas holidays. All other teams to defeat Mars Hill were in turn vanquished by the Lions.

All of the teams who defeated the Lions were able to win by only a few points. On the other hand the Lions defeated these same teams by a large margin.

For the second successive year the Mars Hill basketeers scored over a thousand points, ending this season with a total of 1084 points. This season's total gives the Mars Hill quint an average of 43 points a game. Opposing quints were able to dent the Mars Hill defense for 777 points for an average of 31 points per engagement.

The largest number of points scored by the Lions in one game was against the Presbyterian Junior College five when they rung up 63 points. Asheville School scored the most points chalked up by any opposing team in a pre-Christmas game. The Blues defeated Mars Hill 54 to 52 in an extra-period battle. No team held the Lions to less than 28 points in a game while the Lions were able to hold the Mitchell college team to a 8 point sum for one game.

Jim Murrell this year again led the Lions in scoring with 374 points or a game average of 15 points. Don Parker was second with 204 markers. Andy Kropff had 181 points for third place. Cowan with 135, Hernandez with 77, and Brantley with 66 were next in line.

**A And B Teams Representing Mars Hill Lose Four Games In Newport Tournament**

Two basketball teams representing Mars Hill College participated in the Southeastern Junior College Basketball Tournament held at Newport, Tennessee last week-end under the auspices of the Newport post of the American Legion. The two teams, A and B, competed with teams from four other schools representing three others states of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama.

The Mars Hill teams did not fare so well in the meet, losing all four of the games in which they participated, all by narrow margins. Their losing margin in all four games was only a total of fourteen points.

The first game in which a Mars Hill quint participated took place Friday afternoon. The B team after putting on a miserable exhibition the first half and trailing 11 to 2 at the half, showed a complete reversal of form the last half against Hiawassee to almost overtake the Tennessee team. The final score favored Hiawassee 29 to 27.

In the B team consolations the Baby Lions were defeated by the Pikeville (Ky.) team 46 to 39. The two teams were tied at 24 all at the big intermission, but the Kentucky team had a stronger finish the last half to gain the verdict.

The A team lost two heart-breaking games in the tournament. Saturday morning Tennessee Wesleyan, winners of the tournament, nosed out the Lions 49 to 46. The Lions played by far their best game of the season and fought a gallant fight before succumbing. The Wesleyan team towered over the Lions by several inches, but the Robertsmen made up with fight what they lacked in size. The Mars Hill team led at the half by four points, but did not hold the lead very long. The Wesleyan team ran up a big lead but Mars Hill fought on to the final whistle, scoring four points in the last minute of play.

With only two hours rest the A team took the court again Saturday afternoon against Pikeville. Tired as they were the Lions still managed to put up a good scrap, losing in the final moment of play by 47 to 45. Had the Mars Hill team been fresh they might easily have beaten the Pikeville team by 15 or 20 points.

At the conclusion of the tournament two Mars Hill players were honored by being placed on All-Tournament teams. Jim Murrell was placed on the A team at a forward position and George Wirtz was honored by officials and placed on the B team at guard.

**Baseball Prospects Are None Too Bright This Season**

**Only Three Lettermen On This Year's Crew Of Baseballers**

Prospects for a winning team at Mars Hill this year do not appear as bright as they might since there are only three lettermen returning from last year's team. Parker, Wirtz, and Hernandez are the men. However, Coach Roberts hopes to mold a winning team around these men this year, and prospects are that a hustling, fighting group will be produced.

The squad has been cut to about 22 men and they have been working for about 3 weeks indoors and out, having had about ten practices outside. The squad is now drilling in the gym until the snow clears off the ground and conditions are so that the squad can practice on the diamond.

No definite prediction can be made regarding the team this year as the squad has not had sufficient workouts on the diamond to gain an idea of what the team will be. The pitching prospects seem to be good, with Wirtz and Parker, last year's regulars, and Scarborough, Johnson, and Stines showing up well in practice. There are quite a number of infield candidates but no position is sewed up unless it be that of the initial sack, Hernandez's hangout. At present Alexander and Haney are the best choices for the keystone sack and Mulley has a foothold on the short field position. Hurst and Bowman have the inside track to the hot spot at third base.

A meeting of conference heads was held in conjunction with the Tournament. Officers of the association were elected and plans laid for the annual tennis tournament. Dean I. N. Carr was elected to the vice-presidency and Mr. Wood chosen the head of next year's tournament committee.

The tennis tournament will be held at Tennessee Wesleyan late this spring. The Mars Hill raquetters will compete in the central zone finals at Hiawassee College with Hiawassee, Young Harris, and Tennessee Wesleyan. Two teams from this four will be chosen by elimination to compete at Tennessee Wesleyan in the final tournament at which the conference champion will be chosen.

**Toughest Schedule In Years Faces Lion Baseballers**

**Several Senior Colleges Are Listed In Schedule For Robertsmen**

The inclement weather at Mars Hill and the inability of coaches to get together has forced several changes in the schedule for this year's Lion baseball team. The schedule is not totally completed as yet but will be filled out shortly by Coach Roberts.

When completed the schedule will contain approximately thirty games. The team will meet prep school, junior college, and senior college teams during the spring.

The heavy snowfall at Mars Hill forced Coach Roberts to call off several battles on the Mars Hill diamond. The game scheduled with Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore for next Tuesday was called off altogether and two opening games last week-end were not played because of the snow.

The uncompleted schedule: March 27-28—Textile, there

**Baseballers Trek Into South Carolina For Six Games During Spring Holidays**

**2 Mars Hill Forwards Given Honors In Conference**

**Murrell Is Chosen On First All-State Cage Team; Parker Makes Second**

Dean I. N. Carr and Coach Oren Roberts represented Mars Hill at the meeting of the North Carolina Junior College Conference in Charlotte last week-end.

At this meeting Coach Roberts was presented a football trophy symbolic of the state championship in football which the Lions won last fall with a record of seven wins and one loss in conference play.

The basketball trophy was awarded to Oak Ridge. The Cadets had a season's record of nine victories and one defeat. Lees-McRae and Boiling Springs were second with 10 and 4, and Mars Hill was third with 11 out of 16.

Jim Murrell was placed on the All-State team for the second successive year, and Donald Parker made the second All-State team.

The members of the conference who attended the meeting went on record as being in favor of the Graham Plan. President Campbell of Campbell College introduced a resolution to adopt the plan. It was seconded by Coach Oren Roberts. Five schools, Mars Hill, Campbell, Presbyterian, Boiling Springs, and Brevard voted in favor of it while two schools, Wingate and Oak Ridge, opposed adoption of the plan. Lees-McRae declined to vote on the plan and Belmont Abbey was not present.

The conference upon the recommendation of the nominating committee decided to keep the same slate of officers as had been in effect last fall. Of this group Dean I. N. Carr was elected president.

The next meeting of the conference heads will be held in Charlotte in the early summer to make plans for next year's work.

- March 30-31—Citadel, there
- April 6-7—Lincoln Memorial, there
- April 8—Carson-Newman, there
- April 10—Blue Ridge (pending), there
- April 11—Blue Ridge (pending), here
- April 17—Farm School, there
- April 18—Farm School, here
- April 20—Belmont Abbey, there
- April 21—Wingate, there

Coach Oren Roberts and his Mars Hill College baseballers will trek into South Carolina during the spring holidays for a weeks' training trip. The Lions will play six games on the trip, returning the day school opens after the spring holidays.

The Lions will leave Mars Hill on Thursday, March 26, for Spartanburg to meet Textile Junior College that afternoon. Textile will be seeking revenge to the nth degree for the two sound thrashings dished out to them last season. Mars Hill walloped them 13 to 6 on the Textile field and walked away with a 24 to 0 trouncing on the college diamond.

Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, the University of South Carolina will play hosts to the Lions at Columbia. This is the first time the Gamecocks and the Lions have ever met in any form of athletics.

Sunday, the Lions will travel to Charleston and rest up for two games with The Citadel team on Monday and Tuesday. This is also the first time athletic teams of the Baptist Institute and the seaside college have ever met.

The Lions will stay in Charleston until Wednesday when they will start the trip home. Somewhere on the homeward trip the Lions will stop off and engage another foe yet to be selected and then continue home that evening. This foe yet to be selected will probably be either Textile or Wofford College. Efforts to schedule a game with Presbyterian college or Clemson College for this date proved unsuccessful.

This will be the first time a Mars Hill baseball team has ever taken a trip into South Carolina. The five games with senior college teams will prove a big dose for Mars Hill but the Lions should come back with at least an even break.

- April 22—P. J. C., there
- April 23—Campbell, there
- April 24—Oak Ridge, there
- April 25—Boiling Springs, there
- April 30—P. J. C., here
- May 1—Brevard, here
- May 2—Brevard, there
- May 6—Maryville (pending), here
- May 7—Textile, here
- May 8—Carson-Newman (pending), here
- May 9—Belmont Abbey, here
- May 12—Wingate, here
- May 15—Campbell, here
- May 16—Boiling Springs, here
- May 24—Oak Ridge, here