



Lions Rise to Homecoming Victory

The Lion football team lost a heart-breaker to Guilford 10 to 7 in the final seconds of the game. Guilford opened the game up with a touchdown, a 21 yard pass from quarterback Osborne to Lee, and led 7-0. But Mars Hill never gave up as Dean Tomberlin, who replaced Mike Wotten who will be out for the rest of the season with an injury, hit Mark Garrett with less than one minute left in the half for a touchdown and John Gullede made the extra point to tie the game. Coach Gibson said that Dean did a creditable job and is an excellent passer. The entire game was to Mars Hill's advantage, but they could not capitalize. For example, two scoring opportunities were missed when a pass was intercepted on the 15 yard line, and there was a fumble on the nine. Then with five seconds left to play, Guilford's kicker, Bobby Eller, booted a 37 yard field goal and the game ended with Guilford winning 10-7. For the last four times, the Guilford games have been decided by field goals. This put Mars Hill at 3-4 overall for the season and we have not lost more than four games since 1973. The defensive team did an excellent job against Guilford and leads the conference in defense. Outstanding plays were made by Steve Campbell and Richard Bagwell. One disappointment was that Dave Miller, the team leader in interceptions with 5, missed the game due to a concussion. But Eddie Renear played in place of Miller and did a good job.

Men's Tennis

The Men's tennis team opened the 1978 season with a loss to Western Carolina 8-1 on September 29. This was the only match played in the fall half of the split season. It was a very disappointing loss, but with returning players such as John Trammel, Brant McEntire, Steve Morgan, Rickey Tucker and Dan Allen, the rest of the season should be impressive. This season should be one of the best in recent years at Mars Hill. Coach Robbins stated that this years team has improved from last season and that there

Mars Hill battled back last week by defeating Carson-Newman 26 to 0 for a Homecoming victory before a packed crowd. The first score came by the foot of John Gullede with a 41 yard field goal. Next came Dean Tomberlin on an eight yard run for the first Mars Hill touchdown. The third quarter produced a James Miller 5 yard touchdown run for the second TD in the game. Gullede hit the extra point and Mars Hill led 17-0. A fourth quarter drive of 63 yards ended as Tomberlin, 3 of 9 for the day, completed a 12 yard pass to Mark Garrett for Mars Hill's final touchdown of the game. The final points of the game were scored by the defense as David "Turtle" Harrison drove back Carson-Newman's Greg Tate into the end zone for a safety with six minutes to play. Roger Cruell led the Lions rushing attack with 112 yards. Carson-Newman was held to only 137 total yards offense and 17 of those yards were rushing. Carson-Newman's starting quarterback, Danny Saunders, left the game in the second quarter with an ankle injury and replacement Brian Payne was plagued by the defense all day. They only completed 10 of 27 passes combined.

Coach Gibson was very pleased with the performance the entire team gave and was a little shocked that Carson-Newman was shut out. He looks confidently towards the game Saturday in Hickory against Lenoir-Rhyne.

has been a good turnout of players; the most in the last few years. Ahead of the 1978-79 tennis team, though, is a tough spring schedule with good teams like Gardner-Webb, UNC-Asheville, and Warren Wilson.

"There is good competition on the team and they will improve if they want to improve," stated Robbins.

This season should be a good one for the Mens tennis team, and with Spring coming in a few months, they will be able to prove themselves.

Women's Tennis

The Lady Lion's tennis squad opened its fall season September 22 at UNC-G where the team posted a 4-3 score before the rain set in and stopped play. Poor weather also resulted in the cancellation of the Mars Hill-High Point match the following day.

Number one Rosemary Almond lost her singles event at UNC-G in three sets. The first two sets were tiebreakers, which Mullin and Almond split. Singles winners at UNC-G were: (No. 2) Paula Smart by 6-3, 6-1; (No. 4) Vickie McGlothlin by 6-1, 6-1; (No. 5) Kim Burris with 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. Cindy Hall and McGlothlin also won their doubles competition 6-1, 6-4.

Coach Hart was especially pleased with the play of Smart and Burris, both freshmen having won their first college matches.

Karen Darr, a senior physical education major, played her last match for the Lady Lions at UNC-G. Karen, who is now student teaching and will be graduating in December, will be missed tremendously. Coach Hart described Karen as "the finest young lady any coach and team could ever want." She noted that Karen was a very pleasant coachable player.

The Lions had their second match on September 28 hosting East Tennessee

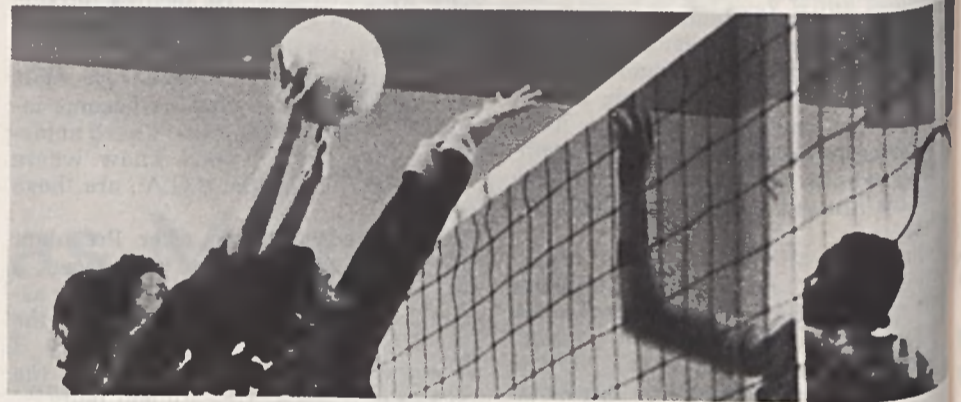
State University. ET overpowered Mars Hill, winning 8-1. The lone victor for Mars Hill was the number one doubles combination of Almond and Smart.

Coach Hart is very optimistic about her 1978-'79 squad. She feels the team should do as well as last years netters who posted a 9-5 record. She has strong confidence in senior Rosemary Almond whom Hart describes as a "disciplined player."

Speaking of her team's progress so far, Coach Hart enthusiastically states "Things are just perfect. The year has started great. There is good spirit on the team and things have been going smoothly."

The Mars Hill women's tennis team wrapped up its fall season on Oct. 9, squeezing by Western Carolina University on the Lady Cats' home courts.

The Lady Lions, who tallied a 5-4 victory, were led by No. 1 singles player Rosemary Almond. Almond defeated Karen Martinet in two sets by scores of 6-4 and 6-0. Other singles winners were No. 2 Paula Smart and No. 4 Cindy Hall. The No. 1 doubles combination of Almond and Smart recorded a 6-2, 6-1 win, while Vicki McGlothlin and Cindy Hall added a 6-4, 6-4 win for the Mars Hill squad.



Volleyball Wrap-Up

The Mars Hill women's volleyball team defeated Peace College in a match that went the full five games on the Lady Lion's home court September 29. With the victory the Lady Lions improved their season record to 5-2.

Earlier in the season Mars Hill recorded wins over Atlantic Christian, UNC-Asheville, Gardner-Webb, and Catawba. The team's two losses were to powerful Elon and Western Carolina.

These were costly losses since both opponents are Division II teams, and results from these matches will be used in determining which teams will qualify for the state tournament.

Although the two losses were disappointing, the Lady Lions have high expectations for the 1978 season.

Coming off with a 6-14 record in 1977, the girls are looking forward to a winning season. The squad has more depth and experience this season with nine returnees and several talented newcomers. Coach Webster feels that as her team develops, they will learn to move and work together and will be able to "give everyone a run for their money." She notes, "The skills are there if the players can stay mentally prepared."

Running a 6-2 offense, Webster will be depending on Valerie Valenti and Phyllis Scott as middle attackers. Mickie Hoffman will be the team's number

one setter. Scott and Hoffman will serve as co-captains for the Lady Lions. Freshmen Tammy Hardee is also expected to add strength to the squad.

Mars Hill will be playing all Division II teams at least once during the season. The top eight of these teams will qualify for the state tournament.

Webster feels all teams in Division II have improved from last season. High Point, the defending state champion, will again prove to be a powerhouse with four returning starters. Elon and Western Carolina should also be tough competition for the Lady Lions.

Mars Hill College hosted an invitational volleyball tournament on Oct. 6-7 which attracted teams from North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

The Lady Lions advanced to the single elimination play on Saturday before being eliminated by Pembroke. The team played exciting and aggressive ball, but the talented Pembroke team won in three games, 3-15, 15-12, and 15-10.

Lenoir Rhyne won the championship match while Pembroke took second place and Mars Hill placed third.

The team traveled to Guilford on October 12 where they split matches. Mars Hill defeated N.C. Central University in three games, 15-5, 2-15, and 15-7.

The Lady Lion's record now stands 10-7. The team played UNC-A on home courts on October 25.

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