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MARS HILL WITHDRAWS FROM CONFERENCE

College Resigns From Group February 16th

A Broader Base of Operation Is Sought By Athletic Department.

Seeking a broader base of operation, Mars Hill college on February 16 resigned from the North Carolina Junior College Athletic Conference, and in the future will stress competition in the older Southeastern Conference of junior colleges. The announcement was made by Oren E. Roberts, chairman of the athletic committee.

The Lions have participated in the North Carolina athletic loop since its organization in 1930, and in fact, were one of the main sponsors of the circuit. R. M. Lee and I. N. Carr have both served as president.

The letter of resignation was mailed to L. K. Pritchett, of Lees-McRae college, president of the conference. In the letter various reasons were set forth for the move.

Football Schedule

Coach Roberts stated recently that his football schedule for the 1938 season would probably include four or five North Carolina opponents and only one or two southeastern loop foes. Beginning with the 1938 campaign, the Lions are expected to schedule additional southeastern elevens, yet remain on the schedules of several North Carolina junior colleges, especially Brevard and Lees-McRae.

Mars Hill's grid schedule for the coming season is expected to list games with the following colleges: Milligan, Tusculum, W. C. T. C., Hiwassee, Davidson "B", Brevard, Lees-McRae, Wingate, Boiling Springs, Wake Forest Freshmen and Campbell.

Mars Hill was one of the organizers of the southeastern group at its initial session held at old Weaver college in 1927, and perhaps is one of the few schools to ever hold membership in two conferences at the same time.

Members of the Mars Hill athletic committee who acted upon the resignation are: Chairman Roberts, Secretary V. C. Wood, F. I. Dickerson, S. B. King, Miss Velma Shaw and Miss Bonnie Wengert.

Basketeers Win Over Boiling Springs, 31-29

With C. G. Ray hitting the loop consistently for a total of sixteen points, the Mars Hill Lions defeated Boiling Springs Junior College here February 19, 31 to 29.

The teams battled furiously throughout. At the half the Lions held a 19-15 advantage, but Boiling Springs pulled up and breezed by the Lions with a fine display of shooting and held a 29-28 margin with three minutes left to play.

A shot by Roberts from mid-court in the final minute of play gave the Lions their victory.

Ray, Roberts and Alexander were outstanding for the Lions. Besides playing a great defensive game, Ray led the scoring with a total of 16 points. Connor, with 15 tallies, paced the losers.

The line-up:

Mars Hill, 31 Pos. Boiling S., 29
Peek, 8 F. Watts, 8
Hubbard, 2 F. McSwain, 4
Heading C. Connor, 15
Ray, 16 G. Barter
Alexander, 3 G. M. Blanton, 2

BASKETBALL SQUAD



SPORTING With The LIONS

Editor's note: Vernon E. Wood, a resigned member of the tennis team, is guest columnist this issue.)

first athletic contest that I remember was a football game played in the fall of 1901. My high school of my home town was playing against a team from a nearby town. In the third quarter our side had the ball and our team was deployed in a formation with a full-back laying deep to be ready for a running play was called. Seven men from one team were lined up and fighting for a ball under the center heap. The defensive full-back looked around and saw that Mars Hill was the only man on his feet, satisfied with his loneliness, and jumped feet first into a group of twenty one men.

the first game of football I played, I was lined up at the captain of the State School Champions of the previous year. I had watched football for ten years, but had never had a minute of coaching, so all my strength and hardiness. We played on a field with mud and water four feet deep. On the first play of the scrimmage, the opposing team met me with about a peck in both hands which he held all over my face. My nose and face were buried. Mouth was plugged up, and it took about five minutes before I discovered what was happening.

officials saw both of these which I have described, but considered them both as legitimate and said nothing. I believe all athletics are much fairer and than they were in my early observation and experience, and much of this improvement is due to the officials present. When I was in school, we never had a coach. We were lucky enough to have had a teacher who was interested in a vulgar sport he might coach a mater. If we had no teacher in the school, some townsman generally stepped in to direct the team. If we had a coach, we boys approximated ourselves as best we could.

No one ever got paid for coaching and no one received pay for officiating. Players were never paid for playing. Recently we have an entirely new coach, Mr. Samson. The coach of a school at Mars Hill—recognized member of the athletic community. Officials are usually members of these organizations and are paid for their work. While this is sometimes produced a number of Sams' sons of competition and subordination of emphasis, it has certainly helped to play. Cleaner contests have helped to hold public interest in contests much safer for the teachers themselves.

Mars Hill of today is fortunate in having so extensive an athletic program at such a time as we are in. We have the advantages of the improved status of all athletics without the disadvantages of athletic subsidation and over-



SPORTS SLANT

BY: JIMMIE WALKER

On Saturday night, February 19, our Lions played one of the best basketball games that it has been the pleasure of this scribe to watch this season. Our team was out there on the hardwood putting up a swell fight, the students walked out and almost immediately the visiting team jumped into a one point lead. The few remaining fans then saw as thrilling a finish as one could wish for in any basketball game. Our boys won, in the last minute of play, but if they had lost it would not have been their fault. It would have been the fault of student body.

The basketball season is over. Baseball, tennis and track will be here soon. Lets get out and show the various teams that we are really going to back them this spring. Let's show some school spirit.

With the coming of spring three major sports will appear on our campus. Baseball practice has begun and track and tennis will start soon. Several lettermen are returning and with many new men

emphasize. Our boys know when they go out for athletic teams at Mars Hill that they will not have to compete with men of strong backs and weak minds who have been hired to come to Mars Hill to enable some coach to hold his job by beating all comers in all sports. Mars Hill coaches try to win games, but they are much more interested in making men of their players than making records for themselves. Games, for the fun which they afford the players and for the relaxation they allow the onlookers, played according to the rules and supervised by competent officials, give Mars Hill an athletic program of real pleasure and profit.

out for each team, all of them should be fairly strong.

Although the three spring sports will provide recreation for at least two or three times as many boys as have participated in any major sport thus far, there will remain a vast majority of our student body with no outdoor exercise except gym and tennis. I believe that an intramural softball league would provide most of these boys with much recreation. Teams could be organized in the various dormitories as was done in basketball. Since softball may be played in less space than regular baseball, the football practice field just below Roberts field could be turned into a softball diamond without any interference with baseball practice.

Speaking of intramural sports, why not have a mixed-doubles tennis tournament on our campus this spring? We have several promising young Helen Wills Moody's in our midst who never get a chance to play tennis except in Phys Ed. This would provide much fun for the participants and good entertainment for the rest of the student body.

Sports shorts — Joe McCarthy has already cleared a space on the Yankee club house wall for the 1938 league pennant—Dizzy Dean has finally signed his contract for this year—It is reported that he will receive \$17,500 for this year's work—Not bad for five months—Eddie Lieberman seemed to enjoy jumping rope in front of Spillman—We wonder why? — George Wirtz has been elected to captain the Demon Deacons at Wake Forest this fall. Incidentally he was one of the best backs in the history of our school—Baseball rules seems to be the main topic

Lion Win Close Game Over Biltmore Quint

Close Competition

Clyde Peek, Mars Hill's speedy forward, sank a field goal in the last ten seconds of play to give the Mars Hill quintet a hard earned 27-25 victory over the Biltmore cagers on February 24.

Peek sparked the Lions' attack throughout, scoring 13 points, and Roberts played a great defensive game as he held Biltmore's star center, Tommy Hearn, to a lone tally from the foul line.

Biltmore grabbed the lead as the contest opened with Caldwell and Reynolds dropping four points each, while Mars Hill made but three points. Late in the first half, however, the Lions rallied and as the period ended they forged ahead, 15 to 13.

The lead changed hands a half dozen times in the final period and with only one minute left to play the two teams were tied, 25-25. Peek then came through with the decisive markers.

Reynolds topped the Biltmore scorers with eight points and Caldwell turned in an outstanding performance to contribute six tallies. Ray accounted for nine of Mars Hill's scores.

This game gave the Dickersonmen two wins out of the three played between the schools this season. Neither school has beaten the other by more than a two point margin and in total points scored during the three games Mars Hill holds a one point lead.

The line-up:

Mars Hill 27 Pos. Biltmore, 25
Hough F. Felmet, 5
Peek, 13 F. Caldwell, 6
Roberts, 4 C. Hearn, 1
Alexander, 1 G. Davidson, 2
Ray, 9 G. Reynolds, 8

in "Bull-Sessions" at present—If the boys can play half as good as they can talk, the Lions will not lose a game this year—We hope that they can—Well, I must close—So long — Any suggestion to this page will be appreciated.