

The Lion's Den

By JOHN BASKIN

Some of the performers on the Mars Hill football stage have contributed greatly to the Lions' success this year but remained behind the curtains, so to speak, as laurels are given.

These are the men of the line who have bottled up enemy defenses with bone-jarring contact and opened gaping holes to spring loose a fleet covey of Mars Hill backs to display their offensive wares.

The line is led by defensive captain - linebacker Richard Famiglietti, who shifts to the flank on offense, and guard-linebacker Sonny Rice. Also as valuable are a pair of 225-lb. terror-tackles, Neal Gruetter and big Jim Epps. On defense tackles Bo-Bo Dishman and J. C. Moss continually turn in exceptional performances as do guards Buddy Ware and Ron Stewart. Larry Bruce and Barrow Carter provide the opposition for the enemy offense as wingmen. Backing up the line are Bill Lineberry and deep backs Harry Sprouse, Buddy Postell, and Jack Reece.

Sophomore observers have pointed out a resurgence in school spirit on the Mars Hill campus this year. This is welcomed with open arms by the members of the Lion athletic teams, especially the football team, as school spirit is instrumental in determining the success of these teams. Speaking as a member of the football team, I know the value of having the student body behind our efforts.

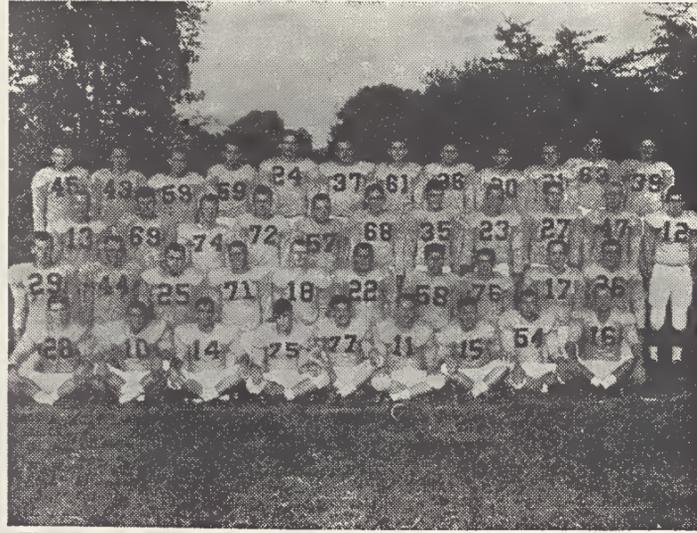
The Lions play their last home game here next Saturday with Marion Institute from Alabama and you, as a member of the Mars Hill student body are invited to come and "spirit" the Lions to victory.

Coach Harrell Wood, Lion basketball coach, expressed a mixed air of both optimism and pessimism as he previewed his '61-'62 cage season. Coach Wood indicated that the hopes of the season would depend on the freshmen. Only two lettermen return from last year's squad. Honorable mention All-Conference Scott Conner, flashy 5'8" guard, returns along with 6'3" pivotman Mackie McLendon, and non-letterman, 6'1" forward C. J. Goodman. The team has been working out for the past several weeks and the next issue of the *Hilltop* will cover full details of the approaching season.

The Mars Hill JV's got strong opposition from undefeated Christ School for Boys Thursday, losing to the Greenies 21-14 in a game played here.

Lions Play Wingate

Win Could Push MH Near Title



The 1961 Mars Hill College Mountain Lion football team includes, first row: (L to R) Sonny Rice, Mickey Ottley, Scott Conner, Russell Reid, Bob Rood, Mike Neal, Bob McClure; 2nd row: Larry Phillips, Bill DeBruhl, Neal Gruetter, Richard Famiglietti, Larry Honeycutt, Jerry Williams, Lindsay Dean, Vono Freeman, Herman Benton, Josh Pritchett; 3rd row: Jack Reece, Bob Hamlin, Billy Ray Candler, Philip Cerveny, Ray Milliken, Mike Randleman, "Ham" McCall, Buddy Ware, Jim Epps, Allen Mabry, Steve Young; 4th row: David Livengood, Carroll Oates, Larry Paschall, John Baskin, Ron Stewart, Bo-Bo Dishman, Barrow Carter, Larry Bruce, Gary Hammonds, Bill Lineberry, Dale Martin, J. C. Moss.

The roaring Mars Hill Lions pounce on a rugged, fast Wingate squad down in Union County at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The highly important clash could determine the championship of the conference.

In their first encounter of the season the Lions dropped an 18-6 decision to the powerful Wingate aggregation, but a victory today would push the Henderson charges into a strategic position in the conference race.

The Lions have a 3-1 record in league play, which includes two victories over Lees-McRae and one over Gardner - Webb in addition to the previous loss to Wingate.

Coach Bill Connell's team was tied 19-19 by Gardner - Webb last weekend to give it a 2-0-1 record.

Gardner - Webb is 1-1-1 and Lees - McRae is 0-4.

The Mars Hill squad could assure itself of the conference crown with victories over Wingate today and Gardner - Webb on Nov. 4.

Several key changes have been made in the Lion lineup. Hard running - blocking Gary Hammonds has been moved to the starting fullback slot. Big, fast flankman Buddy Ware has been shifted to defensive guard as has tackle Ron Stewart, to bolster the defensive lineup.

Lindsay Dean got the starting nod last week at the offensive guard slot vacated by sophomore "Jap" Chandler, who suffered a broken collarbone in practice the week before the L-M game.

Rugged Chandler, 180 pounder from Richmond, left big cleats to fill because of his aggressive hard-nosed blocking.

Also lost from the team is 200 pound fullback - linebacker Jerry "Bear" Williams, who dropped out of school earlier this week.

Runners Meet Wingate Today

Mars Hill's undefeated cross country team will travel to Wingate today for the final regular season meet.

In an earlier meet the two schools tied. A win today would give Mars Hill a perfect season. After today's meet all eyes will be focused upon the Conference meet to be held here Nov. 11.

Members of the 1961 team are Nat Coffin, freshman from Durham; Captain Don Martin, sophomore from Salem, Va.; Don Andrews, freshman from Hillsboro; C. J. Goodman, sophomore from Mills River, and Bob Johnston, from Charlotte.

The team has an overall mark of two wins beating LM 10-26, and 15-26 and one tie, with Wingate 18-18.

MH Gridders Stop Bobcat, Bulldog Squads 13-12, 21-0

Coach Don Henderson's Mountain Lions moved two big steps toward the Western Carolinas Junior College Conference football crown the last two weekends.

They slipped by the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs here on Oct. 7, 13-12, and last Saturday handed the Lees-McRae Bobcats a 21-0 white washing.

In the initial period of the G-W game quarterback Harry Sprouse set up Scott Conner's 1-yard plunge by a 29-yard pass to the shifty halfback. Late in the second quarter G-W ripped back to knot the score at 6-all.

Early in the third quarter the Lions roared 80 yards with Buddy Postell slipping over from the 1 for the tally and big Larry Honeycutt circling right end for what proved to be the winning point.

The Bulldogs' final surge came late in the last quarter as fullback Lionel Brooks bucked over but his placement try failed and the Lions came home by a 1-point margin.

Last week, as the host Lions smashed the hapless Bobcats, workhorse Honeycutt put on an offensive show for the annual homecoming crowd as he scored twice and added two extra points.

The Lion defense, led by guard Buddy Ware and linebacker Sonny Rice, who recovered two fumbles between them, clawed the L-M offensive machine to an abrupt halt on the Lions' own 15-yard line.

Honeycutt reeled off a spectacular 43-yard jaunt to the Bobcat 18 and three plays later, romped over from the 6. Rice faked a placement and passed to Honeycutt for the point after.

In the second quarter Honeycutt capped a 91-yard drive from one yard out. The drive was highlighted by a brilliant Ottley - to - Conner pass for 28-yards.

In the third period Honeycutt galloped off 24 and 13 yard runs during a 75-yard drive. QB Mick "The Trick" Ottley plunged over from the one.

Intramurals Going Good

Intramural activities should reach a new high on campus this year behind the newly elected intramural council. General officers and two representatives from each division were chosen. The council officers are Bill Eure, president; T. H. Parrott, vice-president; Ken Pearce, secretary; Charlie Young, chairman of rules committee; and Carl Conley, chairman of publicity committee.

Representatives are Allan Clark and Ron Gaylor, Euthalia; Parrott and Gary Goodwin, Spilman; Dave Beamon and Conley, Melrose; Warren Sweeny and Buddy Austin, Brown; Pearce and Charlie Young, Myers; Bob Johnston and John Reagan, Philomathia; Eure and Henry Foote, Upper Cottages; and Don McLaine and Bill Hawkins, Lower Cottages.

The intramural football teams are already in high gear. Euthalia defeated Brown 6-0, and Melrose 7-0. Myers pushed by the Lower Cottages 12-0 while Spilman romped roughshod over Philomathia 38-0, and the Upper Cottages slipped by Brown 6-0.

The remainder of the schedule is as follows: 23, Euthalia vs. Upper Cottages; 24, Lower Cottages vs. Philomathia; 25, Myers vs. Melrose; 26, Brown vs. Spilman; 30, Melrose vs. Spilman; 31, Brown vs. Philomathia.

Nov. 1, Lower Cottages vs. Euthalia; 2, Myers vs. Upper Cottages; Philomathia vs. Upper Cottages.

MARION HERE NEXT

The last home game will be here next Saturday night as the Lions meet strong non-loop contender Marion (Ala.) Military Institute.

The following week the Lions close out the '61 season visiting conference foe and arch-rival Gardner-Webb.

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