

LOSING LIONS

by Scotty Miller

Mars Hill came into the rough part of the season hoping to get into the heat of the battle for the SAC-8 title race, but instead came away with two disappointing conference losses. Coming off last season's 52-7 thrashing of Carson-Newman, the Lions looked for a repeat, but the Eagles were out to avenge that loss. Reminders of that 52-7 massacre were posted all over Carson-Newman's campus the week preceding the contest. To top it off, it was Carson-Newman's Homecoming. When all the smoke had cleared, Mars Hill had been shockingly and soundly defeated by the score of 42-14. The Lions played a very uninspired game, while the Eagles played their best ball of the season. "Carson-Newman came to play ball and just plain beat us," quoted a dejected Coach Gibson.

There were few bright spots in the game; however, Mark Dickerson passed for 200 yards and two touchdowns, one each to Scott Ferguson and Tim McDonald. A big key to the outcome of the game occurred in the last minute of the first half. With Mars Hill trailing by seven points, a missed assignment by the defense opened the door for a long touchdown pass by Carson-Newman. On the ensuing kickoff, the Lions fumbled and the Eagles proceeded to score once more. With one minute to play in the first half the score was 14-7, at halftime it was 28-7. Turnovers plagued the Lions, as drive after drive was

stopped by a fumble or an interception. An answer to the lopsided score was the inability of Mars Hill to complement their passing game with a good running game. The Lions could



Coach Mitchell gives last minute instructions. PHOTO: HAYWOOD

average only 1.8 yards per carry against a fired up Eagle defense.

Saturday, October 25 found Mars Hill students on Fall Break and the Lions hosting the Bears of Lenoir Rhyne College. A completely different Lion team took the field to battle the toughest team this season for Mars Hill. Lenoir Rhyne is leading the NAIA college division in rushing yardage, and set a single game national record earlier this year for both rushing yardage and total yardage in a game against Davidson. The Lion running attack, led by the expert operation of the triple option by quarterback Jeff Wade,

exploded for 302 yards. Mars Hill's defense held All-American Scott Crawford to 80 yards rushing and Lenoir Rhyne's total running game to just 178 yards. However, the Bears passed for 317 yards compared to just 80 for the Lions. The usually very reliable Mars Hill receivers dropped numerous passes, and Lion quarterbacks were only able to complete five out of 25 passes. Overall, Coach Gibson was very pleased by the effort of the Lions, and a few breaks could have easily seen the 36-23 Lenoir Rhyne victory reversed.

With the Lions' record at 5-3, the coaching staff looks with anticipation to the final two games against St. Leo and

conference for Newberry. Both teams are improved over last year's teams, and the Lions will have their hands full in attaining their goal of a 7-3 record. The November 15th game with Newberry will feature Old Timers' Day and High School Day at Meares Stadium. A competitive game is expected for the season's finale for both schools.



Intramurals

Standings Intramural Football

Team	W	L	Average Points Per Game
Over the Hill Gang	4	0	37
Cottage Cheese	2	0	23
Mel's Roses	2	0	40
APO	2	1	25
Scrunchers	1	1	7
Pi Kapp's	1	2	5
Moon Shiners	0	2	3
Highmen	0	3	3.5

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Volleyball

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As the volleyball season draws to a close, second year coach Susan Daniel expresses satisfaction over accomplishments and anticipates even greater things for the future. In competition that more often than not included larger schools, the Lady Lions have made a name for themselves. Universities such as Appalachian State, Wake Forest, and Western Carolina have slowly but surely given due recognition to Mars Hill's vastly improved volleyball program. Ms. Daniel states that this year's team is probably the best that this college has ever produced.

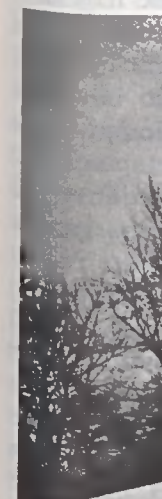
Mars Hill has relatively young team, with only two seniors and four returnees. Co-captains Debbie Wykle and Susan Blakely spearhead the team, with Queenie Hollingsworth, Jean Wood, Britt Britton, and Kathy Malin completing the starting six. Reserves include Kathy Brock, Phylis Scott, Karen Barnett, Susan Burd, Lori Lundeen, and Anita Finger. Also contributing to the team have been the manager, Cheryl Hines, and the scorers, Debbie Robertson and Susan McMurray.

The Lady Lions are concluding the first part of the season with participation in the state volleyball tournament in Charlotte, N.C. The first match was held Wed., Oct. 29 with Wake

Forest. The Lady Lions will play either Catawba or High Point in the second match of the double elimination tournament. Other schools participating are High Point, Elon, Western Carolina, and Duke. Mars Hill is playing their best volleyball of the season, and should represent the school well in the tournament.



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