

# Lions Boast Plate Power

## Bats of Rice, Clark, Ferrell Pace Lionmen

The MH Lions proved the hard-luck Lees-McRae Bobcats should have stayed in bed last Friday 13th as the Lionmen took both ends of a doubleheader, played partially in a snow flurry, 5-2 and 7-1.

The Luke Wood-Jack Hughes pitcher combination that routed Milligan in the season opener again proved effective as Wood took the initial game and rookie Hughes turned in a brilliant 4-hitter. He struck out 14 as the 'Cats mustered only one run.

In the opener Mike Ferrell led the offense with a double and a triple in three times at bat to score twice and drive in two more runs. Bill Clark turned into a defensive demon in left field and grabbed two-for-four at the plate while Sonny Rice got a triple and a single in two efforts. In the nightcap, Ferrell and Rice again led the hitting attack while Rice ended the day batting a perfect 1.000.

Larry Honeycutt, big first baseman, turned in a good defensive performance filling the cleats of last season's All-American, John Riddle, but Honeycutt had trouble swinging the bat.

Dick Ward grabbed his initial starting chore in right field and he and Doc Altizer split the playing time. Shortstop Terry Furr turned in his usual steady performance.

Veteran catcher Charlie Young, recovered from a virus infection, should be ready for action behind the plate next week. This will give added depth to the outfield as Rice will be switched there.

The team hosted rugged Wingate yesterday and next week's action slate includes a doubleheader with Asheville-Biltmore and a game with Brevard.

## MH Netters Lose

Despite dropping two season-opener matches with the strong Wake Forest and UNC frosh, both 7-0, the Lion netters showed flashes of brilliance as no. one man Doug Pickard proved an able competitor and the Lions played Wake all the way although the score was 7-love.

Pickard played especially well against UNC's no. one frosh, O. H. Parrish, Virginia state champion who played in the National Finals in St. Louis this past summer.

Bubba Bell nosed out Charlie White for the no. five spot on the ladder, Coach Hart stated during last week's practice.

## Golfers Score Win

The Mars Hill Linkmen dropped the Asheville-Biltmore crew on the Beaver Lake course last week 11-9. Sam Williams, playing the lead spot for the Lions lost 0-3 while teammates Carl Conley, Fred Day and Bill Eure won 3-0. Kermit Eller also lost his match 0-3, while both Williams-Conley and Eller-Day lost the foursomes. The linkmen play next in a triangular junket with Brevard and A-B.

## Softball Hits Stride; LC 'Team to Beat'

The intramural softball league swung into action last week with the Lower Cottages appearing to be the team to beat. In the softball premiere, the LC romped Brown 14-11 behind pitchers Josh Pritchett and Ross Kilpatrick. Third baseman Squirrel Eure led the hitting attack with a homer and a double. Later in the week the strong Lower Cottages crew routed their Upper Cottage rivals 16-3 led by Eure with 2 homers, a triple and a double, Lum Oates with a homer and two doubles and Manley League with a homer and a double. Terry Dills and Mann Drumheller paced the UC team while Josh Pritchett went the distance for the win.

In other action, Eu romped their society rivals Phi, 11-6, with Jerry Grant toeing rubber for the Gold team. Shortstop Mackie McLendon led the hitting attack for Eu.

Melrose grabbed easy wins over Brown and the Upper Cottages with 1-0 forfeits.

## NG Mounties Grab Double-Header

The North Greenville Mounties knocked the Lions off a 4-game winning streak to take both ends of a doubleheader at Tiger-ville Tuesday.

In the first game Don Raines doubled Lou Hill in and Sonny Rice put Luke Wood across in the 6th to take a 2-1 lead but in the final frame NG's Jack Marler doubled to score Harvey Tankersley and then Marler was knocked in by Jerry Johnson to take a 3-2 victory. Wood, taking the loss, pitched a 5-hitter and 15 men were left on base. Raines, Bill Clark and Terry Furr led the batting attack with 2 hits for 3 times up.

In the nightcap the Mounties rolled to a 13-6 win after NG's Crook hit a grand slam homer with three men on to break the game wide open. Jack Hughes, tabbed for the loss, hit Tankersley with a wild pitch in the opening inning and allowed 8 runs before Dave Livingood, getting his first mound chores, came on in the top of the 3rd to turn in a good performance. Rice, with a double and a single in three times up and former Hickory All-Stater Charlie Young, who missed the first four games due to illness, was credited with 2 RBI's to lead the offensive attack.

The strong Myers Raiders romped the Spilman Virgins 10-6 mainly due to the efforts of Virgin pitcher Henson who walked in 7 runs in the bottom of the 5th. Third baseman and relief pitcher Steve Michaels led the losing cause while outfielder Jabbo Bennett and pitcher Carey Hedgepeth paced the Raiders.

In the last game to date, Myers trounced Eu with pitcher Hedgepeth picking up his second straight win with a three-hitter while Jerry Grant took the loss. Bennett, with 8 RBI's and first baseman Bob Dodson, turned in spectacular performances.

## Tracksters Romp LM: Place Second

Coach Harrell Wood's cinder-men routed their Banner Elk rivals but fell to mighty Milligan College in a triangular meet last week. Milligan tallied 81, followed closely by Mars Hill with 71 and Lees-McRae with 9, which averaged one point per man on the Bobcat squad. The times were sluggish because of the heavy rainfall. The track, although packed one hour before the meet, was hardly in running condition.

Don Martin grabbed first in the 100 and 200-yd. dashes with 10.5 and 23.2 followed closely by Johnny Webb. Morris Mason took the 440 with 57 while Ralph Epperson took the mile run.

### Bowen Stars

Frosh George Bowen proved to be the star of the day as he won handily both the high and low hurdles. Bowen ran the 180 highs in 16.5, one tenth of a second off the conference record. He also nabbed second place in the javelin throw. In the 880-yd. run, C. J. Goodman finished third with Morris Mason a close fourth. Bob Dodson also finished second in the high jump and the broad jump while Tim Cowin took second in the pole vault. Weightman Neal Gruetter placed third in the shotput and the Lion mile relay team placed second.

### Furman Meet Rough

The Lion tracksters hit stiff competition in the annual Furman Relays as Dade County Junior College ran away with the junior college crown. Hurdler Bowen and dash man Martin along with the sprint medley relay squad, composed of Johnny Webb, Martin, Mason and Epperson picked up the points for the Lions.

April 24	Tuesday	TRACK	Milligan	Home
April 25	Wednesday	BASEBALL (2)	Asheville-Biltmore	
April 28	Saturday	BASEBALL	Brevard	There
May 1	Tuesday	BASEBALL (2)	Spartanburg	Home
		TRACK	Milligan	There
May 3	Thursday	BASEBALL	Wingate	There
		TENNIS		
May 4	Friday	BASEBALL	Gardner-Webb	There
		TENNIS		

## The Lion's Den

By JOHN BASKIN

### INTRAMURALS, ANYONE . . . ?

This is written in defense of our unsung campus athletes—the intramural ball-players. Sure, even we care about intramural sports. I even remember days of glory on my high school intramural bean-bag team. But the objective is to see that everyone gets some exercise other than pushing away from the dining table, which, incidentally is becoming easier with every meal. And seeing that everyone cannot participate in varsity sports, organized intra-campus sports seems to be the answer. Easy, isn't it?

Intramurals have branched out from intra-campus taffy pulling to the well-organized program Coach Fish has now. This year marks the first time an intramural trophy will be given while in turn has produced a strong campus rivalry between the Myers Raiders and the Spilman Virgins. (who should change names because of losing their virginity in two of three outings at the hands of the Raiders. Spilman did field one of the best intramural cage teams in school history.) We need more of this spirit on campus.

Fault lies in many directions. Intramurals can be improved and will be, but like anything else on campus, the student body is the one to remedy it. More students should participate. Maybe we should give a trophy for intramural hill-climbing—something that seems to have a large participation. And intramurals have lacked publicity, which is my fault. But they're improving. Next year should see an even better balanced program.

So for all you guys who don't want those beachboys kicking sand in your face this summer or would like to become a campus hero by carrying a shot-put to class, get some conditioning—come out and toe the mark for your intramural team.

### GETTING ACROSS THE POINT . . .

Manager Jimmy Dykes fractured the banquet circuit last winter with a discourse on his job at Baltimore. All season long the owners kept second guessing him, making life unbearable. One day he came into the dressing room and started berating Jimmy for all the things he was doing wrong.

Just before the game was about to begin, Dykes turned and started leaving the room. "Jimmy," the voice nagged, "even your uniform is dirty. Why don't you get the grass off the bottom of your pants?"

Dykes turned and stared at the nag.

"That's not grass," he muttered, "it's mistletoe."

### FACES IN THE CROWD . . .

Last year's All-American first sacker, John Riddle, is rapping the cover off the ball down at Campbell College . . . and Larry "Red" Lawson, catcher on the same MHC team, is starting behind the plate for VPI . . . Dave Beck, Furman second baseman, pitched the last innings as Furman tripped George Washington for first place in the Southern Conference . . . Harold Miller, former Lion distance man ran a 1:56 half mile for his career best as Furman grabbed a close second to FSU in the Furman Relays . . . former high school teammate and Spartanburg JC basketball and baseball flash, Eddie Grasso, catching for USC . . . Grasso was the first four letterman at Hillcrest High in Simpsonville, S. C. . . NG's ALL-American center, Big Jack Halford, recently inked a grant-in-aid to the man . . . saw Bob Hembree, a standout 230-lb. tackle on the squad last week . . . he indicated returning to MH next year . . . Blake Davis, rugged three sport star here last year, and his former Joyce Pinto, narrowly escaped death from carbon monoxide poisoning from a gas heater in a cabin on Lake Hiwassee Friday night . . . they were on a weekend fishing trip with another couple . . . all four were listed in satisfactory condition this week . . . There's one on every team: I asked versatile George Bowen what he got in the discus throw in the last track meet. George replied, "Well, I got a bad cold . . ." Someone dropped by the office the other day and remarked that now was the time when a young man's fancy turns to what young ladies have been thinking of all winter . . . baseball. We'll leave on that one.

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