

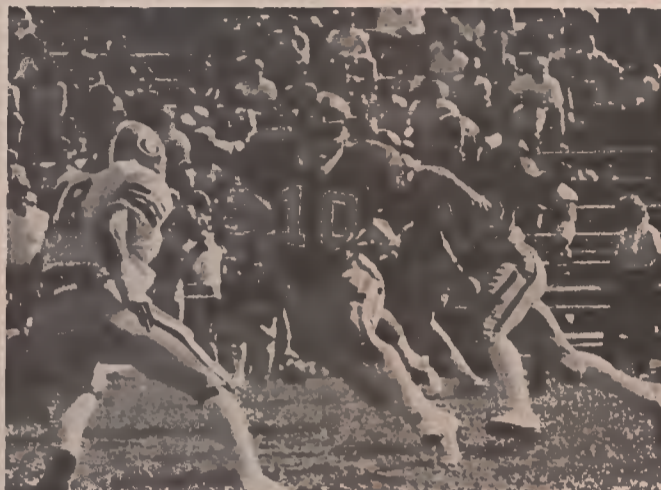
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MHC 3 - Gardner-Webb 6

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Excitement was high as the Lions made their first home appearance.



Fullback Todd Camp runs lead block for tailback Tony Garland.

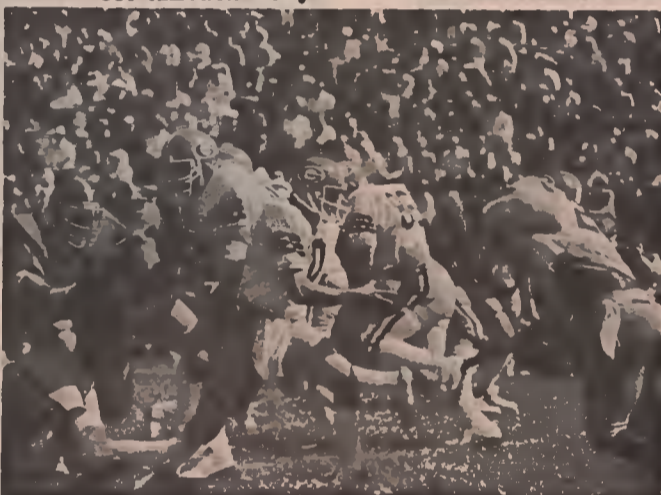


Gardner-Webb fullback is brought down by Lion linebacker John Sprinkle.

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The Cheerleaders kept spirit at record highs during the game.



Lion defense readies itself as Bulldog runningback receives hand-off.



The "Hill Raisers" marked the return of what had been thought an extinct breed of fan at Mars Hill Games.



The Mars Hill Marching Band delivered an impressive premiere half-time show.

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Mars Hill's third game of the season was less favorably for the Lions as they were downed by Gardner-Webb in a match that fought defense against offense, both teams made key interceptions to stop opposing drives early in the quarter. Mars Hill quarterback Sean Bowles was intercepted (for the first time in the game) with 6:25 left in the quarter. The Lion defense held tight and blocked a Gardner-Webb field goal attempt late in the quarter. The offense

was highlighted by several threatening runs by MHC runningback Tony Dawkins. Bowles also connected on key passes with wide receiver Dale "Garfield" Similton. Mars Hill took a 3-0 lead into the locker room at halftime as freshman placekicker David Shealy provided a 32-yard field goal with five seconds remaining in the half. Mars Hill made key mistakes as the offensive line provided little if any protection for quarterback Bowles. An interception on the one yard

line by Gardner-Webb ended a drive that began with Todd Reeves' fumble recovery, and a well executed fake punt play that gave MHC a new life with a fresh series of downs. Gardner-Webb came out fired up for the second half. The Bulldogs intercepted a pass and repeatedly penetrated the Lion backfield, resulting in the sack of the MHC quarterback, Bowles. The Lions defense came alive with a quarterback sack of its own, as well as, Tony Campagna's interception early in the

quarter. Gardner-Webb scored 3 of its six points on a field goal by placekicker Tony Wells. The fourth quarter saw Mars Hill and Gardner-Webb in a defensive deadlock. Mars Hill fumbled early on, but later intercepted a Gardner Webb pass to regain possession. Gardner-Webb went on top to stay with 2:14 remaining, when the Bulldog placekicker split the upright for his final attempt of the game.