



Spike Anderson makes successful on-side kick.

LIONS FALL TO PC BY ONE

by Eric Garner

"We made the decision to go for two points and we failed," said Head Coach Claude Gibson after the 20-21 loss at Presbyterian last Saturday. "We wanted the win and we won't second guess our decision," Gibson continued.

The Lions mounted a rally late in the fourth quarter to close from a 7-21 deficit to pull within one point but could not gain a victory.

Ronnie Reeves scored on a 4 yard run late in the first quarter following a 4 play drive which was set up by Reeves' 33 yard runback off a PC punt to the PC 14 yard line. The score tallied 7-0 when Stan Curry added the point after kick.

The score remained the same until the third quarter when the Blue Hose exploded for three touchdowns and a commanding 21-7 lead.

With 7:05 left in the game, QB Danny Robinson engineered an eight play drive from the Lion 20 yard line. The drive was all passing as Robinson skillfully picked apart the Blue Hose defense and eventually found Darus Holtzclaw 22 yards in the end zone for the score.

After a short drive PC punted and Robinson began another eight play drive using split ends Rocky Cater,

Scott Ferguson, and his favorite receiver, Ronnie Capps.

With 15 seconds left in the game, Robinson passed 6 yards into the end zone to Capps for the end of the 72 yard drive. Following an

Illegal Procedure penalty against the Lions, they attempted a two point conversion going for the fingertips of Capps and fell incomplete.

The Lions successfully pulled off an outside kick and took over the ball on the PC 48 yard line with 14 seconds left. Three Robinson passes fell incomplete and in desperation Stan Curry attempted a 60 yard field goal at the buzzer which fell short on the 5 yard line.

Probably the biggest problem facing Mars Hill this week is how to replace the injured Ronnie Reeves who leads the Lions in scoring, is second in the conference in scoring, is second in the nation in kick-off returns with a 33.3 yard per return average, is first in the nation in punt returns with an 18.9 yard per return average, is averaging 4.9 yards per carry, and was last week's Carolinas Conference Offensive Player of the Week. That is a lot of credentials and Reeves will be out for a couple of weeks with a shoulder injury acquired in the second quarter of the PC game.

REEVES PACES WIN OVER GEORGETOWN

by Eric Garner

"I have to go a long time into my past to recall a game I enjoyed winning as much as this one," said Lion Head Coach Claude Gibson just after Mars Hill had upset Georgetown College, Kentucky.

The Lions seemed bound for victory as they took the opening kick-off and marched 75 yards in eleven plays capped by a 7 yard TD spirit by fullback Charlie Hammersley followed by the point after kick by Stan Curry.

The Georgetown Tigers, under Coach Tom Dowly, who were not willing to die, were not upholding their rating of fifth in the nation in NAIA Division II. On the next series of plays, Ron Pinchback directed the Tigers 72 yards for the score but could not convert the extra point leaving the Lions barely ahead 7-6.

"That's when it turned into the wildest game I've ever seen," said Gibson. Ronnie Reeves began to turn on the speed that led to his being named Carolinas Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

Reeves scored his first of three TD's that day on a 48 yard punt return. Georgetown scored again and posted a two point conversion equaling the Lions mark at 14-14. On the following kick-off, Reeves turned it on again with a dazzling 93 yard return for the TD and the Lion lead at 21-14 to end the first quarter.

The Tigers tried one more time with an onside kick but Charlie Hammersley

covered the ball on the Lion 47 yard line where Danny Robinson ran four straight QB sneaks for 6 yards and time ran out and the Lion Resigned King of the jungle defeating the Tigers 39-36.

The Tigers opened with a score and again tied the game at 21-21. Stan Curry soon hit on a 43 yard field goal, (his first of two that day) which was soon followed by a 2 yard TD run by fullback Jerome Durham before the half giving the Lions a 30-21 lead.

In the second half, it was QB Danny Robinson who drove the Lions on several

time consuming drives the first of which resulted in a 22 yard field goal by Stan Curry. Late in the third quarter, the Tigers were refired

after a delusioning quarter when with 0:37 left, Phil Weitzel recovered a blocked Roger Gant punt in the end zone to pull the Tigers within five points at 33-28.

The Lions were not to be denied and Robinson passed for three first downs to split end Ronnie Capps in a ten play drive which concluded with Reeves third TD of the day as he scampered 4 yards around left end to give the Lions a 39-28 lead.

The Tigers were still fired up and drove eight plays to the Mars Hill 8 yard line where the Lion defense held for 4 downs and the offense took over and mounted

a short drive.

The Tigers regained possession on the Mars Hill 30 and drove 4 plays for the score and a 2 point conversion and the closing score of 39-36.



Danny Robinson passes in attempt to gain a two point PAT