

SPORTS

Football: Turnaround Expected

The Mars Hill football team will be opening its season this year under new head coach Rick Gilstrap. Gilstrap comes to us from The Citadel where he was the offensive Coordinator for the last five years.

There is plenty of reason for Mars Hill to be optimistic about the upcoming season. Experience is limited, but the talent is plentiful. A key to how successful the lions are will lie in the hands of the offensive line. If the line comes through, Mars Hill should field a competitive squad. Asked what difference

coach Gilstrap has made, Running back Tony Dawkins said "He wants to win, and has made us feel the same way, he keeps us together". Jackie Williamson commented on how well the defensive line is doing, as well as, how much the freshmen have improved.

The first half of Mars Hill's schedule is more favorable to the lions than the latter half. Following Concord, the lions will take on Catawba, who finished at the bottom of the SAC-8 last year. Mars Hill then has excellent shots at beating Gardner-Webb, Newberry and Savannah State, all at home.

MARS HILL COLLEGE 1983 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Time	Opponent	Place
1:30 p.m.	Concord College	Athens, W. VA
1:30 p.m.	Catawba College	Salisbury, NC
1:30 p.m.	Gardner-Webb	Mars Hill, NC
2:30 p.m.	Newberry College	Mars Hill, NC
2:30 p.m.	Savannah State College	Mars Hill, NC
2:30 p.m.	Carson-Newman College	Jefferson City, TN



Lady Lions Serve Up Another Successful Season

Coach Virginia Hart leads her Lady Lions on the road to another successful tennis season, beginning September 19 against Carson-Newman. The Lions welcome back Cary and Connie Stillman, Bunny Cardwell, and Cynthia Hill

as the nucleus of MHC's attack. Hart expects these four to be leaders on the squad and hopes the freshman will develop their skills in the winning Mars Hill Tennis Tradition.

WOMEN'S VARSITY TENNIS — FALL 1983 — SPRING 1984

Date	Day	Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 19	(M)	Carson-Newman	Home	3:00
Sept. 21	(W)	Gardner-Webb	Away	3:00
Sept. 23-24	(F-S)	Methodist Tournament	Raleigh	TBA
Sept. 27	(T)	Wingate	Away	3:00
Sept. 30-Oct. 1	(F-S)	Mars Hill Invitational	Home	TBA
Oct. 6	(R)	UNC-Charlotte	Home	3:00
Oct. 7	(F)	High Point	Home	3:00

The New Kick On Campus

The 1983 Fall sport season will see a new face on Sept. 3, when Mars Hill will be playing its first Intercollegiate Soccer game.

Through the persistence of the students, and the cooperation of the Administration, the team was formed and Dr. Thomas Coates (an assistant professor of Physical Education) was appointed to the position of head coach for the

1983-84 season. Though Dr. Coates has limited experience coaching soccer, he is eager to start the program on a winning track. The team consists of only a few players with extensive experience, so Dr. Coates expects this year to be one of building and learning. The lions open their season with some tough teams, so Coates is emphasizing a defensive style of play. Good luck lions!

MARS HILL COLLEGE 1983 SOCCER SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent and Location	Time
Saturday, September 3	UNC-Asheville	2:00
Sunday, September 4	High Point College	2:00
Saturday, September 10	AT Elon College	1:00
Tuesday, September 13	Anderson College	3:00
Monday, September 19	Montreat-Anderson College	3:00
Sunday, September 25	AT Tusculum College	2:00
Saturday, October 1	AT King College	3:00



The 1983-84 Cheerleading Squad differs from previous years, in that it is an all female squad.

Volleyball, An Encore Season

The Lady Lions Volleyball team is already on the road to another winning season. With the acquisition of three new players, the lions add depth to an already strong team that took them to an impressive 42-11 season last year.

Coach Pat Sams returns after being voted Outstanding Coach in the district last year to lead the lions to a hopeful district playoff berth. He has stand out

LaVonda Wagner (Outstanding player in district) back, as well as a host of other fine returnees to the squad.

Although the team lost several key starters (Academic All-American Susan Mann, Setter Lisa Cavanaugh and Kim Keeter) to graduation, Sams believes the depth of the team will more than make up for the loss.

MARS HILL COLLEGE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - 1983

Day	Opponent	Place	Time
(Th)	Carson-Newman	Jefferson City, TN	6:00 pm
(Sat)	UNC-A Invitational	Asheville, NC	8:30 am
(Th)	Gardner-Webb Pfeiffer	Mars Hill, NC	6:00 pm
(M)	Guilford, High Point	Greensboro, NC	6:00 pm
(Tu)	Concord	Mars Hill, NC	5:00 pm
(F-S)	Concord Invitational	Athens, WV	TBA
(M)	Gardner-Webb USC-S	Boiling Springs, NC	6:00 pm
(W)	ETSU	Johnson City, TN	6:00 pm