

Seahawks Second On Lion Schedule Tonight

The Mars Hill basketball Lions are in Wilmington for a game tonight with the always-tough Wilmington College Seahawks. Last night the Lions opened the season against the Braves of Pembroke State College.

Defense Tops In Grid Finale

"The defense was magnificent!"

That was the consensus of fans who witnessed an exciting game at North Buncombe High School stadium Nov. 7 between the Lions and the Maryville Scots.

The hard-fought battle, won by Maryville 6-0, was the final action of 1964 for the Lions. The loss left them with a season's record of 3-5.

Maryville came into the contest a heavy favorite, but Mars Hill put up a strong defense and held the Scots to only one TD. Maryville had been averaging over three touchdowns per game.

The Lions went to the Maryville one-foot line early in the first quarter before the Scot defense tightened. Maryville fumbles gave the Lions excellent field position for much of the game.

Maryville took advantage of the only Mars Hill fumble of the evening at the Lion 43 and moved into the end zone on QB Benny Monroe's 8-yard pass to end Sonny Webb. The extra point attempt was wide.

After intermission Mars Hill recovered a fumble at the Maryville 36. The offense clicked momentarily, but the Lions had to give the ball up on downs at the Scot 14.

A tough offensive line opened large gaps for the Mars Hill backs during much of the game. Halfback Boyd Perry, recovered from a leg injury, ran well.

Freshman quarterback Danny Shook got in some valuable experience for next year as he shared the signal-calling duties with Jack Reece and Bill Smarr, who were playing their final game for MHC. Punter Johnny McLeod again proved that he ranks among the best as he booted several beautiful punts.

Senior defensive end Dave Livengood, playing in his last game, did an outstanding job in helping hold a usually potent Maryville scoring attack to only one touchdown. Tommy Nix of Marshall, also an end, proved that the Scot scoring drives could be stopped. Tackle Kees Auer made some tac-

The starting five for tonight's game will probably be Duke Fisher, 6-5, at center; Doug Pickard, 5-9, and Harry Alban, 5-11, at the guard positions; and Hobie Harmon, 6-4, and Bill Loven, 6-4, at the forward posts.

Other team members who may see action are Andy Good and Bob Pierce, forwards; Manly League, center; and Bill Reeves, Dave Beaman and Pat Sams, guards.

Coach Harrell Wood's Lions have looked good on several occasions in the pre-season games. They topped the highly-touted Western Carolina Cats in two out of three contests at Cullowhee, and lost two close games with Wofford by three points each.

"I feel like we're going to have a good season," says Wood. "We must become more aggressive on the boards to equal some of the competition we'll have this year."

On Nov. 13 the Wofford Terriers of Spartanburg came to Mars Hill for two practice games. The Terriers tripped the Lions by 15 points in the afternoon session, but the Lions came roaring back in the nightcap before falling 95-92.

In the night game the Lions trailed by 15 points in the second half but rallied and went ahead 70-68 with 7:48 left. The Terriers again found the range, however, and finally took possession of a small lead and held it for the remainder of the contest.

Offensively for the Lions Alban stripped the net with long outside shots for 18 points. Loven was not far behind with 16, and he added some valuable rebounds. Pickard dumped in 13 points. Fisher and Hobie Harmon each tallied 10.

The Lions have more height this year than in any recent season. With some strong rebounding they should be able to give a lot of teams considerable trouble. Having only seven home games in the "Crackerbox" and 13 on the road, the Lions will be at a slight disadvantage when facing strong teams like Appalachian and Wilmington.

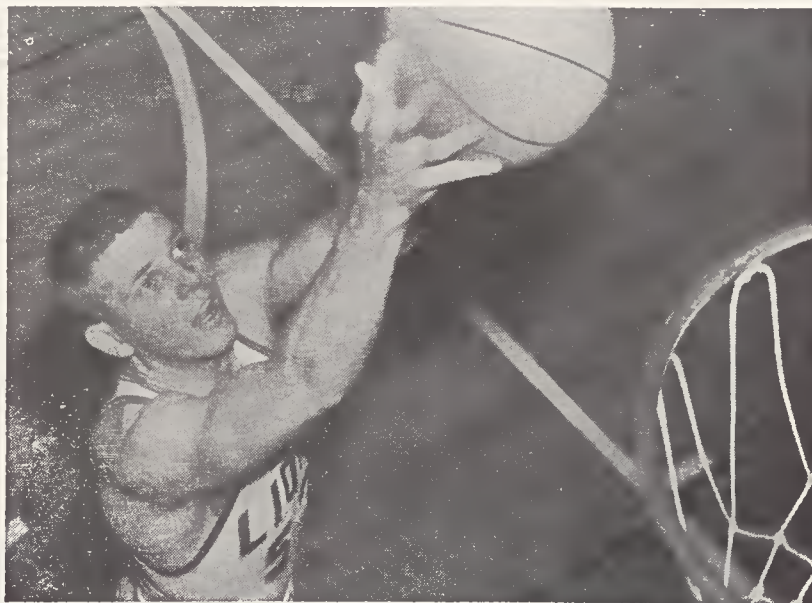
Tuesday, Dec. 1, the Lions travel to Bristol for a game with King College. The home season opens on Dec. 5 with the Lions meeting the Indiana Independents in an afternoon contest beginning at 2 o'clock.

Incidents which were heard in every corner of the stadium. Linebackers Bill Lewis and Bo Dishman and tackle Jim Epps also played an outstanding game.

Intramural Football Champions of 1964



Undefeated, unscored-on champions of intramural football are the men of Myers Dorm (l. to r., first row): Joe Prevette, Ron Harvey, C. K. Caldwell, Skinny Strong, Charlie Fox, John Mahoney, Steve Holcombe, Tim Babb and Johnnie Edwards; second row: Don Love, Manly League, Doug Pickard, Jake Brown, Bill Harvey, Buddy Brumbach, Tom Shoe, Terry Powell, Tom Haslett and Robbie Vess.



DUKE FISHER Adds Rebounding, Shooting Strength

Duke's Comeback Continues

Mars Hill could have a real star this year in transfer Duke Fisher. The 6-4½ junior (he insists he's not 6-5) hails from Tryon, where he was an all-district and all WNC basketball player in high school.

Fisher has made a great comeback since an almost fatal auto accident in the spring of 1961. His body was badly burned and doctors were doubtful whether he would live. In fact his heart stopped beating for three minutes, but determined doctors massaged it and brought the cage star "back to life."

Fisher spent 9 weeks following the accident in the hospital as the slow process of skin grafting was done by Drs. William Bosein and John Bradshaw. His weight dropped from 214 to a mere 140.

Prior to his accident Duke was captain for the UNC Tar Babies (freshmen) in 1960-61. Bryan McSweeney and Mike Cooke were teammates that year.

After the accident Fisher spent a year recuperating and adding weight to his big frame. He then enrolled at Gardner-Webb and played basketball for two years at that Baptist school. He led the team in scoring and rebounding both years.

When asked why he chose Mars Hill, Fisher replied, "I like the people up here, and its a great little school."

Duke, who is 21, has a brother, Ed, who starred for Tryon High this year in football. He is reported to be headed to either Furman or Clemson to play next year.

Fisher has shown in pre-season

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Lion's Tale

by Chris Pappas

The Lions surprised a lot of people on Nov. 7 when they most pulled one of the big state college upsets of the year. Mars Hill managed to hang on and edge Mars Hill 6-0.

The Mars Hill High School Wildcats are currently engaged in the state playoffs. They are led by Charles Tolley, a top college prospect.

Ernie Jones is spending free afternoons squirrel hunting. Jones is a bow and arrow enthusiast.

Many boxing fans were disappointed when Cassius Clay came ill shortly before last week's fight in Boston. It was felt many that Sonny Liston would KO the "Louisville Lip."

The track in the new stadium is nearing completion. If it continues, we'll be seeing teams meet at Mars Hill next spring.

Our Lions launched their football season at Pembroke, C.) State College last night. Last night they are in Wilmington where they play the Wilmington College Seahawks. This should be an exciting season for Lion lovers.

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