

# Catamounts Are First Baseball Opponents

The 1965 version of the Mars Hill baseball team will come rolling off Coach Don Henderson's assembly line on Monday for a trial run on the Western Carolina diamond. This spanking new model, with only a few of the features which sparkled on last year's product, will make its debut on the Mars Hill scene on Thursday (Mar. 25) as the Lions take on that same Catamount team. At that time it is expected that a number of attractive new features will be demonstrated before the Lion fans.

Anyone who has visited any of the team's practice sessions can tell you that there are a number

of fine prospects who promise to make this year's squad an interesting one.

After the Catamount game Thursday, the Lions will take a break during the spring holidays and will not play again until Apr. 9, when they meet Belmont Abbey on our home field.

Due to bad weather and various other technical difficulties beyond the control of the athletic department, the baseballers were unable to practice on the diamond until Monday and, therefore, will have had only a week's time to prepare their batting eyes. This difficulty has become almost habitual each spring for the Mars Hill teams and has yet to noticeably affect the Lions' play during the season.

By today Coach Henderson will probably have an idea of what the line-up will look like, but with so many rookies on the squad, it was impossible for him to give any indication earlier in the week as to whose faces will be where.

There are eight pitchers to choose from with Don Love, Dave Livengood, Charlie Smith, Andy Good, Johnny McLeod, Danny Shook, Robert Bates and Ron Proffit out for the team.

The infield could possibly be made up of any combination of the following players: at first base, Bill Dyer or Mickey Radcliff; at second base, Jim Few, Fremont Vess, Rick Stevens or Ken Wood; at shortstop, Ken Maynor; at third base, Cecil Bartles, Norman Knight or Don Bishop; at catcher, Roger Banks, Roger Fox, Dennis Adams, Doug Elliott or Duff Bell.

Backing these boys in the outfield could be Tommy Nix, Larry Burgess, Bob Wood, Johnnie Edwards, Dave Edwards, Tom Worsham, John Williams, Colin Walz, Don Chiles and Ron Falk.

## Eleven Tennis Tilts Slated

A seven-match home schedule highlights this spring's varsity tennis program, giving Mars Hill fans a better chance to watch the talented team that marked up a 7-2 record last season.

The team began intra-squad competition this week but will not have the first of its 11 matches until after spring holidays. The complete schedule is as follows:

- Apr. 7 Maryville
- 9 Belmont Abbey
- 12 at Western Carolina
- 15 at Maryville
- 17 at Milligan
- 24 Maryville
- 28 Western Carolina
- May 6 Asheville-Biltmore
- 7 Carson-Newman
- 8 Milligan
- 14 at Asheville-Biltmore

## Gridders Hit Practice Field

A good portion of the 1964 Lion football squad plus 10 to 15 newcomers went back to the practice field Monday to begin preparation for next fall.

While Coach Henderson has been devoting his time and attention to baseball, his assistant grid coach, Ron Bromley, has been putting the gridders through their paces. The squad has been practicing outside when the weather has permitted.

The spring practice, says Bromley, gives the coach an opportunity to devote more attention to individual players.

"The fall practice is so rushed we often times do not fully see the talents of each player," he explained. "Devoting time to the individual player makes them work better as a team."

The spring session also gives the players an opportunity to display their improvements over last season; however, some of the better performers from last fall — including Danny Shook, Jim Few, Johnny McLeod and Tommy Nix — are participating in spring sports and are missing the spring grid workouts.

The coaching staff has extended an invitation to other students to try out for the 1965 squad. Bromley says the coaches are looking for additional interior linemen, ends and a good blocking fullback. Practice is being held each afternoon, Monday through Friday.

An intra-squad game has been scheduled for next Thursday (Mar. 25).

## WRA Cites Ten, Names Varsity

Ten coeds received awards at the WRA banquet recently for their participation in the various activities of the Association this year. They were Ruby Byrd, Grace Carter, Jane Clanton, Bessie Cline, Pam Hunt, Sue McCall, Rosa Pittman, Ruth Smith, Diane Vaughn and Nancy Morgan.

Sue and Diane were leaders of the championship and runner-up teams, respectively, in the recently-ended girls basketball intramurals. They were selected for the varsity team with Nancy, Pam, Ruby and Barbara. Diana Coltrain and Shirley Ford were given honorable mention, and "Doodle" was named the most outstanding player.



Cody ranks as the favorite in the current intramural basketball tournament primarily because of the fine shooting and tough defensive play of (l. to r.) Mickey Radcliff, Scoville Roberts, C. J. Goodman, Howard High and Dan Henley. Felton Stephens, Terry Foltz and Ralph Fore are also members of the team.

## Cody, Treat, Myers Vie For Intramural Basketball Title

Cody, Treat, Myers and Brown emerged as the top contenders for the men's intramural basketball championship in games through Wednesday night.

Cody, undefeated during the regular season, kept its record unblemished with tournament wins over Spilman, 80-43, and Myers, 68-53.

Treat advanced in the unbeaten side of the double elimination tournament with victories over Cottages, 92-46, and Brown, 65-55.

Thus, the stage was set for a head-on clash of these two powerhouses Thursday night, after the Hilltop went to press.

Also slated that night was a battle between Myers and Brown in the once-beaten bracket of the tournament.

The winner of the Myers-Brown battle will join Cody and Treat in the final rounds of the tournament next week.

Several individuals turned in sparkling performances in the early games of the tournament.

### Lettermen Named

Coach Harrell Wood has announced 11 lettermen for the season including newcomers Fisher, Good, Bill Reeves and John Taylor as well as previous block "M" winners Loven, Harmon, Pickard, League, Beaman, Harry Alban and Pat Sams.

### Auer Is Elected

The election of officers for 1965-66 and the showing of a Bob Richards film, "Motivation for Living," were the main points on the agenda of the PE Major's Club meeting held on Mar. 8.

Kees Auer was voted in as president, while Sue McCall was elected vice-president. Barbara Rector was picked as secretary and Ruby Byrd as treasurer. The remainder of the officers will be elected at the Apr. 12 meeting.

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## Lion's Tale

by Rocky Transou

We fear that Ben Franklin's efforts would have been put to shame by the kite flying of several of our fellow students who lived to compete in that sport this past week.

Manley League pioneered the fad here, but it was Chunn Piser who managed to take the class as he committed the classic error of putting his kite in the top of a tree—with his keys attached to the tail. (We might add that the climbing was at that time induced into Mars Hill's athletic program.)

Bo Dishman led the charges Monday as he successfully flew his kite above and beyond Brodorm from his maneuvering post behind the library.

Former Lion cagers Duke Hughes and Scot Conner joined Duke Fisher, Hobie Harmon, Manley League, Bill Loven, Dick Pickard and Dave Beaman of the year's squad in storming to runner-up spot in a 12-team tournament at Newland last week. The championship game the Mars Hill representatives lost a squeaker, 99-98, to an Appalachian team, led by Wayne Duncan, MVP in the tournament.

Loven and Pickard joined the can on the All-Tournament team. Bob Wollard, former Wake Forest star and a teammate of great Len Chappel, aided Mars Hillians in their victory over I.R.C. (an industrial team) in an East Tennessee State game preceding the final game.

Loven, incidentally, has been selected by the Emory & Henry cagers as a member of their opponent team. He scored 20 points against them in two games.

A track team is being organized under the leadership of Coach Jim Fish and through the enthusiasm of a number of athletic-minded students. No meet will be held on the Mars Hill campus, but several schools have been contacted and Coach Fish says that he expects the Lions will compete in four to six meets. Anyone interested in track should see him immediately.

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