

Lions Remain Undefeated

by Scotty Miller

Mars Hill continued its winning ways on the road by defeating Guilford and conference foe, Catawba. Surprisingly, in the past two seasons, the Lions have lost half of their twelve home games, while winning nine out of the twelve away games. Saturday's victory over Catawba was the seventh in a row for the Lions, marking both the longest winning streak and the best start in Mars Hill's history as a four-year institution. The key to the first two victories this season over Emory and Henry and Guilford was a stinging defense. A "never-say-die" attitude from the Lion offensive unit proved fatal to the Indians of Catawba.

A defensive strug-

gle prevailed in Greensboro on September 13, with the Lions topping Guilford 10-7 on a clutch 47 yard field goal by Stan Curry in the fourth quarter. Both teams scored once in the first quarter, with Jerome Durham running in a five yarder and Guilford's Reggie Keenan capping a drive with a 21-yard scamper for a score. Fumbles by both teams marred the second and third quarter, with neither team able to put points on the scoreboard. Then, with 3:58 to play in the game, Curry booted the winning three-pointer through the uprights, despite kicking into a stiff wind. Willie Washington was the leading rusher for the Lions, with 47 yards in 11 carries. Guilford dominated the yardage statistics; however the

Mars Hill defense stiffened when it was needed and shut out the Indians for the final three quarters. When the conference statistics came out, it revealed that Mars Hill was leading the

conference in defense, letting up only 180 yards a game after two games.

Through the Guilford game, Coach Gibson employed a wishbone offense in place of the pro-set offense of last year. The coaching staff decided that the opposing teams had been keying on this run-oriented wishbone offense, so starting with the Catawba game, Mars Hill came from behind to defeat Catawba 31-28. It was the first conference game for the Lions, and the third straight road game of the young season.

Touchdown runs of 1 and 5 yards by Ronnie Reeves, and a 38-yard field goal by Stan Curry gave Mars Hill a 17-6 lead midway through the second quarter. Three uncontested Catawba touchdowns in the last of the second and third quarters reversed the situation and gave the Indians an eleven-point lead, 28-17, going into the fourth quarter. Mark Dickerson hit Scott Ferguson with a 73-yard touchdown pass, then hit Ronnie Capps for a 2-point conversion to pull within three at 28-25. The winning touchdown was scored by Dickerson on a 1-yard run with 47 seconds left to play. The run capped off a 74-yard drive completed in 11 plays. Key gains in the drive were two 18 yard completions to

Willie Washington and Capps. Dickerson completed 15 passes out of 28 attempts for 232 yards. Capps caught 11 of those for 86 yards.

A great asset thus far for the Lions has been great support from the fans. Attendance for games on the road, banners in the cafeteria, and verbal support from students and other supporters have all combined to boost a winning attitude by the football players. The Lions carry with them an untouched 3-0 record into Meares Stadium to face the tough Gardner-Webb Bulldogs on Saturday. It is another important conference game for the Lions, and a win is needed to stay in the thick of the conference title race.

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SAC-8

by Scotty Miller

About a year ago, various mentors, athletic directors, and faculty athletic chairmen began meeting to build on the conception of a new football conference. The idea of a new conference had been on the minds of eight football coaches for two years, and the brand new South Atlantic Football Conference was a vision that became a reality for them. The teams which represent the conference are Carson-Newman, Catawba, Elon, Gardner-Webb, Lenoir Rhyne, Mars Hill, Newberry, and Presbyterian.

Mars Hill's president, Dr. Fred Bentley, took the leadership role over the past summer in the formation of the new conference. He called together the presidents of the various colleges for discussion in June. On July 1, with the consent of all the representatives, a new conference was

born. Later on in the month of July, the faculty chairmen, athletic directors, and sports information directors met in Hickory, N.C. to work out the rules for the newly christened conference. Fans suggested various names for the conference. South Atlantic Conference was the unanimous choice of the coordinators.

In lieu of his guidance, Dr. Bentley was named the conference's first president by the league members. He accepted this honorable position for the purpose of working out details and problems the new conference will face.

The colleges of SAC-8 are located within short distances of each other, making scheduling and travel much easier. Mars Hill joins a conference with some very prestigious, nationally known schools, and being a part of the competitive South Atlantic Conference will be a big boost for the Lion football program.

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A new job for Dee Dee Robertson and a novelty for the Mars Hill College football team. PHOTO: HAYWOOD

Football Female

by Linda Wells
Donna Turnipseed

The Mars Hill Lions have a new addition to their football team this year. As you look down on the field you might see Dee Dee Robertson administering to the thirsts of our fearless lions. You guessed it, the MHC Lions have their very own water girl!

Dee Dee Robertson, a freshman from Jacksonville, Florida, is looking forward to her new job. "It will

watching them as well as cheering them on."

Mars Hill has never had a water girl. Dee Dee got the idea from a football player who thought that the Lions could use one. She took it from there and went to visit Coach Gibson to get his opinion. Coach Gibson liked the idea and gave her the job. Dee Dee's duty is to make sure that all football players get water when they need it during the game. The official costume has not been de-

ecided on, as of yet, but Dee Dee will be wearing the traditional blue and gold.

Dee Dee will be at all home games and

give me a chance to meet a lot of the football players and help the team at the same time," she says.

Dee Dee likes to play the piano, cook, and watch her favorite game, football. "The game in itself is very exciting," she says. "I enjoy most of the away games."



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