

Sports Chatter

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"Spring Has Sprung!"

Birds sing in the trees, the room is slightly warmer than it was a month ago, and off in the distance is heard the crack of a bat and a sudden cheer! You glance at your watch to see how much longer you must stand the pain and agony. The cheers grow louder as the minutes pass slower. You can't seem to find that last unknown in the second group. Then the professor says it is time to clean-up. The burner comes off the gas line, test tubes are pitched into the drawer, a dry sponge is hurried over the lab desk, and you fly out the door to see the last three innings of the Mars Hill Lions' opening baseball game for the 1956 season! Yes, spring is here and so is baseball!

Mars Hill opened its season on April 12, with a home game against Milligan College. The Lions fought back from a 7-2 deficit, but could not find enough steam to stop the Milligan nine. The final score stood at 9-6. There were a few bright spots in the Lions' attack. Jim Strickland came in to take over the mound duties in the fourth inning and pitched exceptionally well. Second baseman Don Bryant looked good on defense, as he also knocked in two runs with a single.

The Lions will meet Brevard Tuesday on the latter's diamond. They will return to their own pasture on Wednesday to meet the Pioneers from Spartanburg.

Racket Squad Blanked

Mars Hill's tennis squad will travel to Johnson City, Tennessee, this afternoon to tangle with the "racketeers" from Milligan. The team opened its season on April 13, being blanked by Carson-Newman, 7-0. The court squad lacks experience, but should improve as the campaign moves along. Diffy Lambert is playing in the No. 1 slot and has the potential of being an excellent tennis player.

Cinderman Round-up

Gail Elliott, John Reaves, Earl Kirkland, and Duane Best will probably be the big guns for the Mars Hill track team. Elliott will be the stellar performer. He will be running the dashes plus the low hurdles and the pole vault. Reaves will be back to repeat his superior jobs of the 440 and the 880. Kirkland will back Elliott in the dashes and will handle the job of high hurdles along with Herb Brown. Best will be high jumping and pole vaulting.

Intramurals

Intramural softball will be in full swing very soon. If the interest already shown in football and basketball continues, this softball program will be a big success. Remember that the success is up to the students, so how about doing your part!

Landers Repeats As Intramural Champs

The intramural basketball season came to a halt with the ending of the tournament. In the finals of the tourney Landers was pitted against Sams and Phi was up against Town. Town kept out in front long enough to gain a 40-36 win over Phi and then Landers came from behind to upset Sams 37-36. In the final game of the tourney Landers was up against an undefeated Town five. Town started out hotter than a fire-cracker and it didn't take them long to build up a 24 point lead. Landers cooled them off in the second half and began to start hotting themselves. As the dust cleared from the court at the end of the contest Town found that they had been counted out with a 63-50 vote.

Town (50)	Landers (63)
F Hawkins 17	F Stillwell 9
F Davis 1	F Ramsey 10
C Coley 14	C Earp 20
G Ponder 11	G Douglas 12
G Vance 5	G Shaw 6

Subs: Town—Case, Hunter 2, Ung. Landers—Lee 4, Southern, Painter 2, Shirley, Crowe.

Intramural Play Set For Action

With the passing of the intramural basketball season intramural softball comes into view for several of the boys on the campus. The basketball season was a tremendous success and it is hoped that the softball campaign will be shown the same amount of interest. Most of the teams that were represented in the basketball games will also be participating in the softball contests. The M-Blem Club will sponsor the games and sponsor referees for the contests.

All boys who feel a desire to participate in athletics should try to secure a position on one of the several teams that will be playing. The intramurals can give the average player the same kind of benefits that the highly skilled athlete derives from the varsity program.

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Track Season In Full Swing

With two matches already under their belts the Mars Hill cindermen are preparing for a second contest with Lees-McRae. The results of the first two contests were not available for publication. Coach Bob Edwards has many prospects to compile a good track team. Most of the fellows have had quite a bit of experience in high school.

The best looking men for the mile and two mile are Pickle Hunter, Wallace Taylor, and Charles Bullard. Letterman John Reaves is back bringing home the bacon for the Lions in the 440 and 880 runs. Gail Elliot is the top sprint man this year and also excels in the pole vault and broad jump. The top men for the low and high hurdles are Earl Kirkland and Herb Brown. For the high jump the right man for the job is Duane Best.

The track team has been hampered by a muddy and wet track. This and the wet weather have made practices few and far between.

Schedule:

- April 28 Lees-McRae—Here
- April 30 Tusculum—There
- May 8 East Tenn & Tusculum—Here
- May 12 Conf. Track Meet—North Greenville
- May 18 Milligan—Here

Mars Hill Loses To Milligan In Opening Game

Milligan College, led by the hitting of second baseman Williams, slapped a 9-6 defeat on the Lions of Mars Hill on the latter's diamond on April 12. It was the opening game of the season for the Lions.

Milligan reached starting pitcher Bobby Robinson for a single tally in the first inning on singles by Williams and Warnock. The visiting nine added two more in the top of the third. The Lions fought back with two runs in the bottom of the third, but were never able to get any closer.

On the short end of a 7-2 score, the Lions crossed the plate four times in the eighth inning. Catcher John Tyner started the inning with a walk. Wayne Stancil and Ben Farmer followed with free tickets to the initial sack. Second baseman Don Bryant laced a single to left field, scoring two runners. Farmer crossed the plate on a wild pitch, and Bryant scored on a single by Jim Henson. That was all the scoring for the Mars Hill team. Milligan added two more in the ninth.

Williams had three singles in five attempts to take the hitting laurels for both teams. Henson, Farmer, Bryant, and Gary Debruhl accounted for the Lions four hits, all singles. Bobby Robinson was charged with the loss, and Arwood was given credit for the victory.

Milligan 102 000 402—9 10 4
Mars Hill 002 000 040—6 4 5
Arwood and Warnock; Robinson, Strickland (4), Eagerton (9), and Tyner. Loser—Robinson.

TRACK SCORE

Mars Hill 71 ½
Lees-McRae 59 ½

Mars Hill Nine Play Host To Pioneers Wednesday

Coach Don Henderson will take the Mars Hill Lion nine to Brevard Tuesday to meet the North Carolina neighbors in the Lions' fourth baseball tilt of the young season. The contest will be Mars Hill's third conference game of the campaign.

The Lions were defeated in their first encounter of the year by Milligan College 9-6. They met North Greenville and Spartanburg this past week, but the scores for those games were not available.

Gal - Events

The following officers have been elected for the next year by the members of the Women's Athletic Association: president, Donnie Smith; vice-president, Barbara Knighten; secretary, Jeanine Bailey; treasurer, Doris Jones; recorder, Paddy Wall.

The M-Blem Club held its monthly meeting on Friday, April 6 in the W.A.A. room with Lucia Holder, president, presiding. A humorous program entitled "Parade of Sports" was given, presenting "Miss Powder Puff" (famous girl football player) of 1930, "Miss Volleyball" of 1922, "Miss Softball" of 1930, "Miss Tennis" of 1909, and "Miss Swimming" of 1920. Members of the club portrayed the celebrities.

Members of the M-Blem Club elected their officers for next year and those who will serve are: president, Peggy Ramsey; vice-president, Nancy Mumford; secretary-treasurer, Eva Teague; reporter, Carolyn Pope.

Inter-Dorm basketball has come to an end after a most enjoyable and successful season. Mary Alice Patton, Doris Jones, Rebecca Moore, Jo Ann Huff, Gretchen Putman, and Eva Teague were selected as outstanding players by their teammates.

A Student-Faculty softball game is being planned for some time in May by the M-Blem Club. This event was one of the highlights of the spring sports activities last year.

Since the weather is so pretty and everybody seems to have a touch of spring fever, why don't you girls turn your thoughts to having fun and come out and join a spring sports club? Janet Lewis is chairman of the softball club and will meet with her club down on the Athletic Field Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 5:30.

Lion Tennis Squad Stopped In Opener

The Mars Hill tennis team traveled to Carson-Newman last week for their first match of the 1956 season. The court team was blanked 7-0 by the racketeers at Carson-Newman. This outing was hampered by the lack of practice of the Lions. Miss Virginia Hart, coach of the tennis team, stated that the netters have been hampered by bad weather and have not been able to hold practice sessions very often.

This afternoon the netters have traveled to Milligan where they will play the tennos team of that school.

The results of the second contest between MHC and Carson-Newman were not available for publication but the results of the first contest are as follows:

SINGLES
Spangler (C-N) defeated Lambert, 4-6, 6-0, 8-6.

Mars Hill has not been able to find weather suitable for much practice thus far. The Lions have a strong squad, but will need that practice time to strengthen their weak spots. The outfield seems to be in good shape with lettermen Larry Painter, Wayne Stancil, and Johnny Gibson in the starting positions. Backing these boys up are Sammy Reece, a hard-hitting Mars Hill native, Bryant Bibb, and Otis Pitts. Third base appears to be the weak spot in the Lions' infield. Jim Henson, the Lions' batting leader from the '55 squad, has the shortstop position well in hand. At the initial sack, flashy Gary DeBruhl is taking care of the job in his usual excellent way. Freshman Don Bryant has moved in to take over the second base slot. Bryant looked very good on defense in the Lions' opening game with Milligan. Ben Farmer is currently holding the third base slot. Farmer has a good eye at the plate, but needs to improve his defensive play. Joe Seab and J. W. Rhyne will be around for relief duty in the infield.

John Tyner and Paul Shaw give the Lions plenty of hustle and power behind the plate. Tyner has the edge so far, but will be pushed by Shaw for the starting position.

"Old Man Weather" will have to settle down and give the pitching staff a little help if they are to round out into good shape. The Mars Hill nine have a mound crew with the potentiality of being one of the best in the conference once they have a chance to get into shape. Bobby Robinson, returning letterman and the only lefthander on the squad, Jim Strickland, and Dave Eagerton give the Lions an excellent nucleus for the staff. Don Painter will probably find himself a top starting spot as the season progresses. Rounding out the pitchers are Bob Whaley, Emerson Glenn, and Tom Coley.

After Tuesday's game with Brevard, the Lions will return to their home diamond to meet Spartanburg in another conference tilt Wednesday.

Blazier (C-N) defeated Clark, 6-4, 6-4.

Tallett (C-N) defeated Petty, 6-0, 9-7.

Sharp (C-N) defeated Stephenson, 6-1, 6-1.

Hendrew (C-N) defeated Wilder, 6-1, 6-4.

DOUBLES

Spangler and Sharp defeated Lambert and Petty, 5-6, 4-6, 6-0.

Blazier and Tallett defeated Clark and Stephenson, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

The schedule of the tennis team is as follows:

- April 21 Milligan—There
- April 26 Brevard—Here
- April 28 Asheville Sch.—There
- April 30 St. Francis—Here
- May 11 Conference Tourney Lees-McRae
- May 12 Asheville Sch.—Here
- May 15 St. Francis—There
- May 18 Milligan—Here
- May 24 Brevard—There