

Brevard Invades Mars Hill For Season Finale

Lion's Roar

by Jerry Marion

Once again, the Brevard Tornadoes invade Mars Hill for another long-awaited grid battle, this time topping off the 1946 football season. This contest, overshadowing any other sports news in this section, is expected to draw a large crowd of rooters for both squads to witness the display of an old football rivalry.

Grid rivalry, though frowned upon by some, often promotes the most heated and hardest fought battles of the season. More spirit, from both players and fans, fills the crisp air as the teams battle to uphold the "honor" and tradition of their school and their feud. They are either attempting to off-set a last season defeat, or trying to uphold a clean slate.

Perhaps the most publicized trophy of traditional rivals is the "Little Brown Jug" awarded to the winner of the annual Michigan-Minnesota game. Players give their all to "do or die" for their school—and the "Jug."

Though there is no prized momento to be presented to the winner of the Brevard - Mars Hill game in a dignified ceremony, the rivalry will doubtless promote the hardest fought tussle of the grid season. It will be a tough game for the players and a thrilling one for the spectators.

Hats off to Miss Stringfield & Company!! The band, cheerleaders and majorettes have been doing a bang-up job of leading the team spirit to soaring heights. Traveling with the squad to Banner Elk, the crew cheered the Lions on to their 14-0 victory over the Bobcats. The band plans a gala performance, weather permitting, for the Brevard game, and will be ably assisted by Iris Godfrey, Betty Shumaker, and Dick Moore, the baton twirlers, and the cheerleaders.

An unconfirmed rumor has it that the Lions will play at least two of their games under the lights of Asheville's Memorial Stadium next season. The report said that Ramsey plans to have his stalwarts play their Homecoming contest and one other under the arcs.

All you cage fans get set for the opening of the Lions' basketball season when they play their first game on the local court against the American Legion of Canton, December 10. The first of the Lions' 24 games. Coach Ramsey's basketballers will be out to get the season off to a roaring start. With several sharpshooters and loop-experts lining up already, as the Mars Hill squad begins to dimly whip into shape for their rough schedule.

Intramural basketball, too, is coming into the light at Mars Hill. The first loop here since before the war has gotten off to a flying start, and a successful and thrilling season is promised by the ten competing squads. Kenny's Shoe Store of Asheville has donated the gold trophy to be presented to the winner of the loop.

The biggest attraction so far was the Phi-Eu game, a large portion of the student body turning out to watch the Phi's eke out a 30-24 victory over the scrappy Eu's. With the enthusiasm demonstrated at this contest at such a high point, the attendance and spirit should remain at an upper level for the remainder of the season.

Girls' Sportlight

By Dorothy Stephenson

We extend our heartiest congratulations to the girls who participated in the Play Day at Merced College the weekend of November 16. Although we only won one first place honor, we are proud of that. This is the first time we have entered inter-collegiate sports, but we hope that will not be the last time. Ann Neave, our famous tennis player, made the finals in the single matches only to be defeated by Duke. The girls did not do so well in archery, but the others did up for that in swimming. Lou Neave won second place in the back crawl, and Madge Neave won third place in the stroke. Lib Cardwell and Lou Neave won first place in the lay. The schools participating were Mars Hill, W.C.U.N.C., C., and Duke.

Your editor would like to give you the schedules of the clubs meeting now so that you may keep them for future reference. The Swimming Club meets on Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 o'clock. The Archery Club has been meeting, but they are ready to have a tournament real soon. We know that you will be interested in attending this. The Hockey Club is supposed to start next week; so all you fans notice the bulletin board for the announcement. We really have some exciting news for you this time. On Thanksgiving day, November 28, the Clios play the Nonpareils and the Philomathians play the Euthalians in basketball. Society members, here is your chance to use up some of that energy you have stored up in you to let people know which society you belong to.

Locals Lose Toughest Tilt Of Grid Year

Mars Hill Topped 19-0 By Appalachian "B"

Evading Ole Man Weather's usual Saturday afternoon rain for the second successive week, the Mars Hill Lions fell before the Appalachian "B" squad, on the Staters' field in Boone, N. C., Friday afternoon, November 15, in a grid contest that featured the roughest and hardest played football seen during the current season, complete with myriad penalties and near clashes between the rival squads.

Staters Score In First Period
Starting things off with a bang in the initial period, the Mountaineers chalked up their first counter before the first quarter was half old. After an exchange of punts that placed the Staters deep in their own territory, the Mountaineers' pile-driving machine began to gather momentum, and with full steam up when they crossed the mid-field stripe, they coasted to the Lions' 15, where the visitors' forward wall stiffened and held the invaders for downs. In an attempt to get out of the hole via the aerial route, the Staters' pass defense tightened, and intercepted Cushwa's pass on the 24, returning the pigskin to the 15. Two plays later, Halfback Bryson ploughed off guard from the 6 to paydirt and six points. Boyette's try for extra point was wide of the mark, but the Staters took a commanding 6-0 lead that finally proved to be all that was needed to topple the Lions and hold them scoreless throughout sixty minutes of rough-and-tumble football.

Lions Trail 13-0
With luck on their side again, the Mountaineers recovered a partially blocked kick on the Lions' 35 at the outset of the second stanza, and after Regan raced the remaining distance to the goal and Boyette converted, the scoreboard read 13-0, with the Lions trailing still further behind the powerful Appalachian aggregation.

The remainder of the half featured a kicking duel between the opponents, with play see-sawing back and forth near mid-field.

Third Quarter Scoreless
The third period saw the most even tussle of the game, with both teams fighting hard to keep their ground and force the opposition back; neither team penetrated farther than the 30 yard line.

Initiating a sustained drive after receiving a Lion punt on their 30, the Mountaineers drove on the ground into Mars Hill territory, where a pass set up a touchdown on the Lion 30. Walters climaxed the drive, bucking over from the 6. Boyette's attempt was wide again, but Appalachian lead the Lions 19-0. The fleeting minutes of the game witnessed a rough scuffle between the squads, each with blood in their eye.

TORNADOES TO MEET LIONS NOVEMBER 23

The Box

Mars Hill (0)	App. "B" (19)
le Anderson	Ayers le
lt Brown	Lyons lt
lg Beddingfield	Long lg
c Mitchell	Shugart c
rg Whisnant	Boyette rg
rt Sanderford	Harris rt
re Wilfong	Love re
bb Webster	Mills bb
tb Sluder	Walters tb
wb Wood	Bryson wb
fb Martin	Hall fb

Scoring Touchdowns

Appalachian: Bryson, Regan, Walters. Point after Touchdown: Boyette.

Substitutes

Mars Hill: Ross, Woods, Lewis, Roberts, Harrell, Sappenfield, Cushwa, Stewart, Fowler, Cole, G. Clanton, Miller, Crocker, Edwards, Dennis, Yandell.

Appalachian: Austin, Caskey, Hiatt, Underwood, Day, Taylor, Penick, Davidson.

Line Stands Out

The Lions entire forward wall displayed stellar performance throughout the contest, showing a whole-hearted willingness to play their best ball in an effort to stop the moving advance of the Mountaineers. With their backs to the wall for the majority of the time, the stalwart line dug in when the occasion called for it, and charged forward with the Lion offense.

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To top off the 1946 grid season here at Mars Hill, the Mountain Lions will play host to a powerful squad of Brevard Tornadoes Saturday, November 23, to renew the rivalry of long-standing that has existed between the two western North Carolina junior colleges. The contest should prove to be a junior college "classic," for both squads are at top strength with the finest teams they have had in recent years.

Squads Equal

Both teams will take to the field on an almost even footing, since both have won all but a single conference game, both having lost to the powerful Campbell college aggregation. Brevard downed Gardner-Webb, Lees-McRae, and PJC in short order, but, running up against the fighting Camels, they were forced to cede defeat. After holding Campbell scoreless in the first half, the Camels unleashed their Sunday punch in the final periods, and tamed the Tornadoes 26-0.

Likewise, the Lions triumphed over the Bulldogs, the Bobcats, and the Scotties, but fell before the Camels 19-0. In the course of the struggle, the Lions were able to drive to the Camels' one-foot line, but they were held there and forced back, unable to score.

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