

Conference Track Meet Scheduled For May 14

The Lions' Den

by Hugh Wilder

Full Speed Ahead

Spring sports activity is rolling along at full speed now with only a little more than a week left. Coach Don Henderson's baseball nine ends its regular season on May 18 with Tennessee-Wesleyan on the Mars Hill diamond. Two games will be played. The track squad journeys to the Lees-McRae cinders on May 14 for the annual conference meet. The "racket" squad will close out its activities on May 18 with Milligan.

Jim Fortune twirled a neat four-hit shutout against Brevard as the Lions scored a 13-0 win over the junior college nine. The Lions once again proved powerful at the plate, as they sprayed 13 hits over the Brevard diamond. Fortune was king of the field as he handed the host team nothing but goose eggs for nine innings. Mars Hill traveled to Spartanburg with a .500 record, but came back on the losing end of an 8-3 game. Bobby Robinson pitched a superb ballgame, but the MH defense crumbled in the bottom of the seventh as the Pioneers tallied 5 runs. The Lions were leading 3-2 going into the Spartanburg seventh, but when the final out was made, the Mountain Men found themselves four runs in the eighth to win 8-3.

Lees-McRae handed the Mars Hill tracksters their first cinder defeat by a junior college in approximately the last 25 years. Swanson, the holder of the conference 220 and 100 records, set a new 100 record, but it is unofficial unless it is made in the conference meet. John Reaves, the surprising C-I star from Charlotte, continued his mastery of the 440 yard dash with a 55.2, but he lost his first 880 of the season. The weather was terrible for a track meet, but, apparently, no thought was given to this. Tusculum journeyed to Mars Hill on April 25, before the Lees-McRae meet, and were plastered by the Lions 80½ - 40½.

Furman's varsity tennis squad handed the MHC team its first setback of the season 7-1. In their second meeting Mars Hill almost pulled an upset, but they lost the last doubles match to Furman as the Paladins won 4-3. Lincoln Memorial University brought a six-game winning streak to the MHC courts only to see it smashed 6-3 by the Lions.

Land Of Summer Sports

Cuba, the land of spring and summer the year-round, has become baseball-wild. In an interview with Jose' Aria baseball was the dominate subject. Jose' stated that every cow pasture, vacant lot, backyard, or almost every open space large enough to throw a ball and swing at it, is occupied by baseball enthusiasts. When the major leagues close their season, the Cuban Winter League opens, drawing many American players to the island in the Carribean Sea. The climate is too hot for football and basketball, although the three colleges on the island participate in these sports. Swimming, soccer, and handball are also very popular sports in the land of the sugar canes. Cuba has taken a sport from Spain, and it has become one of their leading professional sports, next to baseball and swimming. Jai-alai, the sport referred to, is similar to handball. There are singles and doubles matches just as in tennis, but it is played with a much harder ball. Each player wears a straw glove which has a hook cup on the end of the fingers. The court is approximately 60 feet long, and the ball is 15 feet high. The rules are almost the same as in handball. This is probably what could be called Cuba's "own" sport.

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Gal - Events

New officers for the M-Blem Club have been elected. They are president, Juanita Horton; vice-president, Maggie Blunt; secretary, Carol Pace; treasurer, Peggy Malloy; and reporter, Anne Robinson. These new officers and officers for the Women's Athletic Association will be installed May 9. Big plans are being made for next year so girls get busy and get your points and join M-Blem Club.

The W. A. A. held its last meeting of the year Monday, April 24. Pansy Collins was in charge of the program which was called "Junior Olympics." The general business session followed with Molly Fennell, president, presiding.

All the C-II girls are looking forward to the Ivy Chain ceremony which will take place the Wednesday before graduation. They will pick their favorite C-I for their little sister and will give them their cap in return for a chain of ivy from their little sister. Arrangements for this event is under way.

The M and M-Blem Clubs will have their joint picnic, Saturday, May 14. From the plans being made it sounds like fun!!!

The Hiking Club had a "Spend the night party" last Saturday night on Little Mountain. Faye Pierce, chairman of the Hiking Club, was in charge of arrangements.

The M-Blem Club held their last meeting Monday night in the W.A.A. room with the C-I's in charge of the program. The girls sat around a campfire looking back on this year's activities.

The M-Blem Club held its "Spend the Night Party" on the Bruce's Farm after the Junior-Senior Banquet. The girls stayed up most of the night, eating and roasting marshmallows over the campfire. Just a few of the thirty girls got any sleep. At 5:30, everybody got up and ate a good breakfast of eggs, bacon, sweet rools and coffee. Everybody had such a good time that they want another party soon.

Lions Take Two From Spartans

Jim Fortune and Bobby Robinson pitched the Lions of Mars Hill to a double victory over the conference leaders from Spartanburg last Tuesday. The Mountain Men won the first contest 13-12 and took the second one behind the four-hit pitching of Fortune 4-2. Robinson came in the first game in the relief of Perry Lawing and after a shaky start led the Lions on to victory. He was constantly in trouble, but worked his way out of it.

Larry Painter provided the spark in the second game of the day with a two-run homer for the Lions. The game was tied at 2-2 when Painter labelled Don Coker's pitch into right field. The Pioneers pulled their centerfielder, Coker, in for the second tilt. He allowed the Lions only 8 hits after they had collected 15 the first game.

MHC Holds Spotlight On Lees-McRae Track

MHC Tennis Squad Ends LMU's Streak With A 6-3 Victory

Lincoln Memorial University, a four-year college from the heart of the Cumberland Mountains, brought a six-game winning streak in tennis to Mars Hill on April 30, but saw it crumble under a determined Lion squad. Winning four of the singles' matches, the Mountain Men needed only one victory in the doubles to assure victory. The Lions took two of the three doubles and won the match 6-3, giving the MHC netmen a 4-2 record for the season.

"Tab" Clevenger, Jim Simmons, Bobby Cole, and Flay Reid won their matches while the Clevenger - McGirt and Cole - Reid combinations won the two doubles.

McGirt won the first set of his match 7-5, but LMU's number one man caught fire and took the last two 6-3 and 6-4. Clevenger had little trouble smashing his opponent as he won the last set 6-1. Cole eased by the number three man, winning 6-3, 6-1. Jim Simmons, who has been moved up to the number four slot for the Lions, scored a 6-3 and 6-1 win. Reid rounded out the singles' play with a 6-3, 6-3 triumph.

Miller Burns Cinders In Victory Over L-M

Mike Miller, versatile athlete at Mars Hill, captured 23 points of the Lion's 66 1-3 as he led the track squad to a revenge victory over Lees-McRae 66 1-3 to 64 2-3. Lees-McRae handed the Lions their first junior college loss in 25 years early this season.

Miller took first places in the 100 yard dash, low hurdles, javelin, and broad jump and finished second in the 220. John Reaves continued his reign as king of the 440, winning in 55.6 seconds. He also took first in the 880.

Two mile—1. Turnised (L), 2. Haxit (L), 3. Wells (M). Time - 11:17.9.

Pole Vault—Tie for first place, Lambert (L), Crouch (M), Patrick (L). 10'

Shot put—1. Limbaugh (L), 2. Parker (M), 3. Fryer (M). Distance - 39'8"

Javelin throw—1. Miller (M), 2. Lambert (L), 3. Phipps (L). Distance - 148'10"

High jump—1. Lambert (L), 2. Poteat (M), 3. tie between Levina (L), Lockwood (L), and Gray (M). 5' 6"

Broad jump—1. Miller (M), 2. Swanson (L), 3. Powers (M). Distance - 19'8¾"

100 yard dash—1. Miller (M), 2. Swanson (L), 3. Powers (M). Time - 10.7.

220 yard dash—1. Swanson (L), 2. Miller (M), 3. Pendly (L). Time - 22.6.

440 yard dash—1. Reaves (M), 2. Powell (L), 3. Pendly (L). Time - 55.6.

880 yard dash—1. Reaves (M), 2. Porter (M), 3. Culler (L). Time - 2:15.

1000 yard dash—1. Porter (M), 2. Haxit (L), 3. Culler (L). Time - 5:2.9.

120 yard high hurdles—1. Lambert

Mike Miller, John Reaves, and Earl Kirkland will lead the thin-clad tracksters from Mars Hill next Saturday at Lees-McRae in the conference meet as the season closes its curtains for another year.

Miller and Kirkland will carry the load on the dashes and hurdles for the Lions, along with Jackie Powers. Miller has been a constant winner on the 100 and 220, while Kirkland has proved himself on the high hurdles. John Reaves, the "galloping ghost" from Charlotte, has been the outstanding star as far as time is concerned. His 440 time has varied from 53 to 55 and his 880 time from 2:10 to 2:12. One record that is sure to tumble is the 440.

Jack Crouch and Bob Gray will be pole vaulting for the top spot in that division, while lanky Clifford Poteat will be scaling the high jump. Miller will also be trying for the broad jump record.

Gene Wells, Curtis Porter, Lonnie Willoughby and Bill Goodson will be traveling the distance events with Melford Miller, Tommy Fryer, and Arnold Parker tossing the weights.

Breland Stars As Lions Win

After they had won five consecutive games, Tennessee-Wesleyan met defeat twice at the hands of the Lions from Mars Hill. The Lions proved themselves at the plate and on the mound. The Mountain Men rattled the timber for 13 base knocks, and ace right hander, Glen Breland, pitched a nifty 5-hit game in the second tilt of the afternoon. The second game went only six innings due to darkness, but Breland still sent 10 Tennessee men to the dugout by the strike out route. Coach Henderson stated that Breland had the ball doing exactly what he wanted.

The Lions won the first game 10-7 and the second one 6-1. The two wins left the Lions with a 5-4 record for the season.

The Lions got off to an early lead in the first contest as they tallied 3 runs in the opening frame. A walk, an error, and singles by Larry Painter and Gary Debruhl accounted for the runs. Going into the top of the sixth the Lions were on the short end of a 7-6 score. Singles by Henson, Ammons and Whetstone and a double by Debruhl brought in 4 runs to put the game on ice for the visitors. Bobby Robinson, who came in to relieve Fortune in the third, was credited with the win. Robinson now has a 2-2 record for the year.

Glen Breland struck out 10 and walked only 4 in gaining his first win of the year against two setbacks. Larry Painter bagged a single and a double to take hitting laurels for the second tilt.

(L), 2. Powers (M), 3. Imamura (M). Time - 17.7.

220 yard low hurdles—1. Miller (M), 2. Powers (M), Campbell (L). Time - 26.8.