

The Lions' Den

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McGirt, Robinson Named on All-Conference Roster

might be termed the Transition period in sports. Football is all but gone, with the exception of intramurals and those out today. Currently, it is the eve of Spring sports, and the period which thus precedes it is upon us now. Hence, since present is void of action, let us concern ourselves with the potent the expectant future.

Is there any one who did not know that Harris McGirt was selected to the first team of the Western Carolinas Junior College all-conference squad and that teammate Bobby Robinson was named to the second team? If so, then let these sentences serve to inform them that they did. Both McGirt and Robinson have been burning the nets all season and certainly they deserve the honor. The pair played high school ball together at Lee Edwards in Asheville. Aside from being "devils" with a scoring punch, they are big men on the defensive end. McGirt, six foot one inches in height, was the leading rebounder on the Mars Hill squad.

For the sake of putting it on record, Eugene Seay and Harvey of North Greenville's undefeated quintet, and Smoky Young of Asheville-Biltmore, finished out the all-conference first team selections.

Spring Sports—Coming Up!

Popular Spring sports will be coming into the spotlight soon—tennis, baseball, together with intramural softball for both sexes. It has almost become tradition for Coach Bob Edward's trackmen and Coach J. V. Howell's tennis squad to cop the conference crown. For the past three years it has been done with comparative ease and here's hoping this year will be a repeat performance.

Many of last year's pace-setters are back in both these sports. Mike Miller, star of football and basketball, was also the big gun in track last season and he, of course, will be back. Miller led the scoring for the Lion cindermen with 85 1-3 points. Dale Kiser, Fred Bibb, and Charles Jenkins are among others from last year's track team who will be helpful returnees. Harris McGirt, Jack Montgomery, Carroll Clevenger, and David Britt are some of the tennis boys left over from the conference kings of the past season.

Aloui Time for Diamond Dust To Stir

Last year's baseball squad was one of those on today, off tomorrow. They ended up with an equal won-lost record. At times they would look like a million bucks while at other times they looked as if they never been off the farm.

This year's story should be better. Mound-man Glenn Breland, who is about the finest hurler in the league, is back. In the 1954 season, lack of control was his only big problem, and if he conquers this, then things are going to be bad for all the loop foes.

George Seel, who holds down the first-base sack, will be around to lend plate power to the Lions. He was the clean-up man last season and ended with a .515 batting average.

All in all, spring promises to be a right interesting season.

Finals In Intramurals To Be Run Off Today

The finals in the basketball intramural tournament games of Mars Hill College will be held this afternoon beginning at 2:00 o'clock, with the two winning squads out of Thursday evening's clash rigged for action.

Melrose, Landers, Eu, and Sam's advanced to the semi-finals in the tournament.

Landers opened tournament play with an impressive 38-24 victory over the Veterans. Gails led the scoring parade with 11 for Landers. Robinson tallied 9 for the losers. In the second contest of the afternoon the Preachers, led by Wayne Caldwell, knocked Treat out of play with a 30-24 win. Jim Simmons was top man for Treat with 10 digits.

Melrose breezed by Brotherhood, 26-15, in the opening match of the second round play. "Stinky" Lee dumped 10 through the hoop for the victories, while Joe Matheny bucketed 7 for Brotherhood. Euthalia slipped by the Preachers, 22-19, to advance into the semi-finals. Leon Rooke canned 8 for Eu, and Jim Taylor hit 6 for the losers. Sam's edged by a surprisingly strong Phi five, 40-38. Roy Ammons and Grover Schuler were the offensive stand-outs for the winners with 12 and 10 respectively. Butler with 12 and Tucker with 10 led the Phi scoring. In the final game of the afternoon Landers defeated Brown 30-22 as Kaiser rippled the nets for 12 points. Jim Long tallied 7 for Brown.

Box Score:

LANDERS (38)	VETS (24)
F Clevenger 7	F Wright 8
F Plumbee 6	F Robinson 9
C Gails 11	C Carver 2
G Wilson 8	G Goodson
G Ramsey 8	G Culpepper

Subs: Landers - Hughes 1, Shaw 2, Johnson 1, Stillwell 2. Vets - Dubrehl 3, Hines 2.

Preachers (30)	TREAT (24)
F Painter 7	F Kirby 2
F Britt 3	F Myers
C J Taylor 2	C Caudill 7
G Powers 6	G Simmons 10
G Tribble	G Meadows 1

Subs: Preachers - Caldwell 12.

Gal - Events

The newly-decorated Stroup playroom was completed several days ago and is now available to anyone desiring almost any type of "calm" recreation. Several quiet games have been purchased by the M-Blem Club and the W. A. A. for use in the playroom. So, girls, if you like to play, or want to learn to play Chinese checkers or just plain checkers, scrabble, carom, or ping pong, just go to the Stroup playroom between the hours of 4:30 and 7:30 during week days and any time after 12 o'clock on Saturdays. However, games will not be checked out on Sunday. Each of you is urged to make use of these games because they were purchased especially for your fun and enjoyment.

SAM'S (40)	PHI (38)
F Williams 8	F Murphy 7
F Schuler 10	F Collins 6
C Ammons 12	C Tucker 10
G Greene 4	G Butler 12
G Cogdill 6	G Leonard

Subs: Phi - Hunter 2, Scott 1.

EU'S (22)	Preachers (19)
F Small 1	F Powers 4
F Myers 6	F Pearce
C Rooke 8	C Caldwell 5
G Bullard 7	G Painter 4
G Holland	G J Taylor 6

Subs: Eu - Harmon. Preachers - Whetstone, Tribble.

LANDERS (30)	BROWN (22)
F Kaiser 12	F High 4
F Gails 9	F Hoffman 2
C Plumbee	C Ductworth 3
G Johnson	G Long 7
G Wilson 7	G Ivey 4

Subs: Landers - Stillwell, Miller, Clarke. Brown - McCorvey, Hare 2, Austin.

MELROSE (26)	Brotherhood (15)
F Lee 10	F Long
F Fortune 6	F Matheny 7
C Poteat 1	C Crooke 4
G Southern 6	G Reid
G Ray 3	G Bently 2

Subs: Melrose - Hunter, Helton. Brotherhood - Reeves 2, Hensley, Batchelor.

Cage Year Closes For '55 Lions

The curtain closed on the 1954-55 hardboard campaign for the Mars Hill Mountain Lions when Spartanburg snuffed out an 82-80 victory in the second night of the annual WCJC tournament held at Spruce Pines February 25.

North Greenville, unbeaten for the season, went out on to win the tournament.

Bobby Robinson bucketed 32 points on 16 field goals to lead the scoring for the evening, while teammate Todd Kittrell, performing from the center slot, hit for 19 tallies.

High-scoring forward, Harris McGirt was held to 12 points in this game which was fast paced and furious down to the very last second.

Some Statistics

All-conference stars Bobby Robinson and Harris McGirt led the Lions with the scoring punch as they finished the season with respective averages of 19.2 and 18.5. Robinson massed 383 points in 20 games while McGirt totaled 370. Todd Kittrell was third high scorer with a 10.5 average while Bill Brogden had an 8.3 percentage.

The team average for the year was 71.7 against the oppositions 75.5.

TEAM SUMMARY

Player	FG	FT	TP
Bobby Robinson	168	47	383
Harris McGirt	140	90	370
Todd Kittrell	90	30	210
Bill Brogden	61	44	166
Mike Miller	31	17	79
George Seel	22	18	62
Charles McCall	21	13	55
Bobby Cole	14	8	36
Ray Hawkins	12	7	31
John Vance	7	2	16
Dave Leary	4	0	8

SHAPING UP Outlook Is Good For Tennis Team

Mars Hill, who has been producing a top-notch tennis team each year, seems to have another strong tennis squad coming around this season. Coach Howell lost three of his top four men from last year's team, but has some bright prospects moving up to fill their shoes. Harris McGirt, number three man on last season's red-hot racket squad, is the man most capable of holding down the anchor position this year. No definite places have been assigned so far. There are around 21 candidates scrapping for the first team. These include David Britt, Jack Montgomery, Carroll Clevenger, Jim Simmons, Lloyd Farthing, Todd Kittrell, and Jim Southern. All of these

boys saw action either on the varsity or second team last campaign.

A schedule has not been completed as yet. Teams that have already been charted include Furman University, Lincoln Memorial University, Milligan College, Brevard, Christ School, and Spartanburg. The Brevard and Spartanburg matches are tentative at the present time. The first three schools mentioned are four-year colleges.

Other boys trying to gain a spot on the varsity are Vance, Bobbitt, Ellis, Cole, Hardee, McCall, Carlton, Reid, Mamlin, Kirkland, Byrd, Williams, Joe Webb, Tommy Webb, and Walke.

Track Season Under Edwards To Open Soon

Mike Miller, Dale Kiser and Fred Bibb will be the leading trackmen as Coach Bob Edward's outdoor men prepare to go into another season and a try for the fourth straight WCJC crown. All these men are second year veterans and high scorers on last year's squad.

These lead the list of returning veterans who are Jackie Powers, Curtis Porter, Bill Walke, Cliffe Poteat, Tommy Wilson, Jimmy Southern, Gene Wells, and Charles Jenkins.

Poteat, Miller and Bibb perform in the broad and high jump positions, and Miller also runs the low hurdles and 100 yard dash. Kiser is a shotput artist, and also throws the javelin and discus. Wells, Jenkins and Porter are distance and dash men. Porter specializes in the 440 and 880 dashes.



A three-headed Mountain Lion of Mars Hill sits looking back to the Track and Tennis Crowns won by her for the last three years, while loop foes encircle the '55 crown.