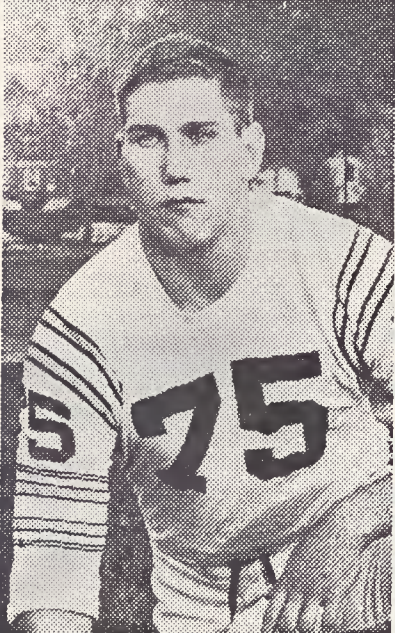


Lions Poised for Last Half Of '65-66 Cage Schedule

The Mars Hill College Lions, idled for four weeks by the holidays and now idled again for nearly two more weeks by exams, will get back to the serious business of basketball competition Jan. 28, 29 with a two-game road trip to Georgia.

Coach Harrell Wood's charges



Dolphins Sign Auer to Play

Kees Auer, Mars Hill's giant (six feet, five and 270 pounds) tackle for the last four years has signed a contract with the new Miami Dolphins team of the American Football League.

He thus becomes the first Mars Hillian in modern times to sign a professional sports contract immediately after completing his academic work here.

The signing in mid-December with the AFL's newest club was for an undisclosed bonus. Auer will get a tryout this summer with the Dolphins and, if he can meet the stiff competition expected in the training camp, stands to enjoy a lucrative career in the pro ranks.

The big man came to Mars Hill in 1962 from Lee Edwards High School in Asheville, where he had been a fullback. Coach Don Henderson converted him to tackle and he immediately won a starting berth on the varsity and held it throughout his four-year career here.

The big, tough gridder was also used last fall in a middle guard defensive position and gave the Lion defense a solid anchor.

Coaches Henderson and Ron Bromley and former line coach Hack Ezell have all indicated that Auer has the potential of becoming a top notch pro performer.

"Casey" maintains a B minus average in physical education and is moving toward a BS degree at the May commencement. His ultimate goal is a coaching position, preferably at the college level, after his days of professional football are over.

In recent weeks he has been practice teaching at Enka High School and helping with the junior varsity basketball team. In June he and Mary Ann Holland, a mid-year graduate from Charlotte, will be married. Soon thereafter Auer will be off for the Dolphins training camp and a crack at the glamorous life of a professional football player.

will tangle with Berry College on the 28th and encounter Shorter College the following night. They will return home on Feb. 3 for a battle with the Emory & Henry Wasps, the second of six home games this season.

The remainder of the schedule includes the following: Feb. 5, at Maryville; 7, at Appalachian; 8, Milligan here; 11, Pikeville (Ky.) here; 12, Pembroke here; 15, at Wofford; 19, at Wilmington; 22, at Emory & Henry; 26, Maryville here.

Tuesday and Wednesday nights the Lions emerged from their month-long idleness in road encounters with St. Andrews and Pembroke.

Against St. Andrews they grabbed the lead with 10 minutes remaining in the first half and breezed to a 92-80 win.

Doug Pickard fired in eight goals and hit six out of nine free throws to take scoring honors for the night with 22.

Ray Randall was second with six field goals and four out of six free throws for 16 points, and Andy Good was third with six field goals and two out of two charity tosses for 14 points.

The game was marred by a total of 50 fouls, 26 called on Mars Hill and 24 on St. Andrews.

Wednesday night the Pembroke Indians tripped the Lions 71-62. Good topped the MHC scorers with 16. Bob Gibson had 12 and Pickard 11.

Prior to the Christmas holidays the squad chalked up a 3-4 record with wins over St. Andrews, Milligan and William Carey College and losses to Wilmington, King, Wofford and Troy (Ala.) State. The latter decision was in the opening round of the Troy Invitational Tournament just before the holidays. The Tar Heels dropped the opener 58-90 but

Jayvees Eager For Action Too

The Lion Cub junior varsity cage squad will get back to the basketball "wars" next Thursday with a game against Reynolds High School in Asheville after a layoff of more than five weeks.

Sporting a 5-3 record, Coach Ron Bromley's hardwood crew has five games on schedule after the Reynolds clash. They include a Jan. 27 battle with a local "all-star" squad; Milligan here on Feb. 8; Warren Wilson here Feb. 12; Asheville School there on Feb. 23; and an alumni squad here on Feb. 26.

In the eight games thus far David Webster has fired in 146 points for an 18.2 average per game. He has been high scorer for the Cubs in each game except the opener when he had 13 and Skippy Liles (now playing with the varsity) had 14.

Other top scorers for the junior varsity include Danny Shook, Tommy Nix and Felton Stephens.

In their last two games before the Christmas holidays the Jayvees dropped a heart-breaker to Milligan, 60-68, and were trounced by a still-undefeated Warren Wilson team 60-93.

came back the following night to grab the consolation spot over Carey 78-66.

Pickard, who hit 22 and 15 points during the two nights, was selected as the "Most Valuable" player in the tournament; and Duke Fisher, who netted 23 in the consolation win, was named to the all-tournament squad.

Prior to this week's road trip Pickard had bucketed 110 points in the seven games for a 15.7 average to lead the team. Runners up were Fisher and Good with 10.7 and 10.3 averages.

Fisher has been the team's leading rebounder, but Pat Sams, Bob Gibson and Good have pulled down a good share.

Coach Wood has been using several freshmen and transfer students as much as possible to give them valuable experience. Among them are Ray Randall, George Scruggs, Bill Gibson, Skippy Liles, Ron Taylor and Jeff Cavanaugh.

PE Majors Hear Three Speakers

Three experienced staff members of high schools in the Asheville area addressed the Physical Education Majors Club at its January meeting Monday night in the Library Auditorium.

Mrs. Ramona Sanders, a physical education instructor at Enka High School, who has been a supervisor of several of Mars Hill's student teachers, discussed "On the Job Training."

Don Jones, principal of Lee Edwards High School, explained what school administrators expect of their teachers.

Bill Stanley, former coach at Owen High School, outlined a coach's responsibilities to his school administration.

Several items of business came before the club members following the program. One was a report that the nominating committee will soon be prepared to submit a slate of officers for the 1966-67 school year.

The committee is composed of Ruby Byrd, Kees Auer, Delores Baxter, Duke Fisher and Ruth Smith.

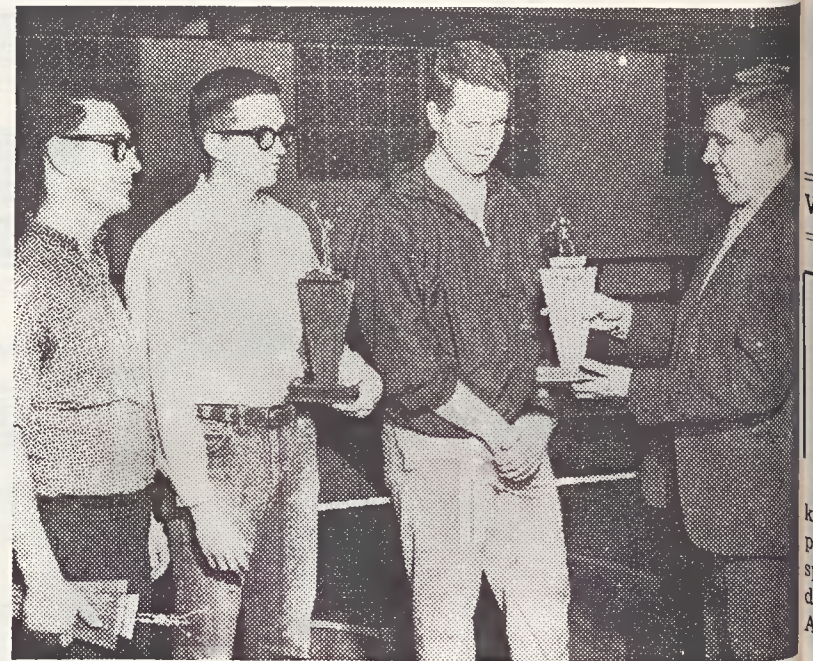
A preliminary report was also heard from a constitutional revision committee.

Secretarial duties at the meeting were handled by Miss Baxter, who was chosen at the December meeting to fill the unexpired term of Barbara Rector.

After Christmas Letdown?

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Athletics Booster Donnie Caldwell (right) presents a trophy to Rick Harris, winner of the men's intramural ping pong singles championship played off Monday night. Harris defeated M. Brinkley 21-16 and 21-18 for the title. The doubles championship was won by Jim Thomas (left) and Rick Gaskin. They defeated Skippy Liles and Jeff Cavanaugh in an exciting match, 21-15 and 24-21.

Three Intramural Titles Won

Championships in men's intramural ping pong — singles and doubles—and volleyball were decided this week, clearing the way for the opening of basketball on Wed., Jan. 26.

Nineteen cage teams involving 211 men will play a round robin tournament through February in preparation for a championship tournament Feb. 28-Mar. 4 to include the top eight teams.

Intramural Director Dal Sheeley said the basketball rosters bring to 839 (including some duplications) the number of young men who have been involved in intramural action thus far this year.

Spring schedules in softball, handball and track and field should push the total well past 1000.

An elimination session in basketball foul-shooting was staged in the gym Wednesday night to reduce to five finalists the 120 entries in that activity. A championship shoot-off will probably be held in connection with a home varsity basketball game in February, Sheeley said.

(Sixteen men did about equally well Wednesday night, making it necessary to hold another

round to pick the five finalists. A ping pong table was set up in the gym Monday night for the finals of the singles and doubles action in that sport.

Rick Harris took the singles title, defeating M. O. Brinkley in straight sets. Student Rick Gaskin and faculty member Jim Thomas copped the doubles crown, beating basketball players Skippy Liles and Jeff Cavanaugh in straight sets.

Tuesday night's action resolved the volleyball crown in favor of the Commuters, who bested the Faculty team 15-12 and 15-5 for the title.

Myers topped Brown in the consolation match to take third spot in the final standings.

The championship decision Monday and Tuesday nights left Melrose far out in front in the race for the 1965-66 Men's Intramural Grand Championship. The Melrose entries in touch football, tennis, horse shoes, ping pong and volleyball have accumulated a total of 720 points toward the trophy. Myers is next in line with 430 points, followed by Brown with 335 and Treat with 325.

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