

Lions Next Face Spartanburg, Hiwassee

Mars Hill Defeats Bulldogs

The Mars Hill Lions showed their spirit as they clawed through a tough Asheville-Biltmore team here January 12 by a 78 to 66 score.

The action was fast and furious as the Lion net men pushed into a 1 point lead at the half, which ended with a 38 to 37 tally total.

Both teams played splendid ball as one star in the Mars Hill line rose up higher than all others. McGirt shined out with 23 points while Whitson came right behind him with 22 points.

The outstanding point getter for the Bulldogs was Rickman with 22 points.

Both teams played their heart out in order to take home the victory but the College bell tolled the victory for the Lions.

This was the fifth victory in six starts for the netters and kept them in a first place tie in the conference. If Spartanburg loses to North Greenville tonight, the Lions will be in undisputed possession of first place. If the North Greenville team wins, a first place tie is still assured.

Tonight's game concludes the pre-exam schedule. Following exams, action resumes with a game with Spartanburg on their home court on the 26th of January.

The pregame writeup will be found in the main article and so is omitted from this article.

LINEUP

Mars Hill (78)	(66) A-B
Odom (6) F	(9) Taylor
Whitson (22) F	(8) Pulman
Hall (13) C	(16) Chandler
Green (10) G	(12) Parker
McGirt (23) G	(22) Rickman
Subs - M. H.: Johnson (4), Bocoock.	
A-B: Pryor (1).	



This picture of the G-W game shows Harris McGirt (16), shooting with Dave Odom (17) and Carrol Whitson (37). (Photo by Nora Willis).

C-II's, Preachers Loom As Intramural Teams To Beat

The Mars Hill College Intramural program got underway Saturday, December 15, with the first four teams to turn in team lists playing practice games. In the first game, the C-II Rebels romped over the Preachers by a score of 62-32. Fred Young led the powerful Rebels with 22 points. However, Conrad Godshall and John Thomas also hit the double figures with 15 and 12 points respectively. Finley Johnson was outstanding on defense. David Britt hit for 11 for the Preachers, who were also sparked by Funderburke's floor play.

In the second game Landers defeated Treat 33-21. Landers was led by Douglass with 15 and Wilson, who collected 10. Ward was high man for the losers with 8. The game was a close affair up until the third quarter when Landers, with Hughes' floor play sparkling pulled ahead. Both games were practice games.

Play in Intramurals was resumed, January 9, with the regular season getting underway. C-II defeated Landers in the opening game, 47-19. The Rebels pulled

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from a high school student body but a college student is expected to display a more mature attitude.

Now to the lighter side of life. Congratulations to the ball club on a job well done. This includes all the games of the year. The boys have shown very good sportsmanship, a world of ability, and a will to win. With luck we might be in first place in the conference by now. Here's hoping.

Intramural basketball is going over big. It looks like it will more than dwarf the poor football turnout. The way things are shaping up the C-II Rebels and the Preachers will be the teams to beat. All the teams are strong and competition is stiff. The tournament date is still unsettled but it should be available for a future paper.

Our thanks to the fellows who are doing a magnificent job as referees in these intramural contests. Let's be easy with them. After all they do their best and they're not paid professional referees. I would like to request a few more fellows to fill these referees spots. It's a thankless hard job but they are necessary to the game.

Lettermen are Named

Coach Don Henderson has compiled and released for publication a list of the members of the football squad and managers who received letters this year, and by doing so also obtained eligibility for the M Club.

Of the 18 young men listed, a little less than 70% are C-I's. Out of this 18, 12 are C-I's and the remaining 6 are C-II's.

The C-I's are as follows: Hubert Douglass, Jack Jarvis, Dave Odom, Sidney Brandon, Benny Barr, and Alan Painter. Those comprising the C-II list are: Harry Johnson, Mike Miller, Carol Clevenger, James Whetstone, Jackie Powers, Tony Stafford, Tom Wilson, Mo Benjamin, Bob Hughes, Charles Jenkins, Donald Green, Joe Townsend, Jim Long, Bill Walke, Max Toney, and F. C. Roberts. Max Burgin and Charles Green received letters for manager's positions.

The
Lion's Den
By Richard Young

Hello Sports. Here we go again. Of course the big news is the Tuesday night game. If the student body will heed the following words, maybe we can redeem ourselves for some of the actions of which they were guilty, in the game. First of all, I think that the treatment of the referees by certain people in the gym is a disgrace to this Christian institution. Such conduct is a bad reflection on the school. The larger part of the student body was guilty of excess noise making when the Asheville-Biltmore team attempted a foul shot. This is one of the biggest displays of poor sportsmanship which a school can display. Such actions might be expected

M-H Tops Spartanburg Loses To Lees McRae

The Mars Hill Mountain Lions reopen their hardboard campaign after a pause between semesters, January 26, as they journey across state lines to meet the cagers of Spartanburg Junior College for a return engagement.

Currently leading the Western Carolina Junior College Conference with a 5-1 mark, the Lions are running along at an average of 85 points per contest while holding their opponents to a 67 point per game average.

In their previous encounter with Spartanburg here in Mars Hill, January 9, the Lions had an easy time of it as they coasted along for a 91-54 victory.

On January 28, the Lions will play host to the Hiwassee quintet here in McConnell gymnasium in their seventh conference game of the season.

The Mars Hill attack will be led by six-foot five inch forward Carroll Whitson who currently sports a 22 point per game average. Probable starters for the Lions include: Forwards, Carroll Whitson and David Odom; center, Gene Hall; guards, Bud Greene and Harris McGirt.

The Bobcats of Lee-McRae scored an upset victory over the previously undefeated Mars Hill Lions by a 64-61 score as they made a rugged and racy last-half comeback and weathered a final challenge by Mars Hill in the closing minutes.

The Lions built up a 39-28 first half lead with ease, mostly behind the play of guard Bud Greene and David Odom.

With a revitalized attack led by Bob Hatchett and Cliff Chester, Lees-McRae narrowed the margin to five points going into the fourth quarter, then drove ahead early in the fourth.

Big Ed Johnson, who had not been playing up to par thus far, came in in the fourth quarter and nearly saved the day as he was a big man in keeping the visitors from running away with the game. Bud Greene captured high scoring honors for the evening as he dumped in 23 points. Dave Odom hit for 13 for second high. The loss was Mars Hill's first for the season while Lees-McRae had suffered two previous losses.

LINEUP:

Mars Hill (61)	(64) Lees-McRae
(23) Greene (g)	(f) Perry (18)
(7) McGirt (g)	(f) Williams (3)
(6) Hall (c)	(c) Hatchett (21)
(13) Odom (f)	(g) Holt (6)
(7) Whitson (f)	(g) Clester (14)
(5) Johnson (c)	(f) Abec (2)

Mars Hill gained their fourth loop victor yover highly thought of Spartanburg Junior College, January 9, as they drove for an impressive 91-54 victory over the previously undefeated quintet.

Racking up 24 first quarter points against the opposition's four, the Lions were never once threatened, though the visitors came back with more accuracy in the last half.

The Lions, playing a whale of a defensive game, held the visitors to only fifteen points in the first half while racking up 45.

Carroll Whitson hit for 25 points on a barrage of long shots together with drive in craps that could not be stopped to top the game's high scoring mark. Six-foot five inch reserve center, Gene Hall was second with 13, followed by Harris McGirt with 12 and Bud Greene with 11.

Gal-Events

The W.A.A. and M-Blem Club wish to express their appreciation for the co-operation shown during the recently held blood drive. One hundred and fifty-three people reported and 133 pints of blood were received. It will be admitted that that is a good report, but the student body of Mars Hill College should be ashamed of this and should be ready to do better come springtime.

The W.A.A. and M-Blem club held their annual Christmas parties immediately after the dormitory parties. The group was entertained by impromptu and other performances by the girls. Violet Overton led the devotional, after which the presents were presented by the "music method." Refreshments consisting of nuts, fruits, and candy were served. The girls then went down to the lunch room where they went through the motion of spending the night.

The W.A.A. council held a called meeting January 8. Announcements were made as follows: the Folk Dancing Club will begin January 12; the Hiking Club will begin January 15. Plans for the athletic Banquet were discussed. Plans were also begun for a faculty playday and a playday with other schools.

The M-Blem Club had a called meeting, Thursday, January 8, at 6:30. Their picture was taken, after which Violet Overton led in a devotional. A business meeting followed. It was announced that work would be resumed on the picnic area near Humphrey Cottage on Saturday, January 16. The group is trying to finish the area as soon as possible.

At a meeting of the cheerleaders during the half time of the first basketball game of the season, a new captain was elected. Carolyn Hart was chosen; consequently she took over her duties during the second half of the game. Every fall the cheerleaders select a captain for the group.

Charlotte Venable has been greatly missed around the gym and campus recently. We hope that by now she is well on the road to recovery.

Mars Hill (91)	(54) Spartanburg
Odom (8) F	(1) Ramsey
Whitson (25) F	(11) Vaughn
Johnson (5) C	(4) Hines
Green (11) G	(12) Barbare
McGirt (12) G	(7) Beach
Subs - M. H.: Hall (13), Lancaster (5), Hunter (5), Bocoock (3), Kitrell (2), Hough (1), Cole (1). Spartanburg: Fowler (1), Good, Crawford (10), Bond (1), Hudson (7), Hollis, Thompson.	

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