

Mars Hill Plays Pembroke In NAIA Playoffs

The Mars Hill College Lady Mountain Lions finished their regular season at 15 wins and 12 losses and a 9-6 record in NAIA District 26 to qualify to play Pembroke State University in the playoffs beginning on Tuesday, March 1st. It is the first winning season since 1978-79 and matches the record number of wins that year.

The team is young with three juniors, three sophomores, and six freshmen. Freshman LaVonda Wagner, a starter at forward, has led the scoring and rebounding most of the year. She has a 13.7 scoring average and has rebounded at 11.4 per game. Wagner leads in percentage of field goals scored at 44%. She is followed in scoring by Junior Holly Hough at 13.4 and 7 rebounds per game. Hough has 56 assists and 41 steals and is runner-up in both those categories. She is the leader in the percentage of free throws hit at 70%. Robin Lucas, a 6'3" Freshman Center, leads in blocked shots with 45, is second in rebounds at 8.4 per game, and has scored 11.2 points per

game. Sophomore Captain and Point Guard Karen Jarvis has 109 assists to lead in that category. Starting Forward Bunny Cardwell is averaging 9 rebounds and 10 points per game.

The sixth player on the team is Sophomore Guard Lisa McFadden. Her quickness has enabled her to "steal" the ball 59 times. She is averaging 11 points per game. Freshman Point Guard Mary Ann Josephson, Sophomore Forward Karen Hefner, and Freshman Center-Forward Penny Stanton have each played a substantial amount of time this year. Junior Guard Beth McCluskey and Freshman Guard Angela Wright are known for their hustle and quickness.

The 1982-83 edition of the Lady Lions leads the District in rebounding and has set six individual and eight team records for Mars Hill College. Regardless of the outcome of the Pembroke game, coach Pat Sams feels the team has had a good year. He and his young team look forward to next year.

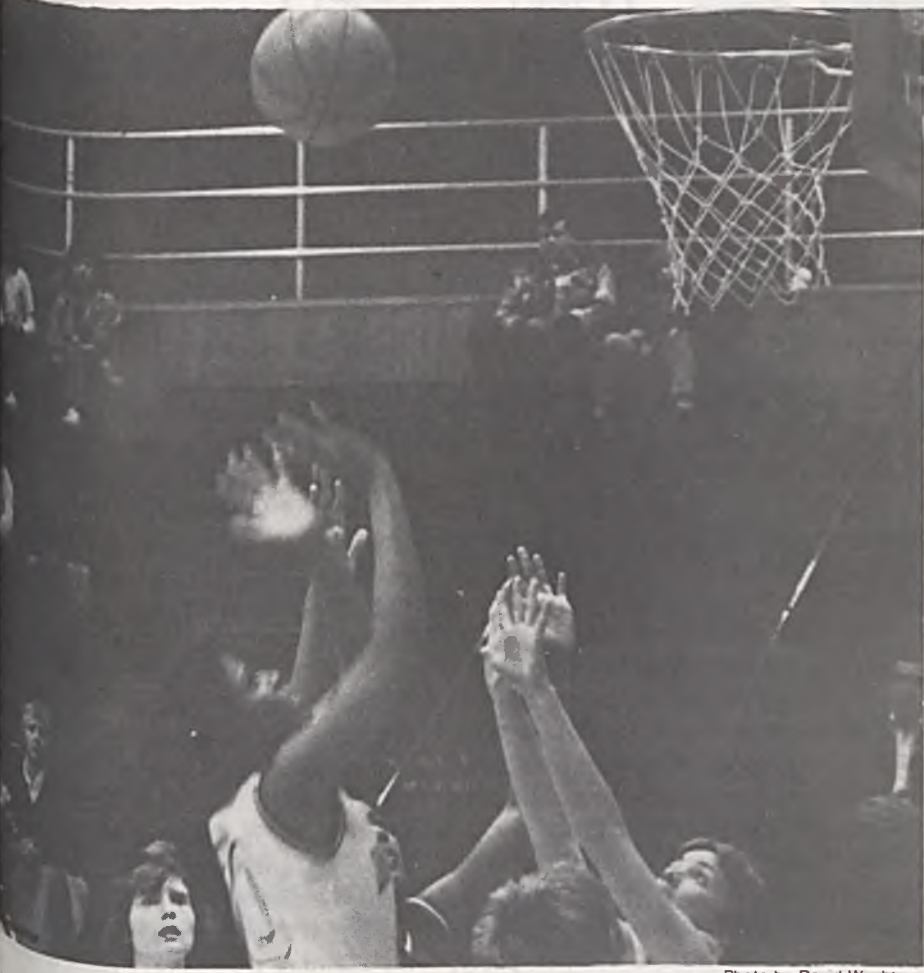


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Robin Lucas goes over UNC-Asheville players for two points on February 25th.

Lions End Season With An Exciting Loss Against UNC-A

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Lamitte had a game-high 24 points against Lincoln Memorial, but the Rail-Splitters pulled off a 64-61 win on Feb. 17 in Harrogate, TN.

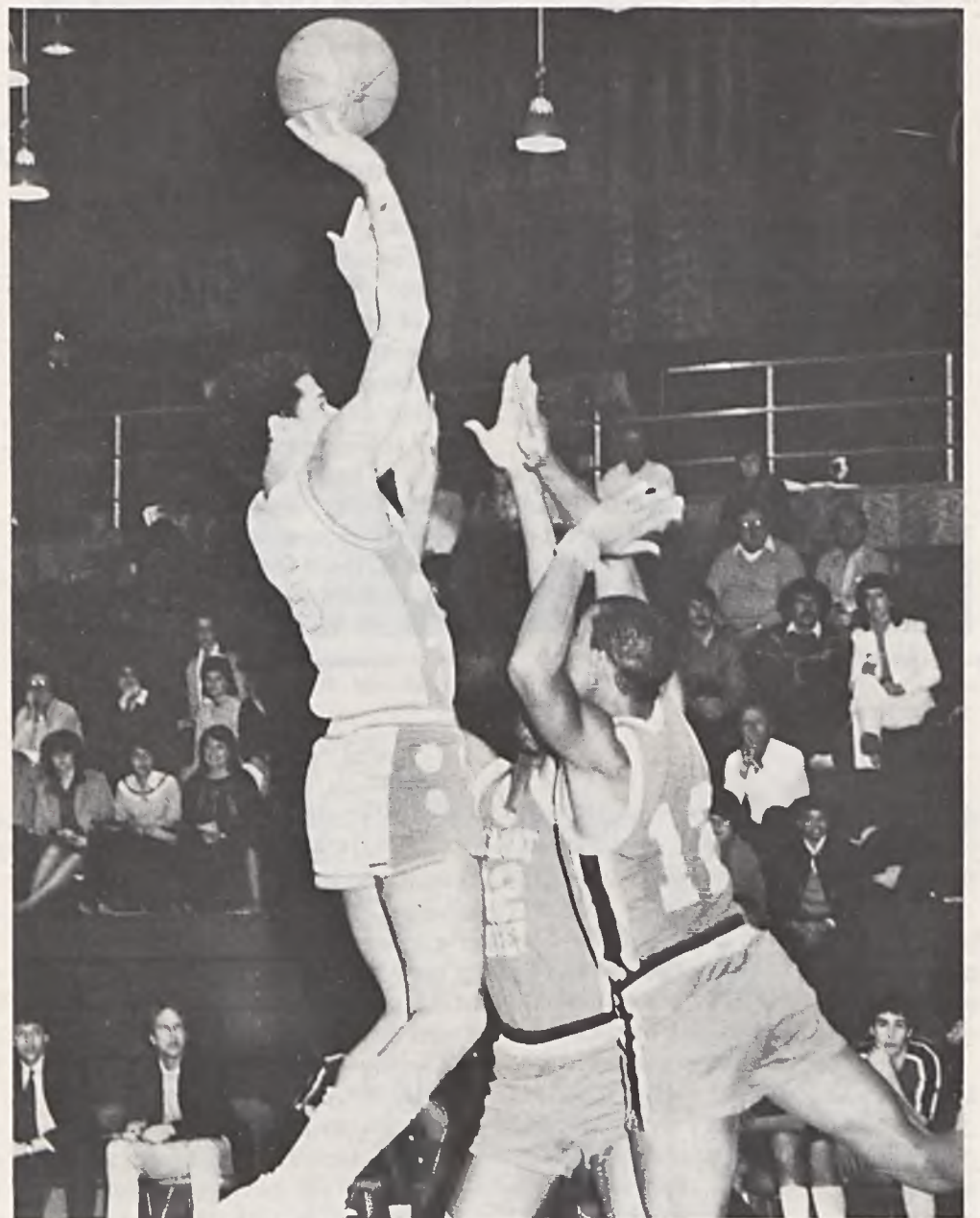
Boyd added 13 points and nine rebounds to the Lion cause, while Blondin scored 11 points. Although the Lions' record finish at 9-20, they lost 11 games by only five points and nine of these losses came in the last minute. Coach Ronai felt that their youth and inexperience showed all year, but added that the season also showed that the Lions were able to play with other teams and take them down to the wire.

Steve Dooley led the team in overall scoring with 14.6 points as he hit 53.7 percent from the floor. Pierre Lamitte and Todd Blondin were also in double figure scoring averages with 13.6 and 12.7 points, respectively. Joe White had the highest percentage in field goals with 56.9 percent.

Blondin also had a 73.2 percent free throw percentage with Pete Baldini following close behind with 70.5 percent. Lamitte led rebounds with an average of 8.6 a game.

Baldini was first in the assist category with 131 total assists and an average of 4.7 per game.

Blondin led the Lions in steals with 65, while Lamitte had 25 blocked shots.



Todd Blondin shoots for two over Belmont Abbey defenders on February 14th.

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