

Football

by Eric Garner

The Lions took it on the hilt this past Saturday from Carolinas Conference foe, Lenoir. The Bears outclassed the Lions in the first half, and the score was just too much for the Lions to pull out in losing 20-23. The Lions took a brief lead in the 4th quarter, on Ronnie Reeves 105 yard kickoff return touchdown run. That was Ronnie's second touchdown run for the day, the first being a 42 yard run, and this helped Ronnie to be voted by the Asheville Citizen-Times as the Offensive Player of the Week.

Much of the credit for successful plays such as the touchdown runs of Ronnie Reeves and of Jerome Durham, should be given to the offensive line. It is the responsibility of the offensive to open the way for the backs to carry the ball and to give protection for the quarterback on passing plays. The offensive line rarely ever received credit for their hard efforts. Have you ever tried to stop a defensive lineman who is 6'4" and 230 pounds who is hungry for your quarterback? A quarterback is probably one of the few people who appreciates the work of his offensive line.

I would like to bring to your attention five men that can make or break our football team. This past Saturday was

the best performance that these men have displayed this year. Left tackle Rick Guard, a 6'1", 236 pound senior from Salem, Va.; left guard Chuck Howard, a 6'2", 233 pound junior from Rockwood, Tenn; center Billy Simmons, a 5'10", 208 pound junior from Fayetteville, N.C.; right guard Gary Hooper, a 6'2", 215 pound sophomore from Canton, N.C.; and finally, Alan Hunter, a 5'11", 240 pound freshman from Asheville, N.C. If you see these men around campus this week, shake their hand for the unheralded job that they do every week.

You can be sure that the offensive backs will be shaking their hands too.

This summary would not be complete without a comment about the Lion defense. The defense continues to rank tops in the Carolinas Conference. I'm sure that the loss of Captain Wayne Perryman this week due to an ankle injury did not help the effort. Joe Steadman, a 5'10", 175 pound senior, stepped into Wayne's shoes to lead the defense and lead was the word. Steadman had 14 tackles and 8 assists to top the defense. Hopefully the defense will be fired up, along with the rest of the Lion team, to take a Homecoming victory over Gardner-Webb on Saturday at 2:30.



Ronnie Reeves, Carolinas Conference Offensive Player of the Week and Lion Head Coach Claude "Hoot" Gibson

FOOTBALL ... In Summary

by Eric Garner

The Lions have just passed the half way mark in their 1973 football season and now stand with a 4-3 record. In comparison with the Lion team from last year, the number of wins has already been equaled and the team seems to get stronger and give a better outlook for the rest of this season.

After taking two consecutive losses, first the 3 point loss from Presbyterian, and the pounding from Elon 34-7, the Lions came on strong to rout Emory & Henry and Guilford. Last season Mars Hill was stomped by Presbyterian 30-0 and this year to only lose 27-24 displays quite a bit of improvement. Also last year, the Lions took a loss from Emory & Henry here at Mars Hill, 25-22 and it looked easy for the Lions to rip E & H 34-12 three weeks ago.

The 27-0 victory over Guilford, placed the Lion team in second place, behind Elon, in the Carolinas Conference. The game produced many sore comments about the 0-0 score at the first half's end but it really wasn't that surprising when one consid-

ers the tragedy which had occurred the day before, referring to the death of Sally Moffit. As one player stated after the game in speaking about the change during the halftime, "We had to realize that we were out there to play football not sulk over the death of Sally." The Lions did put it together in the second half and went on to score 4 touch downs in 15 minutes beginning with a 1 yard run by QB Jeff Conner, first a 54 yard pass to Sophomore Ronnie Capps followed shortly by Conner's 6 yard pass to Bruce Miller for the score. All three TD's were posted with extra point by Doug Stevens. The finale to this dramatic Carolinas Conference contest came with 21 seconds left in the game. Mark Dickerson, a freshman QB from Raleigh, ran for 32 yards, passed on the next play for 7 yards, then with no time left on the clock, Dickerson pitched out to Richard Mayhue who passed 17 yards to Sophomore split end, Keith Horton, for the final touchdown and the resulting score 27-0.

Coed Trainer for Gridders

September 23, 1973.

Susan is a sophomore from Fuquay-Varina, N.C. and she fully enjoys her job which she says is "no bit thing" even though it has usually considered before as a man's job. In order to be qualified for the job, Susan is taking a course in first aid and athletic injuries. By the end of this semester she will be certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association and

can then work in full scale with head trainer Gary McDonald.

Coach Gibson was a little skeptical at first but soon realized Susan's valuable contribution as a trainer. The team has accepted her as just another member of the team realizing that she is probably the only female trainer for any college football team in the nation.

basketball...

by John Forrester

The 1973-74 Lion basketball team is hussling and roaring for action this new season. Coach Lytton in his fourth year as head coach has the team looking real sharp. The team has much more depth than they had last year, and should improve on last year's 17-17 record according to Coach Lytton.

Back from last year's starting squad is Joe Bridges who was selected on the all Carolinas Conference and the all NAIA District 6 teams. Along with Bridges, Jerry Hayes, who holds the Mars Hill career scoring record, which will insure a no-miss policy. Both are seniors this year and each will expect to have their finest season on the court.

Don Cole, a 6'9" sophomore has improved a great deal and should see plenty of action at the rim. He was the only inside reserve last year behind Bridges and Hayes.

To fill in the reserve strength for the inside positions are two transfer students. Mike Earwood, a 6'5" junior, and recruit Jim Graves, a freshman at 6'5".

The guard positions will be headed this season by Kenny Ward, a hard-working senior who has started since his freshman year. "He is a good ball handler and an accurate shooter," Lytton said. The rest of the reserves for the positions of guard is sophomore Harry Marsh and junior Bruce Murray of Mars Hill. Newcomers in those same positions include former high school all-stater Eddie Taylor and Pat Lanning.

Other players that are looking good at practices are Ben Williams, a junior and sophomore Elden Hardy. Also Derek Thomas, a junior, is on active military duty and will miss the pre-Christmas part of the schedule.

The schedule features 24 regular season games, including nine District 6 contests and 13 Carolinas Conference spectacles. The Lions will be playing in at least five tournaments. The Turkey Classic in Greensboro will busy conference members Mars Hill, Elon, High Point plus distant Belmont Abbey. Eight of the District 6 teams will be playing in the pre-holiday tournament at Lander College in Greenwood, S.C.



Susan cares for injured Larry Troupe during Presbyterian game.

by Cole Harris

"The sign on the door leading from the Mars Hill College football team's dressing room to the treatment room is as distinctly feminine as it is eye-catching: 'Do Not Enter Without Shorts

--Chick Inside.'" This is a quote from an article by Mike Morgan about the female trainer for the Lion football team, Susan Buchanan. The article was published in the Asheville Citizen-Times on Sunday,

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