

Lions Sweep Double-Header

The Mars Hill baseball team closed out their home schedule on Wed. May 5, by sweeping a double-header from Emory and Henry College. In the first game the Lions won 5-4 behind the fine pitching of Steve Davis. Davis struck out six in the contest, allowing only seven hits.

The biggest inning for the Lions was the first. First baseman Jim Medford slammed a three run homer, his second of the year. The blast tied him with John Mauney for the home run lead this season with two. The only other Lion to homer has been freshman John Allison.

Mars Hill built the lead up to 4-0 before Emory and Henry retaliated with four runs before the Lions scored again. In the sixth inning Gordon Davis got things going again

with a double. Davis scored later in the inning. This gave the Lions a one run lead that they were able to hang on to to win 5-4.

In the second game Mars Hill's star pitcher, Charlie Baxter, received his first starting assignment of the season on his home diamond. Baxter leads the Lion pitchers with an earned run average of 1.05. Mars Hill again drew first blood with a run scored by John Mauney in the first inning. In the second inning Jeff Lytton reached first base on an error and advanced to second on a single by John Allison. Lytton scored when an attempt to pick off Allison on first got by the Emory and Henry first baseman and rolled into right field. This gave the Lions a 2-0 lead.

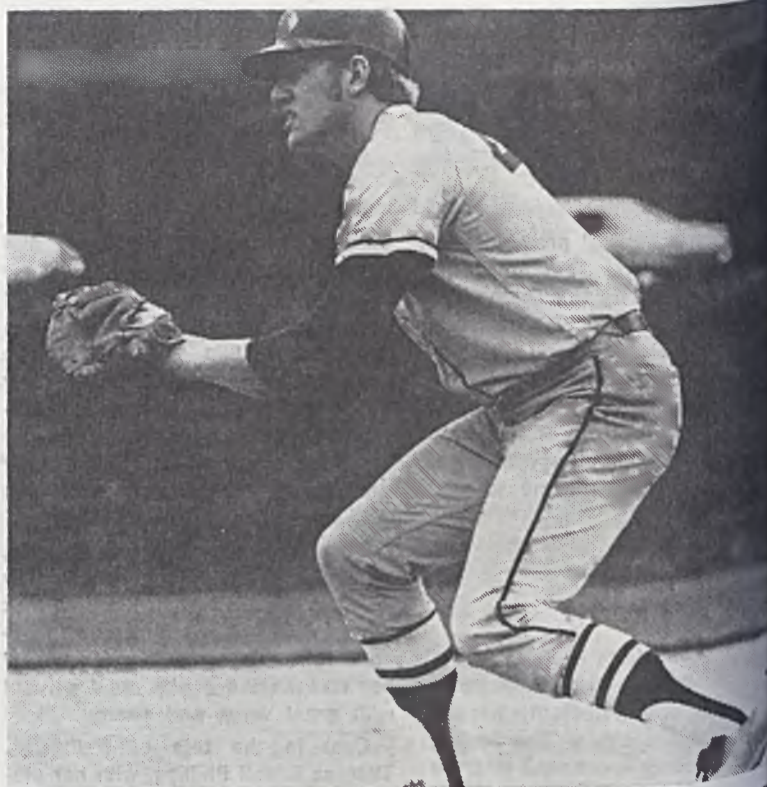
Charlie Baxter continued his shut-

out pitching the rest of the game, striking out six while allowing only three hits, to give the Lions their second victory of the day. These two victories gave the Lions a winning 8-7 record thus far this year, with only one game remaining.

Mars Hill can look forward to next season since they will be losing no one from the squad.

The following are the batting averages for the Lions thus far this season.

Gary Taylor	.362
John Mauney	.340
Gordon Davis	.308
Gary Walthall	.282
John Allison	.268
Jim Medford	.200
Roger Haynie	.167
John Fisher	.152
Team	.265



First baseman Jim Medford prepares to stretch for an oncoming ball during a game against Emory and Henry on May 5. Medford, a junior, hit a three run homer during the game.

Coaches Enlist Lucrative Prospects

by Gayla Green

Recruitment for the 1971 MHC football squad has resulted in the signing of twelve outstanding players from surrounding high schools. These signees are:

David Boshelli, Warner-Robbins High School, 5'10" 170 lbs. Running Back

Randy Butler, Cheraw, S. C., Cheraw High School, 5'11" 183 lbs. Tackle

Tommy Chambers, Canton, N. C., Pisgah High School, 6'0" 155 lbs. Quarterback, Defensive Back

Kenny Harrison, Albany, Ga., Westover High School, 5'10" 180 lbs. Linebacker

Chuck Howard, Rockwood, Tenn., Rockwood High School, 6'2" 230 lbs. Tackle

David Hurd, Church Hill, Tenn., Church Hill High School, 6'2" 215 lbs. Guard

Tom Pack, Piedmont, S. C., Woodmont High School, 6'0" 220 lbs. Guard

Mike Pinkston, Central High School, Tenn. 6'0" 165 lbs. Defensive Back

Wayne Rogers, Church Hill, Tenn., Church Hill High School, 5'10" 190 lbs. Defensive Back

Billy Simmons, Fayetteville, N. C., 71st High School, 5'11" 195 lbs. Center

Billy Warren, Warner Robbins, Ga., Warner Robbins High School, 5'10" 185 lbs. Linebacker

Jimmy Wilson, Warner Robbins, Ga., Warner Robbins High School, 5'10" 175 lbs. Guard.

Basketball recruitment has been centered around seeking a strong inside man. However, at the present time, Coach Jack Lytton and his staff have been unable to find such a prospect.

Two of the three who have signed could play on the varsity team next year. They are Dereck Thomas from Pisgah High School and Ben Williams from Elkin High School. Thomas, a 5'6" guard led his team in scoring, assists and free throws. Coach Lytton said, "He has the potential of becoming an outstanding college guard."

Adding much needed depth in the forward position is 6'4" Ben Williams. Leading scorer for his high school team, he averaged 19 points per game. Lytton hopes to put Williams in the position played by Rodney Johnson this year, and place Johnson back as guard.

Also signed was Greg Davis a 6'4" forward from Erwin, Tenn., who averaged 22 points per game. Coach Lytton feels Davis needs a lot of work before becoming a member of the varsity team. He hopes that by the '72-'73 season he will be a starter.

Losing only one player to graduation the team should have more height and depth than in previous years. Lion fans can look forward to exciting basketball and gridiron action.

Tennis Team Eyes Future

The MHC tennis team concluded it's hectic season on April 28 with an eye turned toward next year. Five of the top seven men for the Lions this year were freshmen. Head tennis coach Harrell Wood said that "these freshmen are potentially one of the finest groups we have had at MHC." However, he stressed that they lacked experience that they should gain next year.

This year the team's season started on April 13, just one day after spring break. The team played the majority of its matches the first week, competing on April 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 19.

The Lions gained victories from Wofford, Milligan, and a partial victory at Gardner-Webb College. They lost the agreed to seven-point match four to three, but won the standard nine point match five to four. Coach Wood stressed that the attitude of the players was "real good," causing him to feel optimistic toward next year. It is hoped that next year the Lions can get matches with UNC-A and will not be hampered by adverse weather conditions as they have been in the past. This will afford the team less traveling and more playing time.

Trackmen Hurdle Season

by Frank Farrell

The Mars Hill track team wrapped up its season on May 1, with a fourth place showing in the district track meet. Prior to the track meet the Lions made good showings in the Wofford Invitational, and a tri-meet with Milligan and Maryville Colleges.

In the Wofford Invitational, the Lions placed a close third behind Presbyterian College with 57 points and Wofford College with 52 points, scoring 45 points themselves; Gardner-Webb College finished fourth with 28 points. One of the big winners for the Lions was Bill Tom Britton, winning the intermediate hurdles and placing second in the high hurdles. Other winners for the Lions were Morris White in the broad jump and Gary Lawing in the javelin. The mile relay team also won with a time of 3:38.

The Lions next contest was a tri-meet with Milligan and Maryville Colleges, Mars Hill finished with 54 points, enough to beat Maryville with 48 but not Milligan with 78. Winners for the Lions were Gary Lawing in the javelin, Morris White in the broad jump and Ed Farris in the high hurdles.

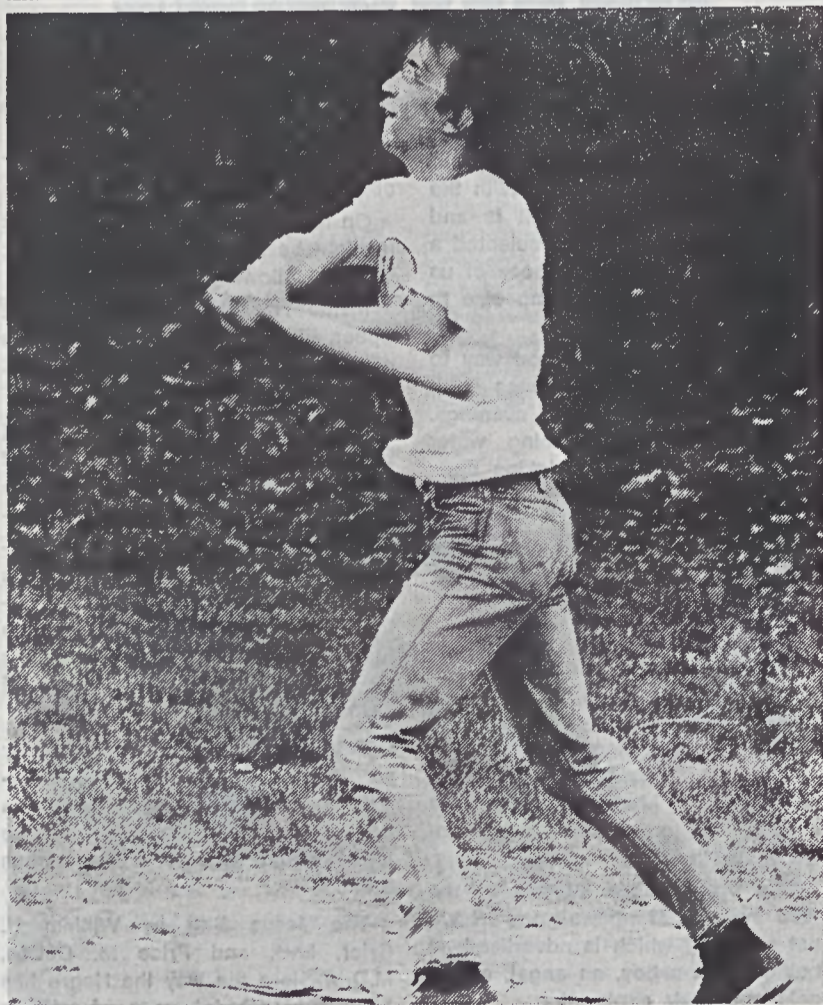
Head track coach Bill Mitchell

took only four Lions to the District track meet. However, the efforts of these were good enough to give the Lions a fourth place berth in the meet. All four of the contestants the Lions had entered in the meet scored points. Gary Lawing took third in the javelin throw, while Morris White captured fourth place in the long jump. Ed Farris and Bill Tom Britton took third and fourth in the high hurdles, respectively. Farris tied the school record with a time of 15.3.

Considering the extremely small size of the track team, 17, they did an extremely good job this year. Most of the teams they competed against had 30-40 boys.

Much of the credit for the Lions' success must go to Morris White and Gary Lawing, two graduating seniors. In their four years at MHC they have been consistent point getters for the Lions.

Coach Mitchell said that he would like to thank all those who helped him with the meets this season and would encourage anyone with skills in track to consider joining the team next year. He stressed that, although we've had a good year, we need a little more participation next year to be much better.



Bob Kelley slashes at a softball during intramural softball action on May 5. (See related story)

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