

Lions, Bobcats Tie For First

Last Game Of WCJC Tournament Tonight

The Western Carolina Junior College tournament was begun Thursday night on the floor of the Spruce Pine, N. C. gymnasium with every team but the top two, Lees-McRae and Mars Hill, in action.

Spartanburg, with four conference wins to their credit, tackle Brevard, who recorded only one win during the season. North Greenville, in third spot, was paired against a tough Asheville-Biltmore outfit.

Last night Lees-McRae met the Spartanburg-Brevard winner, while Mars Hill hit the A-B - North Greenville winner. Tonight, the tournament championship will be decided when the winners of these two games meet.

In Boiling Springs High School gymnasium February 26, the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs rose from the short end of a 69-62 score with five minutes left in the contest, then employed a rigid and successful freeze, to hand the Mars Hill squad a 77-72 upset defeat.

Led by Harris McGirt, whose defensive play was the bright spot of the Mars Hill team, the Lions built up a 41-36 first half edge.

The Bulldogs returned with a revitalized third quarter attack that found them ahead 58-56 by the close of the period.

Carroll Whitson and Bud Greene were high scorers for the visitors with 17 and 16 points respectively.

Substitute guard Charles Rollins paced the winners' scoring with 18 points while teammate Jack Upton netted 17.

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| (72) Mars Hill | Gardner-Webb (77) |
| (17) Whitson | Upton (18) |
| (9) Odom | Thomas (13) |
| (13) Hall | Norris (15) |
| (10) McGirt | Bovender (10) |
| (16) Greene | Price (4) |

Substitutes: Mars Hill—Kittrell 7, Brogdon, Gardner-Webb—Estes, Rollins 17.

Half-time score: 41-36, Mars Hill.
Referees: Connor and Corvin.

The Mars Hill Mountain Men won their eleventh contest February 16 when they downed the Hiwassee Tigers 79-71 in a nonconference tilt which took place in the Tennessee territory.

The Lions had claimed a ten-point lead by half-time but disaster almost struck in the final half when the Tigers began to strike, behind action shots of pivot man Wright and guard Dave Hensley. Wright totaled 25 points during the contest and Hensley was close behind with 19.

Red-haired Todd Kittrell played his finest game of the season both on offense and defense. He hit for 15 points and stayed in steady control of the rebounds off both boards.

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| (79) Mars Hill | Hiwassee (72) |
| (14) McGirt | Hensley (19) |
| (9) Greene | Brock (7) |
| (5) Hall | Wright (25) |
| (15) Odom | Henry (11) |
| (17) Whitson | Spurting (5) |

Substitutes: Mars Hill—Kittrell 15, Johnson, Bocook 3, Brogdon, Cole, Hough, Lancaster. Hiwassee—Alchley 2, Shambrough 2, Chardin.

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| Mars Hill vs. Tennessee Wesleyan | |
| (65) Mars Hill | Tenn-Wesleyan (81) |
| (8) Greene | Wilson (6) |
| (8) McGirt | Barger (3) |
| (12) Hall | Kyle (29) |
| (19) Odom | Wasydy (15) |
| (13) Whitson | Elliott (21) |

Substitutes: Mars Hill—Kittrell 4, Johnson 1, Brogdon. Tennessee-Wesleyan—White 7.

Gal-Events

Coach Hart, Molly Fennell, and Betty Jo Huskins attended the annual conference of the N. C. Athletic Federation for college women, held at the University of N. C. Colleges from all over the state were represented at the conference.

After registration and a general meeting, discussion groups were held concerning WAA problems of campus standing, co-recreation, publicity, finances, sports days, and awards. M.H.C. was in charge of the junior college group. Molly Fennell represented the C-I class at the meeting so that the ideas received could be carried over into next year's work.

A banquet followed by a Play Day was the entertainment for Friday afternoon. Various questions were discussed at the session on Saturday morning, including the significance of the N. C. A. F. C. W., its present problems, and its future. The conference voted to send a CARE package containing various kinds of athletic equipment to children in certain foreign countries. The conference proved to be both inspirational and enjoyable to the three who attended.

W.A.A. and M-Blem club have had as one of their projects selling cold drinks and various kinds of candy at the basketball games this season. M-Blem recently had a cold-plate supper on a Saturday afternoon. Many of the members attended. They came to the gym at 4:30 and played ball and read magazines until 5:15, when they ate. Some stayed after supper and made hot dogs to sell at the game that night.

Some of the physical education majors, Bert McBride, Charlotte Venable and Linda Belle Lamar, gave Miss Snelson's Sunday School class a supper recently in the W. A. A. room. They served hot dogs, potato chips, pickles, and cokes. After they ate they played games.

Hiking club is having six activities. Two already have been completed. Others are to be three picnics and three hikes. First was a road hike; second was a picnic; the third was a trail hike; fourth will be a picnic; fifth will be an off-trail hike, and the sixth will be a picnic. On Saturday, March 6, they will hike up Bailey. In order to be eligible for points and last event of the hiking club, one has to attend at least two hikes and two picnics and must also take the trip up Bailey. The club is divided into two groups with a captain for each group. Rachel Joyce and Betty Proctor are the group captains. Each group will be in charge of one of the picnics. The Folkdance club is planning an exhibition. Those who have met previous requirements will be



Shown in this picture taken during the Furman Frosh game are Dave Odom (17) and Tod Kittrell from Mars Hill. The other players were unidentified.

C-II's Retain Top Intramural Spot

The C-II Rebels put their 6-0 record and first place in the Intramural League on the line in this afternoon's battle with the Preachers who have a 5-1 record and hold second place in the Intramural Tournament. The Intramural Tournament will probably begin next week as this afternoon's games wind up the regular season.

As the paper goes to press the C-II's hold first place with an unblemished 6-0 record which does not include a practice game victory over the Preachers. The Preachers are in second place with a 5-1 record, having lost to Melrose. Treat and Brown, boasting 3-3 records, are tied for third place, while Eu, having won 2 and lost 4 holds down fifth place. Town and Melrose are tied for sixth place having won only one game each.

On last Saturday, the C-II's started the ball rolling by rocking Eu 63-27. The Rebels scored the highest number of points in an intramural game this year. Frankie Schnyder and Ralph Roberts hit for 18 points and Fred Young connected for 16. Manager Joe Murray's teamwork also helped the defensive play of Jim Johnson as the Rebels rolled over the helpless Eus.

In a rough game, Landers defeated Ben Davis' Town team 40-31. Tom Wilson led the winners with 18 and Davis the losers with 10.

The last two games were the best so far this season. Brown beat

eligible to participate in this event on March 16. Judges will pick five best folkdancers from this group for the M-Blem club.

The Basketball club tournament between dorms is scheduled for March 8, 10, 15 and 17. A trophy will be purchased for team sports.

The
Lion's Den
By Richard Young

Hello sports. It's time once again to review the campus sports which have taken place in the last two weeks.

Let's start the ball rolling with some supposition material. Supposing that the Lions go into the finals at the WCJC tournament, and there is good reason to believe they will, that means that tonight will be their chance to take the crown and a first victory over Lees-McRae, if they go to the finals. Of course no facts were available at the time this article went to press and so that is all we have for you on this event. The basketball summary article will appear in the next issue of the *Hilltop* if the information can be obtained.

Now a look at intramurals. In the light of previous slanderous remarks made by the student body in regard to intramural refereeing the teams were put on a trial basis to stop this sort of thing in the games on February 20. From all reports this worked well and the teams participating showed good sportsmanship. Let's remember that those fellows are doing their best. If anyone can find fault with their calling I am sure arrangements can be made to allow these fellows to call, if they have the guts. Most of the jeering is done by fellows who don't have enough courage to go out there and try to call a good game.

The intramural tournament is looming near and it seems to be the "Rebels" to beat this year. So far they have an all-won record. Don't underrate the other teams by any means. Anything can happen in sports, and usually does. There are several teams with the power to take the Rebels and they may do it when the important games come up in a few weeks.

Several industrious students have been seen with baseball gloves on and ready to crown a new king as the basketball season closes. Let's hope that the same effort will be put forth in making the Mars Hill baseball team a strong one this year.

That about does it for this time but be sure to remember that those basketball summaries will appear in the next paper.

first quarter lead but the visitors had narrowed this to 39-37 by halftime. With cool and deadly precision, the visitors returned for 23 points in the third period and 24 in the final session, while the home team could total only 29 points in the second half.

Bill Gaines, hard-driving guard, paced the victors with 22 points. Carroll Whitson contributed 20 to the Mars Hill cause.

The contest was the last of the regular season for the Mars Hill quintet and left them with an overall average of 79.6 per game. The Lions have scored 1288 points in 16 contests against Junior College competition with 11 of these as victories.

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| (84) Furman Frosh | Mars Hill (68) |
| F—(13) Herring | Whitson (20) |
| F—(11) R. Gaines | Odom (11) |
| C—(13) Hanks | Hall (8) |
| G—(12) McKinney | McGirt (11) |
| G—(22) B. Gaines | Greene (12) |

Subs: Furman - Cooper 8, Railey 5, Matheny. Mars Hill - Kittrell 2, Johnson 4, Brogdon.

Furman Tops Mars Hill

The Furman frosh continued in their usual fashion as they caught fire in the third and fourth quarters to down the Mars Hill Mountain Lions 84-68 here in McConnell gymnasium February 22.

The win marked the 20th consecutive victory for the Furman squad who, thus far, have not dropped one game all season. The frosh team shows a 96-point average for the season.

The Lions gained an early 17-9