

Lions Play Best Game of Season

by John Berry

These past weeks the Mars Hill Lions played outstanding and exciting basketball, bringing the team's record up to 8-16 as of Feb. 9.

On Jan. 27 the MHC Cagers took the Maryville College Scots 109 to 90 as Big Jim Wilmoth broke a 4-4 tie with a 30 foot jumper. The Lions secured a permanent lead early in the first half. Wilmoth scored a total of 34 points and pulled down 22 rebounds. Dickie Mazoyer netted 30 points making 28 of them from the floor. Gary Reeves sank 12 points putting him in double figures also.

In the game with Augusta College, which is nationally ranked in the top 20, on Friday, Jan. 30 the Lions succumbed to a 99 to 83 loss. The Woodmen surprised Augusta in the first half with a wave of outside shooting which is the typical type of play employed by the Augusta Jaguars. The Lions were netting baskets right and left and at half time were 13 points in the lead. But in the second half the Jaguars rose up with only 13:46 left in the game and brought the score to 56-55. Augusta's Chip Johnson and Barry Timmerman sank most of their combined 58 points in the second half. MHC fans cheered on as the Cagers fought on courageously through the second half fouling 17 times and with Eddie Miller fouling out. Earlier in the second half Augusta All American Joe McBride fouled out.

Jim Wilmoth and Dickie Mazoyer both scored 18 points apiece while Rodney Johnson, Gary Reeves and Eddie Miller were in double figures with 11, 15 and 12 points respectively.

I talked with Lion Coach Harrell Wood after the game; he said that the first half of the Augusta game was "the best first half of a basketball game I've ever seen played by our team." Team members themselves felt a definite sense of accomplishment through individual effort in this, one of their most difficult games.

The following night the Cagers delivered a defeat to Presbyterian College in another home game with a score of 93 to 79. This was a District Six game of which MHC and Presbyterian are a part. Wilmoth was high scorer with 34 points and 18 rebounds. Mazoyer and Miller scored 22 and 17 points respectively.

The first away game for this semester was with Tusculum College where the Woodmen left their opponents behind with a final score of 101 to 91. In this competition Wilmoth tied the school record for rebounds in one game with a total of 25. The record was set by Duke Fisher, a graduate of 1967. Wilmoth also scored 30 points with Mazoyer scoring 18 points and Johnson scoring 15 points and making 16 rebounds. A total of 71 rebounds were racked up for the game making it the second highest in school history. The record for rebounds in one game was set at 81 in a game against Milligan in 1967. A new record was set for total rebounds at half time with 44.

In their second away game of the season the Lions ran into hostile territory while tackling the University of North Carolina—Asheville Bulldogs on Feb. 5, losing the contest 89 to 72. The Lions' shooting was off-target as they sank only 32 percent (27-85) from the field. UNC-A took the lead in the early minutes of the first half and kept it through-

out the battle although our Woodmen did threaten early in the second half with two field goals and two foul shots. Miller was high scorer with 23 points, eight rebounds and six assists. Wilmoth made 16 points, 10 rebounds and three assists. Also in double figures was Mazoyer with 13 points. Johnson hauled down 18 rebounds. The Lions percentage of free throws was a good 60 per cent (18-30) while UNC-A shot 50 per cent from the floor and 71 per cent from the charity stripe.

The support of the MHC student body was noted by the opposing coaches as being outstanding. Shortly before the varsity battle the

MHC JVs smeared the UNC-A JVs by a score of 105 to 70. High scorer was John Wilson with 24 points followed by Bill Saunders and Burt Stanford with 23 and 22 points respectively. The JV Lions have won eight games in a row bringing their season record to an impressive 10-3.

The Lions will do battle with Washington and Lee tonight in the Gym at 8 p. m. The schedule for the final four games of the season will be as follows: Maryville, Feb. 16, away, Wofford, Feb. 20, Home, Western Carolina University, Feb. 21, away, and UNC-A, Feb. 24, home.

Don't Leave A Sitzmark

Editor's Note: The following is the third in a series of ski lessons provided to the Hilltop by the Beech Mountain Ski Resort.

You are almost ready to ski for the first time. But before a skier learns to come down a slope, he must first know how to climb up.

First, make sure the skis are on the right foot. While skis are identical (no left or right ski), the foot on which a ski is installed is determined by the positioning of the buckle on the run-away or "safety" strap. The buckle should always be on the outside of the ski boot when the ski is installed.

It is very simple to walk on skis. Don't attempt to lift your skis, but slide along gently, using your ski poles to push from behind.

To climb the hill, first put your skis across the fall line. This is the imaginary line a ball would roll down the mountain from top to bottom, or straight down. With your skis across the fall line begin making tiny steps sideways toward the hill. Roll your knees slightly toward the hill and use the edges of your skis to keep from sliding back down. Support is also gained from the downhill pole, which should be planted firmly in the snow before each step.

Once you get to the top, there is a safe and proper way to turn around. Place your ski poles downhill beyond the reach of the ski tips. Get firm support from your poles and begin making tiny steps around, moving only the tails of your skis and keeping the tips planted flatly on the ground. You will soon face straight down the fall line. With knees bent and leaning forward in the bindings, take the poles out of the snow, relax and let the skis go straight downhill. Remember always to lean forward when skiing, although you will feel an initial tendency to lean back as in water skiing. Placing your weight forward will prevent the skis from slipping out from beneath you.

Before you begin skiing down hill, there are first some important rules of the slopes you must learn. Like driving a car, flying and most mo-

bile activities, certain rules must be observed on the slopes to assure maximum safety and convenience to everyone. Other skiers on the slopes will expect you to follow these rules of safety and etiquette:

The uphill skier is responsible for avoiding collision with a person below him. The only exception is that a skier entering the slope from a trail or starting out after a rest must stop and look uphill before entering the slope. Never ski out of control. If you do find yourself skiling out of control, stop quickly or use your "emergency brake" and sit down. This may leave a "sitzmark", or hole in the snow which could be dangerous to other skiers. The sitzmark should be filled immediately with snow. If you see an injured skier, place your skis, or his, across him in an "X" to let other skiers know of the accident. Stay with the injured person and tell the first skier you see to notify the ski patrol. Be sure your skis are equipped with run-away straps. After getting on a chairlift, close the safety bar immediately and hold your ski tips up to prevent them from being caught in the snow. Open the safety bar just before you are ready to leave the lift. Never ski close to a beginner. He may make a sudden wrong move, and it is your responsibility to avoid a possible collision. Do not attempt to ski on a slope more difficult than your ability. If you must stop while skiing, first move to the side of the slope out of the way of the other skiers. Ski down and rest if you become tired.



Cager Rodney Johnson seems to be taking on the entire Presbyterian team as he makes his usual "second effort" to remain in possession of the ball.

Startling Statistics Reported

As of the UNC-A game Jim Wilmoth has broken the season scoring record of 476 points with a total of 522 points. He has also broken the season rebounding record of 259 with a total of 353 rebounds. Dickie Mazoyer needs only 24 points to break the season record. Eddie Miller has broken the season record for assists with a total of 159 as well as breaking the record for a single game with 11. Out of 141 shots attempted, Gary Reeves has netted 79 giving him 56.3 per cent

accuracy and ranking him ninth in the National Association of Collegiate Athletics.

Last Thursday Jim Wilmoth, Dickie Mazoyer were honored for their outstanding performance on their field. This night was given the title of Jim Wilmoth and Dickie Mazoyer Night.

The night of the last game of this season, Feb. 24, will be designated Senior and Parents' Night where the parents of the players will be on hand to welcome their sons in action.

Young Cagers Spur Women's Team

The women's varsity basketball team lost their first game to Appalachian State University 56-34 on Feb. 2. High scorer was Kay Huffman, a freshman with 10 points. Beth Moore, a freshman and Cathy Hobbs, a sophomore, both netted eight points apiece.

Their second game was also away and they returned victorious from this contest beating Brevard College 44-33.

Players on the team not yet mentioned are: Pat Horton, a junior; Lois Ann Browning, a junior; Taylor, a senior; Judy Parkins, a freshman; Bonnie Doughtie, a sophomore; Nancy Richards, a sophomore; and Lee Lowder, a senior.

On Feb. 17, the "Lionesses" tackled Eastern Tennessee State University in an away game and were home again on Feb. 19 to tackle Brevard at 7 p. m.

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