

# Lions Squeak by for Second Win

On October 2 the Mars Hill Lions went down to their third straight defeat of the year at the hands of SAC-8 rival Elon College. The contest started out as if it were going to be a close defensive struggle. The first quarter was scoreless, even though the Lions were given multiple opportunities to score via a fumble recovery and an interception. The Lions started both times in good field position but failed to put points on the board. With time running out in the first half, Elon moved 94 yards in seven plays and, following the conversion kick by Mitch Rippey, took the lead 7-0. The touchdown was scored on a 23 yard pass from Nick DerCola to Jim Davis.

The only score of the third quarter went to the Fighting Christians and was brought on by a blocked punt. With Darius Holtzclaw kicking out of his endzone, Elon's Wes McLaughlin partially blocked the effort and the Christians took over on Mars Hill's seven yard line. On the second play from scrimmage, Prince Deese loped around left end to score from eight yards out. The kick by Rippey put Elon ahead 14-0. Elon iced the victory early in the fourth quarter by scoring on a 72 yard scoring strike from halfback Howard Ferguson to wide receiver

Roxie Bratton. Rippey added the PAT and also ended the day's scoring with a 23 yard field goal to make the final point spread 24-0 in Elon's favor.

Despite completing a poor percentage, Elon passed for 262 yards against an untypically porous Lion secondary. The key to the game was a combination of Elon's ability to capitalize on Mars Hill's mistakes, and the inability of the Lions to take advantage of Fighting Christian turnovers.

On October 9, however, the Lions rebounded with a hard fought 22-20 victory over Guilford. The final outcome was never certain until the buzzer had sounded to end the game. The Lions, after receiving the opening kickoff, took the football 42 yards in eight plays, with freshman Steve Maennle hitting paydirt from a yard out. Greg Frierson added the extra point to put the Lions ahead 7-0. After both teams failed to produce on two ensuing possessions, Mike McClune kicked a 26 yard field goal for the Quakers to cut the lead to 7-3, which was how the first quarter ended.

Porky Spencer came back in the opening minute of the second quarter to boot a 40 yarder through the uprights to put Mars Hill back up by seven. With just 32 seconds

remaining in the first half, McClune kicked his second three pointer, a 22 yarder, to send the Quakers into the dressing room trailing by four points.

On the opening kickoff of the second half, Mars Hill's Don Estes received the ball on his own ten yard line and raced 90 yard for a touchdown. After the extra point was blocked, the Lions owned a 16-6 lead. Guilford came right back to drive 80 yards in thirteen plays; and after McClune added the extra point, the Lions led the Quakers by only three at 16-13. Two possessions later the Quakers recovered a fumble on the Lion 17 yard line. Four plays later Reggie Kenan rammed it in from three yards out; and with the kick by McClune, Guilford led for the first time at 20-16. With time run-

ning out, the Lions started on their own 40 yard line, and with a well-executed drive took the ball into the endzone in 13 plays. Maennle scored his second touchdown of the night, again bulling in from a yard out. A last second 22 yard field goal by McClune went wide right, clinching a 22-20 victory for the Lions.

The Quakers held a massive 413 to 160 total yard advantage, but turnovers plagued them throughout the game. The Lion defense, led by senior linebacker Barry Jacks and senior defensive end Jeff Stapleton, got tough when it had to. This Saturday the Lions remain at home for their Homecoming contest, seeking to better their 2-3 slate in an important SAC-8 conference game with the Carson-Newman Eagles. Kickoff time is 2:30.

## George Hardin Soccer Team Organizes

The Mars Hill College soccer team ended last year's season with a convincing, hard-played victory over UNC-A, 4-1. That victory was the first victory for a soccer team in Mars Hill history. With that victory as a driving force, twenty five interested soccer players look to a successful season this year. At present, things are still unorganized. The team has no coach, intercollegiate schedule, or even a soccer field on which to play. They do however, have one significant advantage--an intense desire to play soccer. All uniform and traveling expenses will have to come out of the players' pockets. By spring semester the team will hopefully have a coach, a field, equipment, intercollegiate schedule, and no less, a respectable soccer team for Mars Hill College.

Team member George Hardin states: "We have the talent in our players to have a winning team. Most of last year's team has come back, new students with experience have come to Mars Hill, and experienced players from other countries have showed their talent to the soccer team." Fall season activities,

hopefully, will include games with UNC-A, Western Carolina, Brevard, Warren Wilson, Winthrop, Carson-Newman, Elon, and any other area teams that express an interest in playing Mars Hill. Games will be played away since the team does not have access to a soccer field at Mars Hill. Hardin further urges: "If you can and want to, please support us! The soccer team isn't a branch of the Athletic Department yet, but if we show the department that the interest and desire for soccer at Mars Hill is getting larger, maybe in the near future we can get some help."

Soccer is a new, fast-growing sport in the United States today. The Mars Hill team practices at 6:00 everyday, if possible, and people who are interested in playing are invited to come and play. The team at present consists of all skill levels, but all members are eager to help new players learn the game. So if you are interested - or even just curious about the game of soccer, show up for practice one night. You might just find you enjoy it a great deal.

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