

McGirts' 18.3 Average Leads Lion Scoring

MHC Scores 57-51 Victory

Robinson, Kittrell, Brogdon Also High In Cage Honors
By Bob High

Harris McGirt rocked the backboards for 26 points as he led the Lions of Mars Hill to a 57-51 triumph over Gardner Webb January 15 to close out the first semester schedule in a blaze of glory.

Coming from behind after a slow start, the Mars Hill squad held a one-point lead with seconds left in the first half. Gardner Webb tallied a free throw to tie the tilt at the half. The Lions never had a comfortable lead, but were able to stay an occasional few points ahead of their opponents.

After eight minutes of play in the second half the game was knotted at 36-36. A field goal by McGirt put the Lions in front and they remained there for the rest of the game. Not until the final minutes of play did the Lions move out front enough to be assured of a win.

McGirt tallied his points on 9 field goals and 8 "Annie Oakley's." Robinson and Brogdon had 9 digits for the Lions.

Box Scores:

LANDERS (33)		BROWN (22)	
F Miller	0	F Watson	4
F Gales	1	F Ductworth	3
C Seel	9	C Hoffman	4
G Clevenger	10	G Ivey	0
G Wilson	6	G High	7
Subs: Landers—Shaw, Plumblee 4, Kiser, Ramsey 2, Johnson, Clark 1, Jackson, Brown—Long 4, Dillard 4, Austin, Foster.			
MELROSE (51)		PHI (19)	
F Lee	11	F Murphy	0
F Potat	12	F Butler	4
C Johnson	7	C Collins	3
G Grose	5	G Hammonds	8
G Southern	12	G Leonard	2
Subs: Melrose—Ray 4, Webster, Hilton, Burnett. Phi—Scott 2, Hunter, Tucker, Grant, Jones, Boone.			
VETERANS (32)		SAMS (31)	
F Wright	17	F Greene	5
F Culpepper	3	F Cogdill	7
C Rector	5	C Williams	3
G Wilson	1	G Shuler	0
G Robertson	6	G Wilder	9
Subs: Veterans—Goodson, Sanders, Reeves. Sams—Hunnicut, Carlton 2, Griffin, Kirkland 5, Hampton, Tanner.			
TREAT (24)		EU (22)	
F Simmons	6	F Joslin	0
F Kirby	9	F Bullard	8
C Kruger	0	C Rooke	8
G Wilhelm	0	G Myers	2
G Meadows	6	G Banks	0
Subs: Treat—Caudill, Holland 2, Myers, Baucom 1. Eu—Small, Harman, Holland 4, Hendrix.			
EU (20)		Preachers (16)	
F Crisp	1	F Britt	2
F Bullard	4	F Painter	4
C Rooke	8	C Caldwell	5
G Harman	0	G Powers	1
G Banks	0	G Kroe	4
Sub: Eu—Strom, Stogner, Holland 3, Dize, Small 4. Preachers—Hartley, Pierce, Tribble, Taylor Blackwell, W. Taylor.			
PHI (22)		Brotherhood (20)	
F Leonard	0	F Reid	2
F Collins	2	C Roberts	1
C Murphy	2	G Horltdt	2
G Butler	12	G Owens	0
G Hunter	0		
Subs: Phi—Grant, Scott 2, Dixon, Boone 2, Jones, Hammonds 2. Brotherhood—McNeil, Pinner, Bentley 4, Reeves, Crook 7.			
Preachers (35)		Brotherhood (13)	
F Kroe	6	F Owens	0
F Painter	2	F Reid	3
C Caldwell	15	C Matheny	3
G Powers	5	G Reeves	0
G Tribble	2	G Crook	5
Subs: Preachers—Pearce, Taylor, W. Taylor 2, Harley, Jenkins, J. Taylor 3, Wood. Brotherhood—Horltdt 2, Pinner Bentley.			

Harris McGirt is the individual scoring leader as the Mars Hill Mountain Lions wind up their first semester schedule with a 4-4 record and a 2-3 showing in the WCJC conference race.

Three games were on tap for this week, two of them among the family circle and one outside of it.

In the first eight games, McGirt has scored 146 points to average 18.3 per contest. McGirt's running mate at forward, Bobby Robinson, has burned the nets for 119 points and a 14.9 average. Todd Kittrell and Bill Brogdon are neck and neck for third spot with totals of 88 and 76 points for respective averages of 11.0 and 9.5.

McGirt has also taken the lead in rebounds with 82 for a 10.3 percentage. Kittrell has 51 and Robinson 42 to trail in that department.

The field goal percentage is led by Kittrell with a 55.7 percent on his 34 out of 61 from the floor. Following his is McGirt with 51.9 on 56 out of 108, Brogdon with 48.4 on 30 out of 62, and Robinson with 38.6 on 54 out of 140 tries.

Free Throw King

In the free throw department Robinson leads with 64.7 percent on 11 out of 17, and Kittrell ranks second with 58.8 on 20 out of 34. He is followed by McGirt with 57.6 on 34 out of 59, and Brogdon with 45.7 on 16 out of 35.

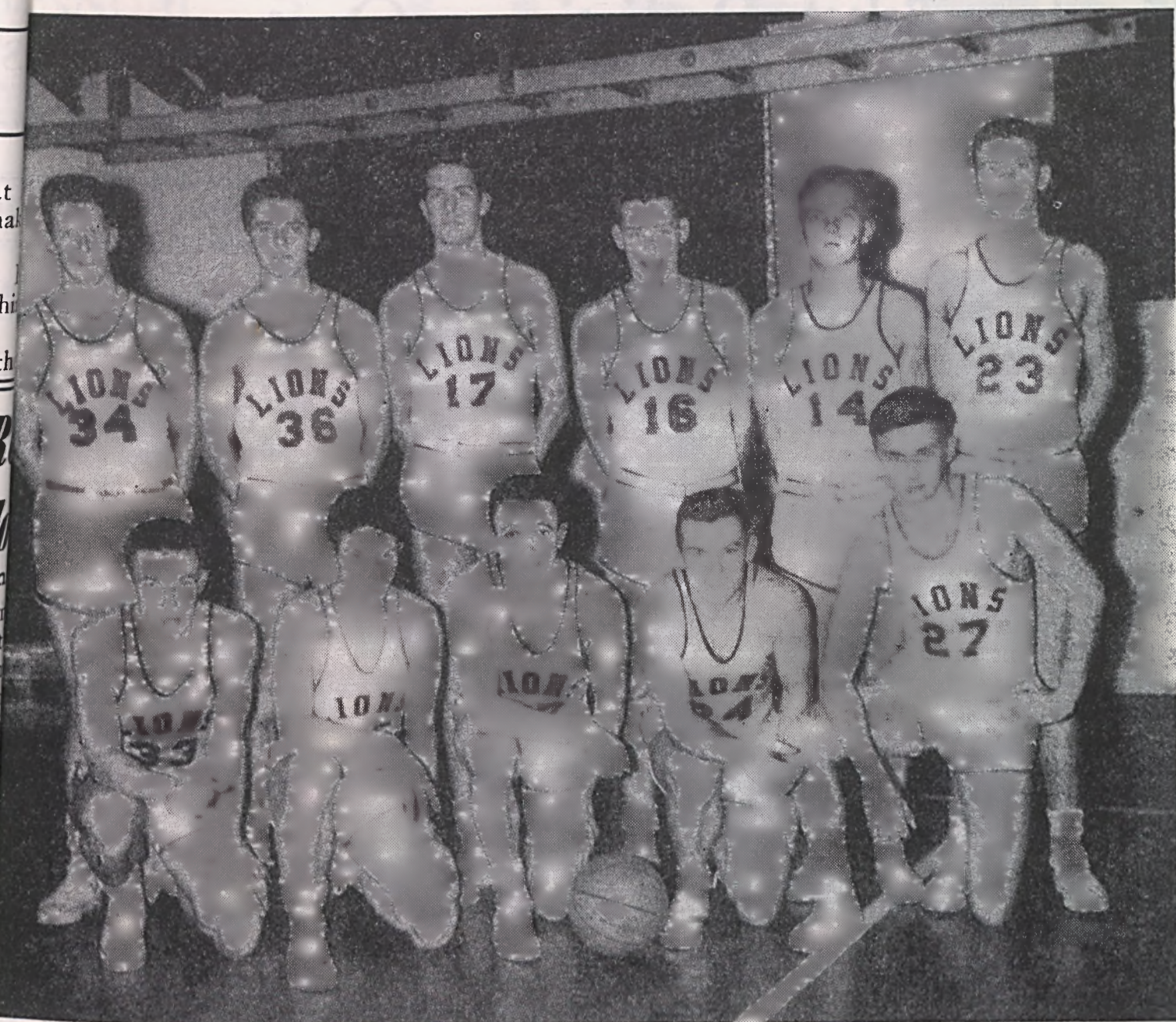
Others who have figured in the Lion scorings are Ray Hawkins with 31 total points, Charles McCall with 14, John Vance, 8, Mike Miller, 7, Harold Ponder, 7, Dave Leary, 6, Bobby Cole, 4, Al Roach, 3. Pop Seal, no longer a member of the squad, has 6 points to his credit.

The team's average per game is 65.6 points compared to their opponents 63.9. The high for the Lions this season was 89 against Steed and the low was 38 in the Lees-McRae battle. The team percentage on field goals per scrap is 44.7 on 212 out of 474. The 51.4 per cent on free throws is unusually low for this end. The average rebounds taken is an excellent 33.3 for the eight games.

Home Cage Season Ends With Spartans

Spartanburg Junior College will provide the competition for the Mars Hill Lions Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock on the McConnell court in what will be the final home game of the season for the Lions.

They go on the road after that with seven straight games before the conference tournament is held. Spartanburg, which was beaten by Lees-McRae 71-66 weeks ago, is expected to start Bo Keeter and Jay Coker as forwards, Bill Scroggins and Ray Coker in the guard slots, and Jim Jacks, one of their most dangerous men, at center.



THE 1954-55 VERSION OF THE MARS HILL LIONS basketball squad is shown above. Pictured from left to right they are: Bobby Robinson, Bobby Cole, Mike Miller, Bill Brogdon, Gene Hopkins, Todd Kittrell, John Vance, Charles McCall, Harris McGirt, Al Roach, and David Leary. For story on team statistics see column 5. (A Stringfield photo.)

Landers and Melrose Loom As Intramural Favorites

The Lions' Den
by Leon Rooke

Seven intramural basketball tilts were played during the week before exams as the intramural program swings into heavy action. Victories were scored by Euthalian, Philomathian, Veterans, Landers, Treat, Melrose, and Preachers.

Leon Rooke tallied 8 points to lead the Eu's to a 20-16 win over the Preachers to start the week's activity. It was a low-scoring, but tight, contest all the way. In another close game Phi edged by Brotherhood 22-20. Charles Crook was high man for the Brotherhood crew with 7. Bill Butler led the losers with 12.

Wright Stars

Wayne Wright ripped 17 points through the basket as the Veterans stopped the Sams quintet in another close one, 32-31. Sams led during the whole contest, but a final surge by the Vets provided the winning margin. Hugh Wilder was top man for the losers with 9. Landers won their second ball game of the year, defeating Brown 33-22. "Tab" Clevenger was once again top man on the totem pole for Landers with 10 digits.

Another Tight Squeeze

Treat broke into the win column with a nip-and-tuck triumph over Euthalia, 24-22. Harold Kirby tickled the cords for 9 points to once again lead the Treat offense. Hubert Bullard and Leon Rooke tallied 8 apiece for the Eu's. Melrose continued their winning ways with a very impressive 51-19 slaughter over Phi. Potat, Southern and Lee bucketed 12, 12, and 11 respectively to lead Melrose to victory. Hammonds dumped 8 through the hoops for Phi.

In the final contest of the week the Preachers subdued the Brotherhood, 35-13. Caldwell skimmed the mesh with 15 tallies for the Preachers while Charles Crook garnered 5 for Brotherhood.

Wrestling, Anyone?

Noticed in an exchange paper from Appalachian State Teachers College was the mention of that school's readopting a wrestling program in 1955-56 which it had dropped since 1951-52. That school started a wrestling program in 1934 and had a good time

Mars Hill had a wrestling team some years back (and also a boxing team) and the fact that ASTC decided to reopen competition in the sport struck my mind as being agreeable to the suggestions of several Mars Hill athletes. Last year, this writer was fortunate in having for a roommate, the high school wrestling champion of far-off Washington State. His name was Brownie Wilson. He was not the only mat man around either. It was more than a coincidence that, in the dorm, mattresses were spread together and matches held in the wee hours of the night.

So just for the sport of it—why shouldn't Mars Hill fondle the idea over in their minds. Equipment doesn't run so high into the money. Mats are the chief item and Mars Hill has an adequate supply of them. Interest would be keen.

C-I's Take Command

The old C-2 staff takes a breather with the publication of this issue and turns the next *Hilltop* into the hands of the C-I's for what is appropriately known as the C-I edition. For that paper all material is gathered by the C-I's and all credit (come now, don't laugh) goes to them. Hugh Wilder and Bob High will be working hand in hand on the sports end of it and they would welcome any C-I help. So fellas if you have a gripe here's your chance to do something about it.

Who Knows . . .

But if in the Growing Scheme of Things?

Man's greatest pursuit in life during this modern march of civilization has become—not the industrious search for knowledge; not the penetrating visions that some age-old muse invokes; no, rather it has become, in nearly all quarters, the trampling search for pearly white golf balls made by people of various walks. The reason for that profoundly stupid statement lies in the following true one . . . Mars Hill College, and the town, should have a golf course. Golf! More people play golf than any other sport. The day Mars Hill gets a golf course then its march towards complete civilization will be realized. Yes, our paunchy patrons of greater learning and our noble citizens and, even we warbling students, need a golf course both for good recreation and, more important, in order for Mars Hill to keep in step with the modern tempo. Anybody around with an extra million.