

Scotty Miller

New Faces Play Large Part In Basketball Program

"There's never been a time when first year players have played as large a role as this team has for any team I've coached."—Head Coach Jack Lytton

On a typical basketball roster one would rarely find more than three or four players with no previous collegiate experience. However, on a team that has only 11 members, the Lions boast no less than seven first year performers. Perhaps this can be one reason why Mars Hill has had a rough season in the won-lost column, but it also generates future hope. Four of these first year men are freshmen; two are sophomores and one is a junior.

Perry Somers is a freshman from Reidsville, N. C. and he played his prep ball at Wentworth High School. There he averaged 25 points a game and came within a hair of playing for the University of Virginia. Things didn't materialize, so Perry is now starting for Mars Hill, averaging over 11 pounds and four rebounds a game, as well as being second on the squad in assists.

"Perry is a fine outside shooter and plays a solid, heady game, not the style you would expect freshman to play," added Coach Lytton. "He adds good scoring, punch and ballhandling to our offense."

When asked about how college ball was different from high school, Perry responded that the quality of players is different. "Every team usually has five good athletes on the floor. My role at Mars Hill isn't much different.

I'm used to going to the boards, but I have to work at it more."

James Holmes is another new face who has found his place in the basketball program. He played high school ball at Cary High, a 4-A school in Cary, N. C. A walk-on, James was influenced by another player, Mark Duke, to try his hand as a Mars Hill cager. It didn't take him long to work his way into the starting rotation, and he now averages over 10 points and six rebounds a game.

"Holmes is a real good shooter and recently has started playing more aggressively around the boards; his strength has made himself known," stated Lytton.

"I like Mars Hill," commented the 6'5" freshman. "I almost went to East Carolina but decided I didn't want to party all the time. The people here are real friendly."

When asked about the losing season, James replied that it is a hard situation to get used to. "It took some adjustment; I was used to winning. Sometimes we feel like it's expected for us to lose and that we're not real good."

Wes Early is not a freshman, but this is his first year of organized basketball since junior varsity. Keith Harris, the student assistant coach for the Lions, was a key factor into urging Wes to once again don a basketball uniform. The hunch paid off. Wes is now one of the starting five, and one only has to follow Mars Hill basketball to see his improve-

ments.

"Wes has good quickness and with work he's going to become more of a scoring threat," said Lytton.

"I didn't really expect to play as much," Wes stated. "But unforeseen circumstances changed that. I don't have quite as much study time as I used to, but that's about the only change I've gone through."

Wes is a psychology major and plans to attend graduate school in a few years.

Johnny Easterling could be the best all-round athlete on the team. He attended McBee High near Hartsville, S. C. where he played football, track and baseball in addition to basketball.

"Johnny's been a big help to the team since Christmas," added Lytton. "It took a while for him to get used to the patterns. He is at an advantage in that he can guard bigger people and yet is a good ballhandler, also. He has a knack of knowing where the ball is going."

"The players are bigger in college," stated Johnny. "Instead of trying to outplay them every time, you have to outsmart them. Right now I'm getting adjusted to playing a more disciplined game."

Mark Duke is a junior, yet this is his first year of collegiate action. He was hurt his senior year at Cary High School, and spent the next couple of years recovering. He worked hard this summer in pickup games at Carolina and N. C. State, and that effort paid off with a

spot on Mars Hill's team.

"I'm just now getting to the point where my ability and confidence level is beginning to pick up. This summer I'm going to concentrate on ball-handling. It has taken a while to get used to playing organized ball. It's a lot different from street basketball."

John Link transferred to Mars Hill from UNC-Charlotte and just became eligible in January. He played prep ball at West Henderson. He talked to Coach Lytton this summer and decided to come here as a walk-on. He made the team and, according to Lytton, has developed a good inside shot.

John is a business administration major and next to basketball has water skiing as his favorite pastime.

A seventh new face to Mars Hill fans this year is freshman Roger Mauney. He attended Cherryville High, a 4-A school and the alma mater of former Lion star Jimmy Graves. When asked about how he liked Mars Hill, he simply replied, "Okay. I like the people but not the weather."

Coach Lytton commented: "Roger is a hard worker in practice and has a good sense of humor, which is good for the team's morale."

Roger is a good, diversified athlete, having played football and track in high school. He is a recreation major and hopes to coordinate a program along the lines of the YMCA or maybe coach.

Basketball at Mars Hill looks to be in good hands.

Book Review: *My Mother/Myself-The Daughter's Search for Identity* - Nancy Friday

Symbiosis Cycle Must Be Broken

By Joy Bridges

Nancy Friday has used both her own insight into her own relationship with her mother and interviews with other women, especially women psychiatrists and psychologists to explore the nature of a very complex relationship—that of mother and daughter.

Motherhood, like romantic love, has been idealized to the point where psychoanalysts say that a woman patient would rather consider herself "crazy" than admit that she simply does not like her daughter. "Love is not an invisible emotion—our job as adults is to separate out the elements in this big package we got from mother which she called love, and to take in what she did give us and to look in the real world for those other aspects we did not get from her."

"We learn our deepest ways of intimacy with mother; automatically we repeat the pattern with everyone else with whom we become close." We take the role of the mother or the child. Psychologists now believe that both men and women choose to love people

who remind them emotionally of their mothers. Thus, if your mother was cold and uncaring, you will seek out partners who will reject you. It may not be "fun" but it is "comfortable" because it is what you are used to. The best thing a mother can do is to have her main connection and emotional energy centered on her husband and not her daughter. Without this, she is in danger of "smothering" her daughter with love. Mother does not have to be perfect. She just has to be a good enough mother to give the growing child a feeling of basic trust—that on the whole, life is more to be trusted than not. As adults, our job is to understand the past, learn its lessons, and then let it go. Mother-baiting uses up energy that should be used, to examine the wrong choices one has made oneself.

"Letting go" is a talent a good mother needs. It is giving freedom to another person, before they become resentful, stunted, or suffocated by being tied too close. Symbiosis is hard to break because it is so endorsed by society. If a woman is 25 and married and still telephoning mommy every day, something is wrong. Society prefers to endorse people's insecurities rather than

their health, independence and tradition-breaking possibilities.

The symbiosis of mother and daughter sets the daughter up to repeat the scene with her husband. Mother took care of her and now she feels that her husband will look after her. The wife is in for a shock if she seeks a divorce. Up to now, she's "chosen" not to know her husband's income, she doesn't know whose name the house is in, what are their total assets in stocks, bonds, or whatever. Women go into lawyer's offices, beaten up by their husband, and still believe that he will level with them about the financial situation. Money is

power, the woman without money is a victim. The sad fact is that most women are carefully trained, since childhood, to be victims. By the time they realize this, if they do, they blame mother, men, or society. Blaming people doesn't help an individual to cope with her own life in an intelligent way. You have to take personal responsibility for your own life and not think of it as something that your mother or any other person can give you. It is healthier if you can achieve this before you have daughters of your own so that you can break the cycle of symbiosis that might weaken your child.

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