

# Lions "Bear"ly Win 7-6

By Bobby Hayes

Mars Hill fullback Wilbur Allen scored from two yards out with 1:59 remaining in the game to give the Lions a hard-fought 7-6 win over the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears November 1, at Mars Hill.

Instrumental in the victory was a stingy Lion defense, which held the Bears to a mere 145 yards total offense on the afternoon. The Mars Hill offense nearly doubled the Bears in total offense, but four costly turnovers halted any momentum the Lions tried to gain.

Mars Hill's troubles began in the first period when they turned the ball over twice inside the Bears' 10. After the Lion defense came up with a fumble recovery of their own on the Bears 24 in their initial series of downs, Mars Hill drove down to the 5 before quarterback Tim Gearrin fumbled as he was trying to pass on a third and five situation.

Later in the opening stanza following a short Lenoir-Rhyne punt, the Lions drove 62 yards to the Bear 2, but on third and goal Mars Hill tailback William Mitchell was hit hard near the goal-line and fumbled into the endzone where Bear noseguard Ernie Bumgarner alertly fell on the ball with 3:41 left in the opening frame.

Both teams threatened mildly in the second quarter, but both came away empty. Lion kicker Glenn Fritz was short on a 44 yard field-goal attempt while the Bears tried a desperation 58 yard effort that fell way short, so the half ended with a scoreless deadlock.

The second half continued to be an exercise in frustration for the Lions on the first play as quarterback Tim Gearrin fumbled for the second time and the Bears recovered on the Lion 20. A costly pass interference call on third and goal from the 4 kept the Bear drive alive, and with 12:58 left in third stanza L-R halfback Phillip Morris dived over from the one for a 6-0 Bear lead. Bear kicker Jeff Long's PAT sailed wide left however and this turned out to be a crucial miss in the final minutes.

Matters looked grim for the Lions until a heads-up play by Skeet Chappelle put them in business. With 4:31 left to play, Bear punter John Pruett shanked a punt of 8 yards and Chappelle alertly fielded the ball and sprinted 15 yards down the sidelines to the Bear 25. Five plays later, Wilbur Allen scored up the middle on third and goal, and when senior placekicker Mike Davidson split the uprights with his PAT kick, the Lions' frustration was over.

Mars Hill moved to 5-4 overall and 3-4 in the SAC-8, while Lenoir-Rhyne dropped to 1-7, 1-3.



RONNIE OWENS GRINDS OUT MORE YARDAGE AGAINST PRESBYTERIAN  
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## 1981 Final Football Statistics

Individual Scoring					Kickoff Returns					
Player	TD	Conv	Conv	FG	Tot	Player	No	Yds	Avg	Long
		P-R-K	P-R-K	A-M		Mitchell	13	298	22.9	42
Mitchell	6	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	36	Moss	18	298	16.6	30
Owens	3	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	18	Total	31	596	19.2	42
Allen	3	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	18					
Fritz	0	0-0-13	0-0-10	10-2	16	Punt Returns				
Glenn	2	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	12	Player	No	Yds	Avg	Long
England	1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	6	Moss	26	98	3.8	27
Shipley	1	0	0-0-0	0-0	6	Jones	3	18	6.0	10
Brow	1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	6	Chappelle	1	15	15.0	15
Davidson	0	0-0-3	0-0-3	5-1	6	Mitchell	2	0	0.0	0
Lankford	0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	Glenn	6	-3	-0.5	-3
Total	17	0-1-16	0-0-13	15-3	124	Total	38	128	3.4	27

Individual Rushing					Punting					
Player	TC	Yds	TD	Avg	Long	Player	No	Yds	Avg	Long
Mitchell	169	734	6	4.3	25	Brow	65	2391	36.8	60
Owens	63	300	2	4.8	30	Jones	1	36	36.0	36
Allen	60	287	3	4.8	27	Total	66	2427	36.8	60
Moss	52	235	0	4.5	27	Interception Return				
Gearrin	62	121	0	2.0	44	Player	No	Yds	Avg	TD
Robinson	10	49	0	4.9	16	Jones	5	24	4.8	0
Cain	7	39	0	5.6	17	Hartnett	3	30	10.0	0
Glenn	2	12	0	6.0	10	Sprinkle	2	20	10.0	0
Lankford	1	1	0	1.0	1	Holding	2	0	0.0	0
York	1	0	0	0.0	0	Chappelle	1	18	18.0	0
Gilbert	4	-3	0	-0.8	2	Barnett	1	8	8.0	0
Roberts	21	-19	0	-0.9	17	Loftis	1	6	6.0	0
Brow	1	-27	0	-27.0	-27	Burch	1	0	0.0	0
Total	453	1729	11	3.8	44	Total	16	106	6.6	0

Individual Passing					Team Statistics							
Player	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	TD	Long	Yds	Scoring By Quarters				
Roberts	30	16	4	53.3	0	17	167					
Gearrin	157	50	13	31.9	5	80	683	1	2	3	4	
Mitchell	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	Mars Hill	28	26	36	34
Total	188	66	17	35.1	5	80	850	Opponents	32	50	36	32

Individual Receiving					Team Statistics						
Player	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	First Downs	MHC	Opponents			
Brow	25	281	11.2	1	34	Rushing	453-1729	136	136		
Glenn	4	149	37.3	2	80	Passing	850	1038	1038		
York	8	90	11.3	0	16	Passing A/C/I	188-66-17	188-81-16	188-81-16		
Gilbert	7	90	12.9	0	18	Total Offense	2579	2492	2492		
Owens	5	65	13.0	1	28	Penalties	773	583	583		
King	3	55	18.3	0	23	Fumbles Lost	17	24	24		
Shipley	1	33	33.0	1	33						
Allen	2	32	16.0	0	17	Game Results					
Moss	6	30	5.0	0	16	MHC	16	17	Opponents		
Jordan	1	16	16.0	0	16	Liberty Baptist	10	8	10		
Mitchell	4	9	2.3	0	6	Elon	8	6	8		
Total	66	850	12.9	5	80	Catawba	6	26	6		

Total Offense					Opponents						
Player	Plays	Rush	Pass	Tot	Avg	40	21	7.9			
Gearrin	219	121	683	804	3.7	0	10.0				
Mitchell	174	734	9	743	4.3	21	7.9				
Owens	68	300	65	365	5.4	7	9.8				
Allen	62	287	32	319	5.1	0	9.8				
Moss	58	235	30	265	4.6		26.8	Over-All Record: 5-5			
Brow	26	-27	281	254	9.8		2.9	SAC-8 Record: 3-4			
Glenn	6	12	149	161	26.8						
Roberts	51	-19	167	148	2.9						
York	9	0	90	90	10.0						
Gilbert	11	-3	90	87	7.9						
King	3	0	55	55	18.3						
Robinson	10	49	0	49	4.9						
Cain	7	39	0	39	5.6						
Shipley	1	0	33	33	33.0						
Jordan	1	0	16	16	16.0						
Lankford	1	1	0	1	1.0						
Total	707	1729	1700	3429	4.9						

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Mars Hill had numerous opportunities to make a battle out of it, recovering six Wofford fumbles, three of which were inside the Wofford 50, but they squandered every chance, coughing up the ball seven times themselves on four fumbles and three interceptions. Lion kicker Glenn Fritz missed field goal attempts from 46 and 42 yards to add to the Lions woes. Perhaps the Lions best shot at a comeback came early in the third quarter when Mars Hill marched 9 plays from their own 44 to the Terrier 15,

only to see Lion tailback William Mitchell fumble away a pitchout and the Lions hopes on third and five. Outstanding individual efforts were turned in by Wofford wingback Dan Menzer and Lion tailback William Mitchell. Menzer rushed for 39 yards, passed for 34 yards and a score, while Mitchell caught two passes for 64 yards. Mitchell meanwhile, was busy grinding out 100 yards rushing on 22 carries. Wofford moves to 5-4 on the season while the Lions conclude the campaign with an even 5-5 slate.

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The Marleine Center, Mars Hill, is a new underground media center dedicated today to the college students, staff, teachers, and designers, and of the community.

The new building is a bequest from the estate of J. Meade Harris which now totals 100,000 square feet, all under one roof. The building's mechanical equipment is a highlight — the skylight — the heating system — a concrete retaining wall.

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Mars Hill College and the community are in debt to the loss of Leonard Harris. The Physical Plant Department is a testament to his friendliness and all who knew him.