

LIONS WIN BIG 62-0

by Eric Garner

Mars Hill, N.C. Freshman quarterback Jeff Wade ran for three touchdowns two weeks ago as Mars Hill routed the visiting Monarchs of St. Leo College 62-0.

St. Leo took the opening kick-off and could not move against the Lion defense and was forced to punt. Freshman Clyde Simmons fumbled the punt return for the Lions and St. Leo recovered. It appeared it was going to be a long afternoon as memories of "fumblitis" in the losses to Elon and Catawba brought fears to the crowd.

Freshman Terry Parrish saved the day for the Lions as he picked off a St. Leo pass on the next play. The offense took over and on the first play, junior fullback Jerome Durham galloped 29 yards to the Monarch 32 yard line where Charlie Hammersley took the next hand-off and ran the remaining 32 yards for the opening Lion score. The fears suddenly began to change as the crowd and coaches began to feel that the Lion offense was going to bombard St. Leo as they scored on a 61 yard drive in only 2 plays.

Seven minutes alter, Stan Curry, the leading scorer on the Lion team, kicked a 37 yard field goal and soon following, a 26 yard field goal to raise the score to 13-0 at the end of the first quarter. The second FG was set up on a fumble recovery by Greg Hasselbring.

Spike Anderson picked off a St. Leo pass in the opening of the second quarter

and 4 plays later, Tim McDonald ran 3 yards for the second Lion TD. The kick was blocked and the Lions lead 19-0

Following the kick-off, sophomore defensive tackle, Jerry Chester, recovered a St. Leo fumble on the Monarch 25. Two plays later, senior QB Danny Robinson passed 3 yards to senior tight end Joey Harp for the next Lion TD and a 26-0 lead.

The Lions coaches pulled the entire first unit including Charlie Hammersley who rushed 10 times for 100 yards, all in the first quarter. This was the last time the first unit saw action that day and the coaches were able to see how well the back-up units were going to work.

Jeff Wade took control from Robinson at QB and marched the Lions 75 yards capped by a 3 yard TD run by Wade. Terry Parrish picked off his second interception of the day on St. Leo's next ball possession giving Wade and Company the ball on the St. Leo 11 yard line. On the second play following the interception, Wade ran for his second TD from the 6 yard line plus Curry's extra point as opposed to the empty slot on the scoreboard for St. Leo.

The third and fourth quarter clocks were reduced from 15 to 12 minutes each due to the evident fact as to whom the victor on the contest would be. The Lions failed to mount any scoring drives in the third quarter and all St. Leo could do was to punt and force the Lions to open the fourth quarter from their own 3 yard line.

"It's hard to pick

any one or two players who stand out during a game such as this," said Lion head coach Claude "Hoot" Gibson. "We had a good chance to look at our second and third teams and were very pleased."

Perhaps the freshmen players were the most productive unit as Terry Parrish intercepted 2 passes on defense and Wade scored again in the opening of the fourth quarter for his third TD of the afternoon. Following the St. Leo punt that landed dead on the MHC 3 yard line, Wade marched the offense 97 yards capped by Wade's 29 yard TD run.

On the next series of plays for St. Leo, Jim Gillis tackled the Monarch punter in the end zone for a safety and a 49-0 Lion lead. Two minutes later, Gillis intercepted another St. Leo pass setting up a 4 yard TD run by sophomore Doug Rhodes.

Art Rhodes recovered a St. Leo fumble on the next series of downs (the third fumble lost by St. Leo) setting up the last Lion score. John Benson quarterbacked the Lion offense and with fourth down and goal to go from the 9 yard line, Benson scrambled the entire 9 yards for the score. That gave the final tally for the day at 62-0 with only 21 seconds left on the clock.

This was an important victory for the Mars Hill team. It was the first time this season that they had won 2 games in a row (the previous week's victory over Gardner-Webb, 26-33). This was the first time since the Elon game in early September that the Lions have been ahead of the record count which was then 5 wins to 4 losses.

The Lions picked up 503 yards of total offense as the Mars Hill defense held St. Leo to only 11 yards for the entire game.

LIONS CLAW INDIANS 34-7

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NEWBERRY, S.C.---

Following the opening kickoff and the 71 yard, 14 play, touch-down drive by the Newberry Indians, it appeared it was going to be a long night for the Lions who had not beaten Newberry in five years. It looked even worse as the Lion offense fumbled their second possession on the Newberry 8 yardline and were denied a score, but the Lions came back and scored in the remaining three quarters, shutting out the Newberry offense after the first score and won 34-7.

Quarterback Danny Robinson finally got control of the offense in the second quarter and calling his own plays, marched the Lions 93 yards in 13 plays for the score in which Robinson ran 9 yards for the TD. Stan Curry's extra point tied the game 7-7 and the rest of the game was history.

Robinson directed another drive just minutes later in which freshman William Washington capped a 9 play drive on a 7 yard TD run. Overall, Washington carried 17 times for 105 yards against Newberry to become the fourth Lion runningback this season to cross the century mark in yardage for a single game.

The Lions came out of the dressing room from halftime with the 14-7 lead and were fired up to expand the gap. They opened with a 12 play drive which fizzled as the Lions fumbled on the Newberry 16 yard line.

The Lions soon took over the ball again and Robinson marched the Lions from the Mars Hill 45 to the

Newberry 18 yardline where he hit Ronnie Capps with a pass in the end zone to expand the lead to 21-7.

Newberry became aggressive on offense and drove to the Mars Hill 21 where the Lion defense dug in and held through 4 down allowing the offense to take over. On the next offense drive, again the Lions lost the ball on a fumble on their own 22 yard line. Newberry quickly opened for a first down on the Lion 8 yard line. The defense dug in tighter as Newberry drew closer to the goal line with each play. Finally the Indians were staved off for 3 downs as the count drew to 4th down on the two yard line. Fullback Tim Brown tried for his second TD as he dived over the line on the fourth down play. The front wall of the Lion defensive line including, Dave Roberts, Walt Nichols, Jerry Chester, John Mackey, and Greg Hasselbring, stood up their opponents stopping Brown on the one yard line giving the ball to the offense.

The defense held Newberry three times through four downs to take over possession of the ball including that goal line stand. The key to the defense was in the line-backers and the pursuit of sophomores Barry Jacks and Jeff Stapleton who combined for 16 tackles and 10 assists.

With 4:40 left in the game, Dave Roberts recovered a Newberry fumble giving the Lions the ball on the Indian 25. Robinson again found All-Conference split end Ronnie Capps on the end of a 16 yard pass for a touchdown driving the Lion lead to 28-7.

Reserve quarterback Jeff Wade and the second string offense took over with a little over 2 minutes remaining in the game and drove for the final Mars Hill score as halfback Curtis Bunch plunged 9 yards into the end zone. The kick failed and the Lions upset Newberry 34 to 7.



Cootie Williams and the Aardvarks appearing Saturday night for Sadie Hawkins

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