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 GOODBYE
 GRID
 SEASON

 BASKETBALL
 SEASON
 BEGINS

LIONS AND TORNADO FIGHT TO 0-0 TIE

Grid Resume Shows Lions' Standing

Lions Close Season With Two Wins, Four Ties, And Three Losses.

Mars Hill ended its 1937 football season by playing Brevard a scoreless tie on Thanksgiving day. Although they did not win as many games this year as last they had a fighting team and several players showed great promise for a championship team in 1937.

MILLIGAN

The Lions opened their 1937 season at Johnson City, Tennessee and were handed a 20 to 0 defeat by the strong Milligan eleven. Although they were defeated, they played a very good game of ball and gave a very good account of their ability.

TUSCULUM

Injured from their game with Milligan the Robertsmen fought Tusculum college to a scoreless tie at Greenville, Tenn. They outplayed their stronger opponents in every department and threatened to score several times only to be halted by a fighting Tusculum line.

BOILING SPRINGS

Playing their first home game of the season the Lions defeated Boiling Springs by a score of 13 to 7. The Lions scored late in the fourth quarter to win the ball game when Boiling Springs fumbled and Higgins for Mars Hill recovered. Brantley then scored from the four-yard stripe.

P. J. C.

Playing the second team the larger part of the game the Mars Hill eleven handed P. J. C. a 40 to 0 defeat. The most spectacular play of the game was a 40-yard run by Gene Alexander.

W. C. T. C.

The Lions played their best game of the season when they held the strong W. C. T. C. team to a scoreless tie. The W. C. T. C. team was favored to win but the Lions outplayed them the larger part of the game.

LEES-McRAE

Because of bad playing conditions the Lions were defeated 13 to 6 by the Lees-McRae Bulldogs. Mars Hill threatened to score several times but the Lees-McRae line held and the Lions would lose the ball on downs.

CAMPBELL

The Lions played their third game of the season against Campbell college. Brantley was the outstanding player for the Lions. He made several nice gains and end plays.

DAVIDSON "B"

The strong Davidson "B" team defeated the Mountain Lions 6 to 0 in a game that was played in blinding snow. This was by far the strongest team that the Lions played this year and they were fortunate in holding the Davidson boys to such a close score.

BREVARD

In a hard fought game the Mars Hill Lions ended their 1937 season by playing their traditional rival, Brevard to a scoreless tie. Lack of scoring power cost the Lions several scoring opportunities.



SPORTS SLANT

BY JIMMIE WALKER

The football season came to an official close when the final whistle marked the end of the Thanksgiving clash at Brevard. The season can be classed as neither a success nor as a failure, which fact is due largely to four ties marked upon the record of the '37 edition of the Lions. The team has not remained unbeaten. Success of an athletic team cannot and should not be judged by games won or lost, but by the recreation provided the boys participating in them.

Football has reached more boys at Mars Hill this year than ever before, and it is the opinion of this scribe that, in spite of bad weather, the home games were thoroughly enjoyed by the students. If football at Mars Hill was commercialized as it is at some of our big universities and colleges, the season just past would have been a failure; but football is still a SPORT, not an industry, at Mars Hill.

Those who went to Brevard Turkey Day got an eyeful of the unexpected. By every method of picking the winner ahead of time, we were doped to beat Brevard.

By comparative scores: Mars Hill beat P. J. C., 40-0; Brevard lucked out on them, 13-0; M. H. C. beat Boiling Springs 13-7; Brevard tied them; Mars Hill fell before Lees-McRae in a "breaks-won-game," 13-6. Brevard was defeated by the Lees-McRae team, 19 to 0; and yet BREVARD TIED US 0-0!!!

Brevard was the only junior college team to hold the Lions

scoreless; yet the Robertsmen threatened time after time. The Tornado also rolled up more first downs against Mars Hill than any other team.

This scribe can think of only one thing to account for the score of that game. The Brevard eleven had been pointing for the Turkey Day clash with Mars Hill for exactly one year, since the Lions licked them here last Thanksgiving, 38-7, and they played an inspired game.

One thing is certain about that game of games. Every Lion knew what was expected of him and fought with everything he had. The team that stopped all the razzle-dazzle that Brevard threw at our Lions outside their own twenty, and then marched to their opponents' six-inch line, certainly was not out-played. What happened was that a scrapping, and (as we have said) inspired Golden Tornado, gave the Lions a little more than they expected, and put up a goal in defense of their own that the Robertsmen could not penetrate.

The game at Brevard brought to light one fact: The rivalry between the two student bodies is one of friendliness. The two teams were unanimous in shaking hands and slapping backs after the game. The two groups of fans, too, were very friendly and this scribe neither saw nor heard of a fight between students or fans of the two schools. This is as it should be; let's keep the spirit of FRIENDLY RIVALRY, and let's beat Brevard next time.

DICKERSON'S BASKETBALL TEAM TRAINS

Varsity basketball practice got under way several days ago under the direction of Coach Fred Dickerson and has been progressing nicely since.

The team this year will be built around Captain Gene Alexander, Brantley, Ray, and Hough. These boys are lettermen from last year's squad and they will be counted on heavily this season. According to Coach Dickerson, the team will be fast and fairly strong defensively, but will be handicapped by lack of height and offensive power.

The squad has been cut and the following fifteen men will probably be kept on the team this year: Captain Alexander, Brantley, Ray, Hough, Peek, Kellner, Wilbanks, Charles, Wilson, A. Hubbard, Adams, Gary, Heading, Griffin, and Lawson.

Thursday's skirmish with the champion "Y" from Canton as a beginning the team faces one of

Alexander's punting and Michael's running were features of the game.

the toughest schedules in the history of basketball at Mars Hill. The following games have already been scheduled but several other teams will be played, Coach Dickerson stated.



Dec. 2—Champion "Y" (Canton) at Mars Hill.

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Dec. 9—Enka at Enka.

Dec. 11—Cumberland at Mars Hill.

BREVARD DRIVES TO LIONS' SIX-YARD STRIPE; LIONS ADVANCE TO 10-YARD IN SECOND PERIOD

Alexander For Lions And Hyder For Brevard Engage In A Punting Duel For Remainder of The Second Quarter.

Coach Oren Roberts' Mountain Lions ended their 1937 season on Thanksgiving Day at Brevard when they played the Brevard College Tornado to a scoreless tie.

In the first period the Tornado took the ball on their 40-yard line and carried it to the Lions' six before losing it on an intercepted pass.

In the second period the Lions played much better ball and with Michael and Alexander leading the way, they advanced the ball to the Brevard ten-yard stripe where they lost the ball on downs. For the remainder of the second quarter both teams played good ball and it turned out to be a punting duel between Alexander for the Lions and Hyder for Brevard.

In the last two periods both teams took the ball deep into their own territory, carrying it far past the mid-field stripe on many occasions. Mars Hill threatened in the third period with "Chic" Murray and Alexander leading the way.

The Tornado passing attack was a constant threat and worry to the Robertsmen, especially in the closing quarter. The Ranson-coached team completed five out of nine attempts but they had three interceptions. The Lions were able to complete only three out of eight attempts and they had two interceptions.

Alexander and Hyder did excellent punting for their teams. Both boys averaged 41 yards on their punts from the line of scrimmage. In first downs Brevard held a slight margin, getting nine firsts to the Lions' eight.

For the Lions, Alexander was outstanding with his punting; Michael, who quarterbacked, played his best game of the year; Murray shone with several nice gains.

White, Lion end, seemed to be in every play. He made several nice tackles and threw the opposition for loss after loss. Gianokos backed up the line for the Mars Hill eleven and he turned in a fine job at this post. He made several nice tackles during the ball game. "Spek" Valentine broke through the line to make several good tackles.

The game marked the end of several Mars Hill boys' college careers. The swansongsters were: Therrell, G. Valentine, Gianokos, and Wright in the line and Alexander, Michael, D. Valentine, Earley and Ball in the backfield. Brantley played his last game for Mars Hill against Davidson "B."

The line-ups:

Mars Hill	Pos.	Brevard
White	LE	Morris
Squires	LT	Rector
Gianokos	LG	Napier
Whitaker	C	Hicks
Wright	RG	Harill
Valentine	RT	Jones
Jones	RE	Tothrow
Murray	LH	Taggart
Stringfield	RH	Hyer
Michael	QB	Schuyler
Alexander	FB	Love

Subs: For Mars Hill, Wilbanks, Leeper, Brown, Martin, Garley and Martin. For Brevard, McMinn, Graham and Moore.

M. H. Beat Ala.? Maybe All Wrong

If you use enough "therefores" and keep one eye closed you can, by comparative scores, prove that Mars Hill should defeat Alabama (Nation's No. 1 grid team) by 46 points, should these two teams meet.

Here's how:

Hiwassee defeated Mars Hill 13 to 6 and they defeated Carson-Newman 18 to 12; thus Carson-Newman is one point better than Mars Hill. Carson-Newman defeated W. C. T. C. 52 to 0; therefore Mars Hill is 51 points better than W. C. T. C.

Appalachian defeated W. C. T. C. 14 to 0 thus leaving Mars Hill 37 points better than Appalachian. Appalachian defeated Elon 31 to 0, so this makes Mars Hill 68 points better than Elon.

Elon defeated V. M. I. 13 to 6 therefore Mars Hill is 75 points better than V. M. I. V. M. I. defeated Davidson 6 to 0; thus Mars Hill is 81 points better than Davidson.

Duke beat Davidson 34 to 6; therefore Mars Hill is 53 points better than Duke. Duke tied Tennessee therefore Mars Hill is also 53 points better than Tennessee. Alabama defeated Tennessee 14 to 7 thus Mars Hill is 46 points better than Alabama.

The Lions would probably be beaten by 100 points if they did play Alabama, but you have got to admit that it sounds mighty good on paper!

LIONS ARE DEFEATED BY DAVIDSON "B" TEAM

The Davidson "B" team scored a 6 to 0 victory over the Mars Hill Lions November 20 in a game that was played in a blinding snow storm.

The Wildcats tallied in the third period on a forward-lateral, Wilson to McLentock to Hicks. The Davidson boys made a total of 10 first downs to only six for Mars Hill.

Gianokos, Alexander, and Therrell were the outstanding stars for the Lions. Gianokos played his last game of the season. Many times he broke through to throw the opposition for heavy losses. Alexander's punting was the feature of the ball game. Time after time he punted the Lions out of danger. His punts averaged 40 yards.

Hicks, Wilson, and McSwain were the outstanding players for the visitors. It was Hicks who scored the touchdown for the Davidson team.