

LADY LIONS CONCLUDE FALL AT 1-6

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The Lady Lions Tennis Team once again took their show on the road on October 17 to Emory and Henry College in Emory, Virginia. Unfortunatley, Coach Karen Murpree and her charges were not ready for such a strong team as they went down to defeat 9-0. The loss dropped the Lady Lions to 1-6 and concluded the fall season.

Carla Hatfield, playing at number 1, played very well against a nationally-ranked player, and held her own through the two sets. Jane Neily (#2) played what was probably her best sets of the year, but still lost. At number 3, Karen Eikeland had a slow start, but started to play her game in the second set. Unfortunately, this was too late as she lost it 6-3. Renee Payne (#4) started out of the gate strong in her first set, but lost fire in the second. Donna Stout, playing at number 5, gave her opponent grief all over the court through both sets. Stout lost both, but they were both to the wire 7-5,7-6. Buffy Kirby (#6) played extremely well despite the lack of playing time in singles.

In doubles, the combination of Hatfield and Neily (#1) played well, but never seemed to get on track as they lost to their opponents 6-0,6-2. Eikeland and Kirby also had wound down after singles and were defeated 6-0,6-1. The number 3 doubles team of Stout and Kelley Pardue lasted a while longer and came close to splitting sets. But they lost the second set 7-5.

There seemed to be such a change in the team in only a month and a half, from the first match in September to now. It seemed that they had lost their enthusiasm, their fire, for tennis. Let's just hope that in the winter months ahead they can keep whatever embers of desire and determination still glowing and use the rekindled fire to win some matches in the spring.

MARS HILL REBOUNDS



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According to Webster's dictionary, the word **quagmire** means "an area of muddy ground; a marsh." This word best describes the field on October 25 as the Mars Hill Lions defeated the Blue Hose of Presbyterian 12-10. The Lions led 12-0 at halftime only to see it dwindle to a two point lead late in the game. A game-saving fumble recovery by Lee Marchman stopped what could have been Presbyterian's winning drive very late in the fourth period.

Pete Calhoun opened the scoring for Mars Hill as he ran in a touchdown from 5 yards out in the first quarter. David Shealy, still being haunted from the week before, had the point after blocked and the Lions led 6-0. The Lions scored again, this time in the second period, as Wayne Scott hit tight end Lance Roland with a 23-yard touchdown strike. Mars Hill elected to go for a two-point conversion, but it failed and the Lions lead increased to 12-0. The second score was set up by a botched snap to kicker Chris Wingo, who was trying to punt to the Lions.

The Blue Hose came back in the fourth

quarter as they recovered a Mike Sims fumble and cashed it in for 7 points. Quarterback Scotty Mozingo ran a bootleg from 5 yards out and for the score and Wingo kicked the PAT to cut the lead 12-7. It looked as if Mars Hill did not want the ball back as they fumbled on the very first play in the next series. Presbyterian recovered, but could not move the ball and had to settle for a 25-yard Wingo field goal. Coach Steve Patton explained, "That goal-line stand (from Mars Hill 7) probably won the game for us. We gave them several opportunities in the second half, but our defense was super."

It rained for the entire game, except for the homecoming half-time activities, and most of the homecoming fans watched the game from the union. But the win moved the Lions back up in the national rankings to 14th as they prepared to travel to Monroe to face Wingate College on November 1. For his outstanding effort in the game, Lee Marchman was named SAC-8 defensive player of the week. If it had not been for Marchman, the game could have been in the pocket of the Blue Hose.

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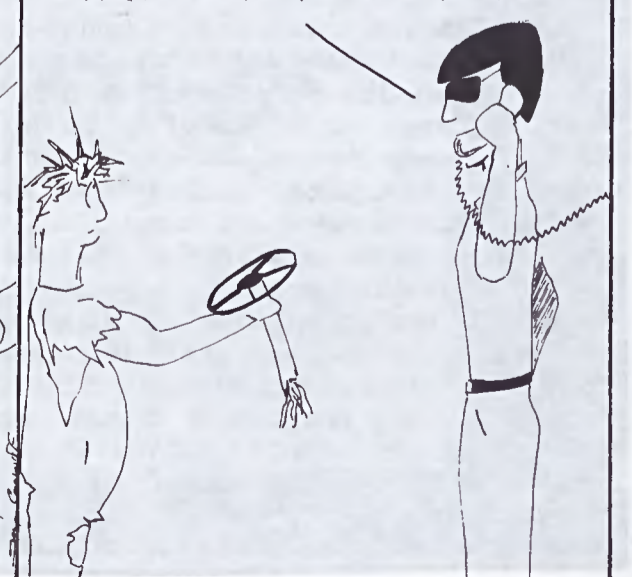
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