

Lions Roar Over P.J.C., 31-0

Team Sparked by Singleton

The bloodthirsty Mars Hill Lions roared back after two poor seasons to show their stuff Saturday night, Sept. 29. With only five veteran players from the previous season, they battered the Scotties of Presbyterian College, Maxton, 31-0.

The strong forward wall of the Baptists, led by 240 pounder Allan Shubert, stopped P. J. C. cold. In four quarters of play, the Scotties could only gain 27 yards, rushing.

On the other hand, the backs of MHC had a field day. Dickie Singleton led the parade by picking up 94 yards from scrimmage on 18 carries, for an average of 5.2 yards per try.

In addition, Dickie passed effectively, and thrilled the crowd of some 700 with his 90 yard jaunt down the right sidelines. Singleton was followed closely by rampaging Hal Buckner, who kept bucking the line consistently to pick up valuable yardage, when Mars Hill seemed to be slowing up. Hal carried the ball 15 times for 66 yards and an average of 4.4 yards per try. The main thing that kept the P. J. C.'s from rolling was their frequent fumbling. Alert Alan Shubert recovered three of these, setting up two touchdowns.

Working smoothly and steadily and calling the right plays at the right time was quarterback Lonnie Connor. Lonnie kept the Scotties in their own territory the few times they had the ball with his timely kicking, which averaged 40.2 yards per punt.

After stopping an earlier touchdown threat, P. J. C. fumbled on their own 20. Two plays later, Mars Hill's Singleton scampered 17 yards for the touchdown. An attempt for the extra point failed, leaving the score at 6-0.

In the second frame, Shubert grabbed another fumble on the one, after which, Buckner smashed over. The conversion again was low, leaving the score at 2-0. After a scoreless third quarter, Bob Reese scored in the fourth on a pass from Dickie Singleton, Shubert's conversion was good to bring the score to 9-0 in favor of Mars Hill.

Two quick scores ended the mighty splurge in the final quarter. Speedy Marion Powell twisted his scant 150 pounds five yards for the fourth 6 pointer of the evening. The Scotties elected to kick, hoping for a fumble in the Lion's territory. To their surprise, Singleton grabbed the ball on his own 10, and flew 90 yards down the right side, behind excellent blocking. The final count was 31-0, as the conversion was again wide.



Front Row, Left to Right: Medford, Garner, Shubert, Boatwright, Griffin, Ready, Towns, and Vance. Second Row: Connor, Byrd, Singleton, Boyd, Davis, McCauley, Medows, Frisby, and Ward. Third Row: Winstead, Jones, Bedford, Carlton, Freeman, Williamson, Elkins, and DeBruhl. Fourth Row: Reese, Hughes, Thomasson, Buckner, Vaughn, Knighten, and Hall. Fifth Row: Powell, Higdon, Brock, Alexander, Potts, and Price. Sixth Row: Coach Edwards, Managers Bowen, Riddle, Murray, Ruby, Coach Henderson.

The Lion's Den

By Dale Torrence

Mars Hill students saw in action on Saturday night, September 29, what can possibly be called one of Mars Hill's best football teams in quite a few years. Sure, the team looked fine! So did the score, 31-0. But, underneath all these good points, there are invariably the bad points. Following are both the good and bad points.

All of you probably noticed that several times the P.J.C. safety man almost got by the entire Mars Hill team and looked touchdown bound. As these punt returns, time and time again, seemed to be headed for pay dirt, many of you fans probably wondered why the safety man seemed to be getting loose. This was due to the fact that he was supposed to be turned in toward the center of the field where the bulk of the "Lion's" men were, but somehow, the sidelines seemed to be open for the run-back. If the safety man had been faster, those punt returns could have proved disastrous. This fault has possibly been remedied by the coaches and future games will reveal a different story.

This is about the only criticism that can be found against the team defensively. The hard charging line of Mars Hill held the Scotties to an amazingly low 27 net yardage gained. This can be attributed to the powerful line and the alertness of the backfield. Also, the Scotties only gained one yard over the air lanes. The defensive backs were really on their toes in only allowing one pass to be completed.

Speaking of passing, the "Lions" did not tally as many yards as they should have by passing. During the entire game, the "Lions" only gained 29 yards on three completed passes. Offensively, the Mars Hill team was the only team on the field. Picking up 20 first downs and rushing to a net yardage of 214 is as good as any coach could ask for. The 214 rushing yards and 29 yards passing gave the "Lions" 243 total yards gained. Had it not been for 75 yards lost by penalties, the total would have been better. Fumbles also hurt the team a lot but they can be expected of a team in their first game. Most of these fumbles were recovered by the "Lions," but a fumble is always costly.

The punting average is one that the team and the school can really be proud of. An average of 40.2 is almost as good as they come. The kicker had fine blocking and plenty of time each time he was back in punt formation.

This is just an overall picture of the good and bad points of the team. Next time, let's hope that it is an overall picture of just the "good" points. And, come Saturday night, let's all turn out for the game at 7:30 and cheer the 'Lions' to victory over Lee's McRae.

Gal-Events

Have you joined a club? If not, there is still a place for you in your favorite club. The Archery Club has between 25 and 30 members, and the swimming club has over 30 members. Enrollment has increased in the Badminton and Volley ball club, but they still need more girls. There are only 6 girls in the Tennis Club, so if you know how to handle a tennis racket and ball, they certainly do need you. Miss Irene Olive is the sponsor of this club. To be a member of one of these clubs requires no skill at all except in swimming, so do not hesitate for that reason.

The Woman's Athletic Association, under the direction of Coach Virginia Hart, is sponsoring the Bloodmobile that will be here November 12. The goal for the blood drive will be one hundred pints.

Those of us who heard the speaker in chapel remember his saying that ordinarily they could keep a 10 day supply of blood plasma ahead, but due to the increasing casualties, only a 7 days' supply is kept now. This should make us realize that giving our blood is for a very worthy cause.

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Padgett Heads Intramurals

Because of the pleas of an interested group of boys, the coaches have decided to offer intra-mural football this fall.

At the present time there are six teams represented. These include Brown, Melrose, C-II's Spilman, Phi's and Treat. Of course the success of the season depends largely upon the managers of each team. Rod Smith, Spilman; Harold Abernathy, Melrose; and B. C. Phillips, C-II's are the only returners. New managers are Taylor Clay, Treat; Carl Wolfe, Brown; and Bill Jennings, Phi's.

Jerry Padgett has been selected by Coach Henderson to officiate and be in charge of the program. He announces that 170 boys have signed up to play for the six teams. He is looking for a very good season. The schedule is as follows:

Oct. 16, Melrose vs. Brown; Oct. 18, Treat vs. C-II's; Oct. 23, Spilman vs. Phi's; Oct. 30, Melrose vs. Treat; Nov. 1, Spilman vs. Brown; Nov. 6, Phi's vs. C-II's.

Coach Howell Calls for Tennis Players

Tennis Coach, J. V. Howell, has announced that all men interested in positions on next spring's tennis team should report at the tennis courts any afternoon at 3:30. He is there in order to instruct the boys and girls and give them pointers so as to have a successful team next spring. Last year's team was coached by a member of the tennis team, and although the student coach was very capable, this year's team should be more successful due to the fact that not only has Coach Howell played tennis, he has coached the Mars Hill team at different times in the past few years.

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