

Sport Rambles

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W.C.T.C. AND BREVARD ARE HOT . . . AND HOW—

Last Saturday afternoon I was in "enemy" territory and the enemy were really playing a good game. It was the football game between W.C.T.C. and Brevard, and both teams showed Coach Dickerson and myself, some real football.

It looked as if both have much improved teams over last year and they will furnish the Lions plenty of competition. They showed plenty of zip and speed; and with Taggart, of Brevard, and Saunders, of W.C.T.C., leading the way, they showed us a football game that we will not soon forget.

Mr. Taggart gave a very good account of himself. With the game less than three minutes old he received one of Saunders' punts on his own 15 and raced 85 yards through the complete W.C.T.C. team to score the first touchdown for Brevard. We had heard a lot about this Asheville product during the past year and after seeing him in action, we are inclined to agree that he is even better than reports.

TUSCULUM WAS TOUGH . . . BUT OUR LIONS WERE TOUGHER—

When this game was over we journeyed over to Greeneville, Tennessee, to watch our Lions completely outplay a Tusculum eleven. Although the game ended in a 6 to 6 tie, the Robertsmen were superior throughout the contest as they ran up 11 first downs to 6 for Tusculum. Had the breaks of the game been in our favor the score would have been very different from what it was. Immediately after Tusculum's score, early in the fourth period, the Lions received the kickoff and traveled down the field for 65 yards only to see the game end with the ball on Husculum's five-yard line. Just think—two more minutes and the Lions would have won the game.

SUICIDE SCHEDULE—

But lest you become too enthusiastic and go out on a limb, let me add this word of caution to you about our Lions. While Coach Roberts has been in the backyard each afternoon oiling the gears and putting new parts into his '38 football machine, he has been busy at night in the front office signing up an array of powerful opponents, the like of which Mars Hill has never seen before in a single season. In addition to Milligan and W.C.T.C., who have two of the best senior college elevens in "these here" parts, and Brevard, a strengthened club that may strike down several teams before the season is over, the Lions will tangle first with Wingate and then with Lees McRae, Wake Forest (Frosh), and Hiwassee in rapid succession. It's enough to turn coaches' hair gray and cause many others interested in Mars Hill football, many a sleepless night. If the Lions win half of their games and hold down the scores of the other five to a moderate margin, the 1938 season will have been a howling success in any prognosticator's book.

THIS AND THAT FROM HERE AND THERE—

George Wirtz, ex-Mars Hill star and now ace footballer at Wake Forest college has been mentioned as one of the outstanding backfield men in the state and several of the most prominent sports editors have remarked that he has All-American possibilities . . . Jake Wade, sports editor, Charlotte Observer, recently remarked: "George Wirtz, one of the three old heads in the starting Wake Forest lineup, streaked off an 85-yard touchdown jaunt with an intercepted pass to show his sophomore comrades how it's done in the varsity league." Nice going George. Keep up the good work . . . Whizzer White intends to become a lawyer after finishing Oxford. He majored in economics at Colorado, and out there they don't call him Whizzer at all, but Bryon . . . Ohio State's band has done away with its reeds and will concentrate on brass this year. More than \$1000 was spent for special horns made in Italy. What couldn't our own band do with this money . . . Johnny Kroner, of the Cleveland Indians, is a registered pharmacist and spends the off-season working in a St. Louis drug store in which he owns half interest . . . Although the Davis Cup is thirty-eight years old it has only been won by four nations—United States, Australia, England and France.

Funny how rumors get started. It has been reported several times on the campus that Gene Alexander was going to return to school. There is nothing to it and whoever started it must not have had anything to talk about . . . David Vosburg, Mars Hill's one and only manager, is going to Davidson this year and from all reports he is doing fine . . . Appreciate you taking the time to read this column . . . Would like very much to hear your comments.

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LIONS TO MEET MILLIGAN TONIGHT

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TENNIS TOURNAMENT IS WELL UNDER WAY

Cross Country Cake Run Will Be Sponsored By The Hilltop

Tennis interest took to the courts in a large way this week when forty boys, excluding all varsity men from last year, began play-offs for the Mars Hill college championship.

First-round matches should be finished by today if weather permits and the entrants will be narrowed down and the playing will begin in earnest. No boys are seeded since none were varsity men, but several C-I's as well as C-II's are looking good. Play should be ended in the next ten days at least. Second round matches should be played by Tuesday or Wednesday.

Following this tournament will be the Annual Cross Country Cake Run sponsored by The Hilltop, and track coach Fred Dickerson. Entrants must train and get in shape for this hard run this year. Also, anyone interested in the intramural tag football game between Melrose and Brown will please get in touch with the editors so that they may try to make arrangements with Athletic Director O. E. Roberts for the play if necessary.

Lions Lose Opener To Carson-Newman

A much heavier and more experienced Carson-Newman eleven handed the Mars Hill Lions a 20 to 0 setback in the first game of the current season for both teams. The Eagles, who were '37 champs of the Smoky Mountain conference, proved to be as strong this year as they were last season as they rolled up 10 first downs to 2 for the Robertsmen.

Early in the game the Lions stopped a Carson-Newman threat on the Mars Hill 25 yard marker and at least one more Eagle score was nullified by a fighting Mars Hill line. In the second period, however, they were able to push over a marker with Davis carrying ball for the final three yards.

The Tennessee lads scored their final two touchdowns in the third quarter. Brakehill carried the ball over the center of the line for the first and Cattlett pulled a sneak around end for the final score.

Lions Hold Tusculum To Tie In Close Game

Saturday night, September 24, the Mars Hill Lions made another raid into Smoky Mountain conference territory and came back on the long end of the yardage gained, but split a 6 to 6 score with the Tusculum college outfit.

The Lion gridders ran up 11 first downs to Tusculum's 6 and outplayed the Tennesseans the entire game. The Lions scored early in the third, after a sustained drive. "Chick" Murray gained the touchdown on a sprint of eight yards around end. However, his attempt to buck the line for the extra point failed.

Tusculum's marker came early in the fourth quarter when Hines, Tusculum halfback, scooped up a blocked punt and raced into pay dirt and a touchdown.

Mars Hill received the kickoff after Tusculum scored and immediately marched 65 yards to the Tennesseans five yard stripe as the game ended.

Throughout the contest the Lions outplayed the Tusculum eleven and several times early in the game they threatened to score.

Captain James Gianakos, Martin, Brown and White stood out in the Mars Hill forward wall. In the backfield the Lions "Mars Hill High" lineup composed of Murray, Ball, Edwards and Stringfield were outstanding. Murray's running and Edwards' kicking were specially helpful to the Mars Hill cause.

The line-up:

Mars Hill	Pos.	Tusculum
White	LE	Rothenburger
Robinson	LT	Hankinson
Gianakos	LG	Lester
Whitaker	C	McAmes
Martin	RG	Lester
Brown	RT	Sanbourne
Travathan	RE	Hayes
Stringfield	QB	Shearer
Ball	LHB	Rossi
Murray	RHB	Hines
Edwards	FB	Herbst

Scoring Touchdowns: Mars Hill (Murray, Tusculum (Hines).

Monday's boots were good for the two extra points made after the touchdowns.

Although the score was somewhat lopsided the Lions looked especially good against their superior competition and at several times during the contest they displayed some real football.

175 LOCAL STUDENTS; PLAN TO SEE GAME

Mars Hill college students, 175 strong, will journey to Johnson City Tenn., tonight to witness the football game between the Mars Hill Lions and Milligan college.

During the past week the Lions have been working out daily and they will be able to throw their full forces against the strong senior college.

Lack of an end to team with James White has presented both Coach Roberts and Coach Dickerson with a very grave problem but with Arthur Briggs, Bessemer City lad, being shifted to this position from the backfield, it is hoped that it will be well taken care of.

Jack Smith, Jessup, Ga., pride and joy, looked very good in the drills during the past week. His passing was much improved and both coaches praised his good work. He has been out of action for the past ten days with a bad ankle.

Considerable attention has also been given to a pass defense during the past week. This phase of play has given both coaches numerous headaches in their first two games and they have improved it much.

Material for the backfield is still plentiful and if the line will come through as expected the Lions might upset the dope and come home with victory. Let's hope they do.

Six Softball Teams Provide Recreation

Softball, one of the fastest growing sports in the United States, is proving very popular to those students who are taking part on the campus. Six teams have been organized and C. G. Ray has been appointed director.

Two games are scheduled for each afternoon with play starting at 4 p.m. The league will close on October 5th and a pennant will be awarded the winner.

At the present time Melrose is leading the race with four wins and no losses. The C-I's appear to be the goats having lost three while being unable to break into the win column.

Below are listed the present standings:

	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Melrose	4	0	1.000
C-II's	2	1	.666
Gashouse	1	1	.500
Indians	1	2	.333
Brown	1	2	.333
C-I's	0	3	.000

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