

Hilltop Sports

THE HILLTOP, MARS HILL COLLEGE, MARS HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

WELCOME HOME!
BEAT
LEES-McRAE

LIONS PLAY LEES-McRAE HERE TONIGHT

SPORTING With The LIONS

Lions Defeat Brevard In Great Form, 49-26

The Mars Hill Lions and the Brevard Tornado renewed their athletic rivalry on the cage floor on January 28 and the Lions walked away with a 49-26 victory.

Early in the games the Lions piled up a 16-3 lead and they were never behind in the ball game.

When the second half opened the Lions went on a spree and pulled way out in front to win the game by a comfortable margin.

Addison Hubbard, star forward for Mars Hill, went wild to rack up 14 points and be the high scorer for the night. He made several one hand shots and his all-round play marked him as one of the best players on the floor.

Besides Hubbard, Captain Alexander and Ray turned in excellent jobs for the Dickersonmen.

One of the largest crowds of the season were on hand to witness this contest.

The lineups:

Mars Hill (49)	G	F	FT
Charles, f	3	0	6
Hubbard, f	7	0	14
Peek, f	2	0	1
Whitaker, f	1	0	4
Roberts, c	0	2	2
Heading, c	0	0	0
Alexander, g	3	0	6
Ray, g	4	1	9
Kellner, g	1	0	2
Hough, g	2	0	4
Totals	23	3	49

Brevard (26)	G	F	FT
Speas, f	0	0	0
Cauble, f	0	0	0
Rice, f	0	0	0
Hendrix, c	5	2	12
Totals	5	2	12

Baseball, Track, Tennis Open In Several Weeks

With the baseball, track, and tennis season just a few weeks away, plans are already being made to turn out fine teams in all of these sports.

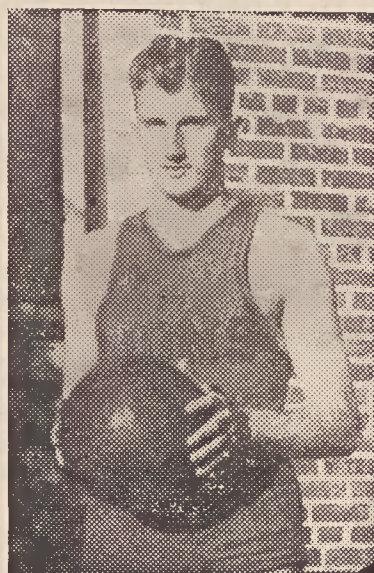
According to Coach Roberts, the baseball team will be as good this year as it has been in past seasons. The Lions did not lose many ball players by graduation last year and several new boys are expected to round out a good team.

The track team, under the direction of Coach Dickerson, should be one that will be hard to beat. Billie Eaton, John Crisp, Vincent Tiller, Red Wright, and others are returning from last year's team and Austin Loving, Lawrence Gunn, and Ed Leatherwood are among the newcomers who will probably help to strengthen the distance runs. The track team held two meets in the fall and won both.

In the fall tennis tournament several new boys showed up well, and the team this year should be much better than the tennis team of last year. Addison Hubbard, who has been starring in basketball for the Lions, is one of the newcomers which is expected to strengthen the team greatly. He won the fall tournament defeating his brother, Edwin, in the final match. Some excellent tennis was played on the part of both boys.

Kiger, g	5	0	10
Benson, g	2	0	4
Taggart, g	0	0	0
Totals	12	2	26

LION CAPTAIN



Gene Alexander
Lion captain, who scored 14 points against the State Freshmen Thursday night.

Former Lion Makes Good At Davidson

Sports Editor Praises Work of "Footsie" Cowan, Former Lion Center.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Below is a writeup about Footsie Cowan, former Mars Hill star, who is now playing some excellent ball for Davidson College. This was written by Bill Marquess, sports editor of the Davidson College "Davidsonian.")

"Wildcats basketball fans owe much to Footsie Cowan for the large part he has had in making up a splendid team this year. With the graduation of three of last year's quintet in June, there were few who ever dreamed that in seven months we would have one of the best quintets ever to wear the Red and Black. It is Cowan who has been the difference between a mediocre team and a good one. Teaming with Ned Iverson to make up a wonderful passing and shooting combination, and handling his defense assignment almost flawlessly, he is almost indispensable to the team."

Mars Hill Wins Over W. C. T. C. In Thriller

Gaining revenge for a defeat handed them earlier in the season, the Mars Hill Lions defeated the W. C. T. C. team here January 24, by the score of 39-31.

Ray, speedy guard, led the home forces offensively by caging seven field goals and a foul try to take top scoring with 15 points.

Western Carolina, with Patton setting the pace, jumped into an early seven-point lead, but the Lions came back with a rush and at the half were ahead, 21 to 17. The Lions then put on the steam, pulled into a nine-point advantage, and beat back a late Catamount rally to win handily.

Besides Ray, Alexander and Roberts played some excellent ball for the Dickersonmen.

In a preliminary game, the Mars Hill "B" squad was handed a 26-to-23 licking by the Blue Ridge School.

The lineups:

Mars Hill (39)	G	F	TP
Whitaker, f	0	0	0
Peek, f	2	1	5
Charles, f	3	1	7
Roberts, c	3	0	6
Alexander, g	3	0	6
Ray, g	7	1	15

SPORTS SLANT

BY: JIMMIE WALKER

Tuesday night, January 18, saw the Lions break into the victory column for the first time in several weeks. The W. C. T. C. game heralded this return of the Lions to the ranks of the winners and was welcomed by the Mars Hill fans.

The team started the season strongly only to go into a slump just before the holidays. They carried this exam-week jinx with them into South Carolina between semesters. There they dropped the two games played, one to Textile and the other to the Wolford freshmen. Upon returning to the campus the Lions displayed some of their best basketball form by sending the Catamounts, from W. C. T. C., home a thoroughly beaten team. Playing strongly against Brevard, they were even more impressive than in that Cullowhee game, as they played against this rival of many friendly encounters. We are still wondering what the score might have been had Coach Dickerson left the varsity in the game.

The fact that the boys are back in excellent form again was evidenced by the shellacking the Brevard Tornado received at the hands of the Lions. After this

victory over the Tornado, we felt that the bad form, which the Lions had been in, had, as one might say, "gone with the wind".

The Lions found a real star in the Brevard game in the form of Addison Hubbard from Yancey County. He led the attack with fourteen points, playing a beautiful game. This sharp-shooter deserves a lot of credit.

Since the beginning of the basketball season there has been a lot of discussion about the elimination of the center-jump. In an effort to settle this controversy your columnist approached and questioned the men on our campus who are affected most by the change in rules—the players and coaches. I asked each member of the squad questions like this: "Do you like the new game better, and why?" Here are some of the answers.

Coach Dickerson: "I do. The new rule eliminates emphasis on the tall center and gives the little fellow a chance in college ball. It provides more action for the fans without speeding up the game too much. True, a player can tire himself out under the new rule, but that could be done under the old rule." (Continued on Page 4)

Return From 3-Game Trip; Met Freshmen

Returning from a four day road trip in which they have met three freshmen teams in the "Big Five", the Mars Hill Lions will meet the strong Lees-McRae team here tonight in one of the toughest games of the season for the Dickersonmen.

On Tuesday night of this week the Lions met the Carolina Frosh at Chapel Hill; on Wednesday night they met Wake Forest Frosh at Wake Forest; and on Thursday night they played the State Frosh at Raleigh. Last night the Mars Hill boys played Lees-McRae at Banner Elk and they return here today to play the Lees-McRae team in a return game. The game tonight will be the sixth of the week for the Dickersonmen.

On Monday night of this week the Lions lost a hard fought game to a strong Tenn. Wesleyan team by the score of 35-30. The Lions gained a four point lead in the early part of the ball game, but the Tennessee team quickly rallied to score nine points and take the lead from the Mars Hill boys. Just before the half ended Hubbard, Mars Hill forward, and Alexander, Mars Hill guard, each scored four points to put the Lions into the lead, 18-15. During the first half, Hubbard made a beautiful one hand shot that brought him much applause. Besides scoring five points in the first half, Alexander's guarding was excellent as he held his man to only two points.

The Lions scored three points as the second half opened but Lambert and Ramsey for Tenn. Wesleyan scored six and two points respectively to give the Tennessee boys a two point lead.

With Lambert continuing to make beautiful crisp-shots, the boys from Tennessee grabbed a lead which they held for the remainder of the ball game.

Roberts, Alexander, and Peek were outstanding for Mars Hill, and Lambert and Ramsey did the most damage for Tenn. Wesleyan.

The lineups:

Mars Hill (30)	G	F	TP
Peek, f	3	1	7
Hubbard, f	3	0	6
Roberts, c	2	0	4
Alexander, g	3	3	9
Ray, g	2	0	4
Totals	13	4	30

Tenn. Wesleyan 35	G	F	TP
Dobbs, f	1	0	2
Jones, f	2	0	4
Armstrong, f	1	0	2
Lambert, c	8	3	19
Ramsey, g	2	0	4
Myers, g	2	0	4
Totals	16	3	35

W. C. T. C.	G	F	TP
White, f	3	4	10
Matton, f	4	0	8
Meredith, f	0	0	0
Ardrey, c	1	1	3
Wright, g	3	2	8
Tomberlin, g	1	0	2
Totals	12	7	31

Score at half: Mars Hill 21; W. C. T. C. 17.

Mars H. B	23 Pos.	Blue R.	26
Hough, 5	F	Adams, 11	
Hubbard, 5	F	Gaston, 2	
Charles, 5	C	Martin, 2	
Heading, 3	G	Byrnes, 2	
Kellner	G	Murphy, 4	

FLASH!
M. H. C., 36
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