

the LION'S DEN

By John L. Stancil

Whenever a football game is being played, a short visit to the stands will reveal that there are different types of fans, categorized by their actions. I have broken these down into six categories.

First is the enthusiastic "our-team-does-no-wrong" fan. When a penalty is called against his team, he loudly informs the referee of his gross error and lack of knowledge of the rules. Conversely, the opposing team does everything wrong, but the referee doesn't see these infractions.

I prefer to call the second fan "if only." On a pass play, the end achieves a 98-yard gain. This fan laments the fact that "if only he had zigged instead of zagging on the 48-yard line, he could have gone further."

Fan number three can be labeled "one better." Assume you have the all-conference quarterback. He's good, but you should have seen Joe Blow from Podunk. He was great, but just didn't get the breaks. No matter how spectacular a play comes off, our fan has seen one better.

Fourth is the "what happened?" fan. He is so busy consuming popcorn, hot dogs, and soft drinks; socializing; and catching up on the last play that he misses the plays in the game, and doesn't know what is happening.

Fan number five is the statistician type. When Harvey Schwartz gains five yards, our fan rattles off statistics about average gain per carry, total yards gained, and nasueam.

Our sixth fan is in the majority. He comes to watch a good football game, support his team, and enjoy himself. He is no less enthusiastic than the others, only more restrained and objective.

In an effort to improve and strengthen the football program, coaches Don Henderson and Ron Bromley have organized a jayvee football team. They are being assisted by student coach Larry Miller. According to Henderson, approximately 75 boys have been participating in this program. It is felt that by giving the boys more experience, they can improve and also have an opportunity to work as a team.

Among the starting linemen for Mars Hill in last Friday's game were Jerry Strong, Ben Apple, Harold Owen, David McFee, Ken Murry, and Mike DeBhrul. Starting in the backfield were Tommy Chapman, quarterback, along with Bob Collins, Danny Balcombe, and Jimmy Wofford.

Among those leading the defensive unit were David Byers, Terry Roberson, and Bill Ewing.

According to Henderson, there are several promising freshmen on the squad. Their next game is scheduled for 4 Nov. against the Job Corpsmen of Cherokee.



Danny Shook (left), who will start at quarterback tonight for the Lions, will have a choice of three capable runners to whom he can hand off. Co-capt. Bill Dyar (24) is still hampered by an ankle injury but will see action. Freshman Allen Baker (25) and senior Henry Zion will definitely play.

Comeback Eyed by Lions at C-N

By Mike Mills

The first of four consecutive weekend road excursions faces the Lions as they journey to Morristown, Tenn., for a battle with the Carson-Newman Eagles tonight.

The game was originally scheduled to be the initial contest on C-N's new gridiron; but the stadium is still unfinished and the game has been shifted to nearby Morristown.

The contest will find Dal Shealey, a member of the Mars Hill coaching staff last year, coaching the Eagle ends. He was quoted earlier this season as saying the C-N offense is capable of moving against any of its opponents, and his statement has been fairly well borne out. The team opened with a 20-13 loss to Western Carolina, followed with a victory over Emory &

Henry and suffered a trouncing last week at the hands of Jacksonville State.

After a tough but encouraging contest with the Catawba Indians, followed by a two-week rest (if daily practices can be called a "rest"), the fire in the Lions was partially extinguished last Saturday night when the Maryville Scots took home a satisfying 17-0 victory.

It was a special triumph for the Tennesseans in that it was their first victory in 13 games. They had gone through nine games of the 1965 season without a win and two earlier games this season, which were also losses. Their final game of an otherwise fine season, (7-1) in 1964 was a 37-7 loss to Carson-Newman.

The first quarter started with several exchanges of possession before the Scots were able to launch a 52-yard scoring drive. Quarterback Jim Sullivan ended the march by keeping the pigskin and rambling the final four yards.

Maryville tackle Walt Saz jumped on a Mars Hill mishap in the second period, setting up the second score of the evening. On the next play speedy tailback Paul Johnson took a pitchout to the right, cut back to the left at the scrimmage line and sailed 15 yards to pay dirt.

Kicking specialist Jim Cannon booted his second extra point, and Lion fan enthusiasm shrank as

the visitors held a 14-0 halftime margin.

Rat Week finally came to a joyous, yet somewhat sad, close as Bobbie Miller, the new Rat Queen, was crowned by her predecessor, Pam Culler, and warmly saluted by President Bentley.

Both the Maryville and the Mars Hill bands displayed precision marching and the halftime activities ended with a spectacular performance of fiery batons by the gold-clad MHC majorettes.

The second half's action was a story of punts and field position. Both teams' offenses experienced trouble against the opposing defense, but in the fourth quarter the Scotties pieced together another score. This one also started from a fumble recovery by Saz deep in Lion territory. The ball had sprung loose when the Lions attempted a reverse.

The Scots moved as far as the Mars Hill one-yard line, but the hard-hitting mountain cats clawed them back and an illegal procedure penalty denied the visitors another touchdown. At this point, however, Cannon's toe lifted the score to 17-0 when he booted a 17-yard field goal for his fifth point of the game.

Mars Hill showed an improved offense, but it could not jell against the rugged Maryville line on the slippery, rain-soaked field.

The Scots employed a balanced attack of short pass patterns and hard rushing. Their defensive secondary covered Mars Hill receivers well, enabling the line-men to catch the Lion passers for long losses.

Next week the Lions will journey to Athens, W. Va., for the inauguration of a football rivalry with Concord State College, the undergraduate alma mater of Coach Ron Bromley.

Statistics

	Mars Hill	Maryville
First downs	4	9
Rushing yardage	64	116
Passing yardage	39	69
Passes	4-12	4-16
Passes inter. by	1	1
Punts	7-33.6	8-31.3
Fumbles lost	3	0
Yards penalized	40	25
Scoring		
Mars Hill	0	0
Maryville	7	0

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Cross-Country Prospects Good

In its initial match the Mars Hill cross-country team, coached by Charles Phillips, placed second in a triangle meet. The 2.7 mile course was run under rainy, muddy, and cold conditions. Asheville-Biltmore placed first with 23 points, followed by Mars Hill with 35, and Montreat-Anderson with 67.

Despite the defeat, Mars Hillians have reason for optimism. This meet represents one of the best showings in recent years.

This afternoon the harriers of Mars Hill face the Eagles of Carson-Newman College, coached by Dal Shealy. Last year, as track coach, Shealy brought cross-country to Mars Hill. The only other match scheduled is 15 Oct. against Montreat-Anderson at Mars Hill.

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