

THE NEWS - RECORD

Mars Hill Girls And Boys Capture County Cage Titles



1973 MADISON COUNTY GIRLS CHAMPIONS are the Mars Hill lassies, coached by J. C. Moss. Left to right, front row, Jean Wood, Yvonne Coates, Janet Robinson, Debbie Moss, Debbie Yelton, Christine Proffitt. Back row, Linda Robinson, Hazel Wheeler, Lynne Brady, Brenda Norton, Sandra Ammons, Sharon Fender.



GIRLS' RUNNERS-UP are the Marshall sextette, coached by F. N. Willett. Left to right, front row, Kathy Fisher, Marilyn Wyatt, Debbie Reed, Becky Rector, Sheila Goforth. Back row, Donna Davis, Sue McDevitt, Ann Flynn, Karen Greene.

The Mars Hill girls defeated the Marshall girls, 44-30, and the Mars Hill Wildcats edged the Marshall Tornados, 50-49, to win the Madison County basketball championships before a jam-packed gymnasium here Saturday night.

In the girls' game, the Mars Hill team, coached by J. C. Moss, got off to a fast start and were never headed. At the end of the first quarter, the Mars Hill lassies led 13-6. At halftime the score was 24-12. The Mars Hill sextet maintained the lead and held a 34-20 edge when the fourth quarter began and ended the game with a 44-30 victory.

Linda Robinson led the winners with 12 points while Yvonne Coates and Jean Wood had 10 points each. Janet Robinson, with 8 points and Brenda Norton with 4 points were the other scorers.

Kathy Fisher led the Marshall team with 8 points while Debbie Reed and Sheila Goforth had 6 points each. Sue McDevitt and Marilyn Wyatt had 4 points each.

It was evident that several of Marshall's players were not up to par due to flu but they fought gamely although outplayed by a versatile team from Mars Hill. The Marshall team had too many turnovers which also helped Mars Hill to victory. The local lassies were also adept at controlling the ball on numerous "jump balls".

Mars Hill has an overall record of 18-1, including Monday's playoff victory over Edneyville, 40-30.

GIRLS

MARS HILL (44) - Coates, 10; Norton, 4; L. Robinson, 12; Wood, 10; J. Robinson, 8; Brady, Wheeler. MARSHALL (30) - V. Pryor, 10; S. Pryor, 4; Drake, 12; D. Pryor, 2; Harrell, 2; Owensby, Keller, Pattilla.

BOYS

MARS HILL (50) - L. Robinson, 18; J. Robinson, 3; Coates, 8; Wood, 9; Norton, 2.

Few games in the past have never been more exciting than the boys' finals Saturday night as the Mars Hill Wildcats squeaked by the Marshall Tornados, 50-49 in a real "cliff hanger".

From the opening tipoff it was evident that both teams were excellent prepared for the championship game. It was a battle of the Wallins - Coach Ronnie Wallin (Mars Hill) and Coach J. C. Wallin (Marshall).

The two teams swapped

Mars Hill Girls Win Playoff Game

The Mars Hill girls, Madison County Champions, advanced in the District Playoffs, Monday night at Cherokee by defeating Edneyville (Henderson County Champions) 40-30. The Mars Hill team led 21-20 at halftime.

Mars Hill held high-scoring Vickie Pryor to 10 points and received 18-point scoring from Linda Robinson, who was dominant inside, to post its win.

Edneyville, which trailed by a point (21-20) at intermission, came back in the second half and cut the deficit to 33-30 with 2:30 to play, but Mars Hill was able to put the game away with seven clutch free throws.

Teresa Drake finished as leading point maver for Edneyville, 20-3, with 12. Mars Hill, which used five players the entire game, is now 18-1 overall.

Linda Robinson led the winners with 18 points. Edneyville (30) - V. Pryor, 10; S. Pryor, 4; Drake, 12; D. Pryor, 2; Harrell, 2; Owensby, Keller, Pattilla. MARSHALL (49) - Adams, Briggs, 12; Livesay, 2; Rice, 6; Freeman, 14; Brazil, 7; Mayhew, 8.

baskets throughout as the capacity crowd yelled, screamed, and went wild. Cheerleaders of both teams yelled themselves hoarse and displayed more routines than the June Taylor dancers.

The Wildcats held a 9-7 lead at the end of the first period, a 25-23 lead at halftime, the two teams were tied at 37-37 at the end of three quarters and the Wildcats emerged victorious, 50-49 as a last second, off-balance shot 15 feet out by James Briggs hit the rim but bounced off as the buzzer sounded.

The Wildcats used a disciplined offense and zone defense most of the way while the Tornados chose to run more using more fast breaks. They also stuck to the zone defense most of the game.

The Wildcats, with a one-point lead and two minutes to play, went into a semi-stall resembling the "four-corner" pattern which ate up valuable seconds. Marshall went into a man-to-man defense with 30 seconds remaining and managed to get possession of the ball. A pass to Briggs who dribbled a few feet glanced at the clock with two seconds left and let go with the shot which failed to drop as the buzzer sounded.

Bedlam broke loose on the Mars Hill side of the gym as their supporters yelled, "We're No. 1!"

The game was cleanly played by both teams and the Wildcats can be justly proud of winning the championship and the Tornados certainly have nothing to be ashamed of. Both teams showed fine discipline and coaching.

BOYS
MARS HILL (50) - Price, 7; Osteen, 2; Roberts, 14; Walker, 10; Fox, 5; Robinson, 10; Clements. MARSHALL (49) - Adams, Briggs, 12; Livesay, 2; Rice, 6; Freeman, 14; Brazil, 7; Mayhew, 8.



1973 MADISON COUNTY BOYS CHAMPIONS are the Mars Hill Wildcats, coached by Ronnie Wallin. Left to right, front row, David Price, Jack Robinson, Ricky Clements, Dwayne Ponder, Danny Fox. Back row, Mike Osteen, Jim Roberts, Keith Walker, Danny Jenkins, Mickey Church. Absent, Robert Jarvis.



BOYS' RUNNERS-UP are the Marshall Tornados, coached by J. C. Wallin. Left to right, front row, Kevin Robinson, James Briggs, Jimmy Ramsey, Harlon Rice, Carlton Freeman. Back row, David Ramsey, David Adams, Mike Livesay, Leslie Mashburn, Jerry Cody, Harry Brazil, Holden Webb. Absent, Boyce Mayhew.

Consolation JV Finals Here Friday

The consolation and JV finals of the Madison County basketball tourney will be played this Friday night in the local gym.

At 5:00 p.m., the Laurel girls will battle the Hot Springs girls for third-place honors in the varsity bracket and at 6:30 the Laurel boys will play the Hot Springs boys for third place.

In the JV finals, the Marshall girls will play the Mars Hill girls at 8:00 and at 9:00, the Marshall boys meet the Hot Springs boys.

The games, scheduled for last Friday night, were postponed due to snow.

Judge Erwin Denies Cutshall New Trial

Judge Sam J. Erwin III denied a motion Friday for a new trial for Leonard H. Cutshall, whose son, Dewayne, recently confessed to slaying the man for whose death the elder Cutshall is serving a life sentence.

In handing down the ruling in Burke Superior Court here, Judge Erwin only said that in his discretion he would deny Cutshall's motion for a new trial.

Cutshall, 46, of Marshall will

believe section of Madison County.

Following the shooting, young Cutshall said he threw the murder weapon into a nearby woods. Experts had examined the weapon and testified at an earlier appeal hearing that they were unable to determine if the rifle had been used to kill Reeves.

Before making a decision in the case, Judge Erwin had heard testimony from witnesses, including Dewayne in both Madison and Avery counties.

During Leonard Cutshall's three trials, his attorneys presented witnesses who swore he was in a Newport, Tenn. cafe the night of the shooting. The prosecution presented a Tennessee deputy who testified he was at the cafe but did not see Cutshall.

The first trial in Marshall ended in a mistrial in May, 1970, on evidence one of the jurors had arranged to meet with the defendant. The second trial in September, 1970, with a Runcombe jury, ended with a guilty verdict with the recommendation of a life imprisonment. He won a new trial, and a jury chosen from Avery county later convicted him.

He was returned to Central Prison in Raleigh to resume serving his sentence. He was convicted of murder after three trials in connection with the Jan. 30, 1970, shotgun slaying of Richard "Jack" Reeves.

His attorney, Ronald Howell of Asheville, said he is studying what avenues are open for his client now that his appeal has been denied.

Dewayne Cutshall, 20, stunned lawmen in Marshall Oct. 6 of last year by confessing that he, not his father, shot and killed Reeves as Reeves sat in a car with Dewayne's mother in the



LEONARD CUTSHALL



ALL-COUNTY GIRLS TEAM: Left to right, front row, Yvonne Coates, Mars Hill, Sheila Goforth, Marshall, Terri Padgett, Hot Springs, Lynn Plemmons, Spring Creek, Jean Wood, Mars Hill. Back row, Kathy Fisher, Marshall, Anne Hensley, Laurel, Pamela Price, Hot Springs, Linda Robinson, Mars Hill, Christine Shelton, Laurel.

Area Students On Dean's List At Mars Hill

Over 11 per cent of the student body at Mars Hill College landed on the dean's list for academic excellence for fall semester work at the 117-year-old liberal arts school in western North Carolina.

MARSHALL: Students from this area on list are Kenneth Allen Buckner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Kenneth Buckner, Rt. 3, a junior; Susan Rachel Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Chapman, 202 Bailey St., a junior; Mrs. Debra L. Ferguson DeBruhl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ferguson, Rt. 2, a senior;

Benjamin Joseph Jolley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Edson Jolley, Anderson St., a senior; Janet Page Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Page Lee, a sophomore; James Robert Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe William Phillips, a senior; Douglas Eugene Ponder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ponder, Rt. 3, a senior; Paula Jean Sams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett S. Sams, a sophomore; Rebecca Ann Sams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett S. Sams, a

senior; Mrs. Mary Mettana Sanderson, a senior; Mrs. Mary Wallace Sanchagrin, wife of Mr. Kenneth Sanchagrin, a freshman; Pamela Diane Wallin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wallin, Rt. 1, a freshman; Margaret Elaine Wyatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wyatt, Rt. 3, at sophomore. MARSHALL: Jackie Eugene Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Frank Fisher, Rt. 6, a junior; Louise Shelton, daughter of Mrs. Viola Carver Shelton, Rt. 6, a freshman; Charles Stanley McGee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGee, Rt. 6, a freshman; Verna Dean Wilde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson Wilde, Rt. 6, a senior.

WEAVERVILLE: Robert Allan Buckner, son of Mrs. Ira Hall Buckner, a junior; Patricia Louise English, daughter of Max O. English, Rt. 1, a senior; William Erwin Gregg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace F. Gregg, Rt. 1, a freshman; Harold Huges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Henry Huges, Sr., a sophomore; Patricia Colleen Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Ward, Rt. 1, a senior.



JUST BEFORE the tipoff at the finals Saturday night, the above picture was snapped at the officials' desk. Left to right, Quentin Ramsey, WMMH, Gary Moore, WMMH, Sharon Baker, scorer; Shirley Franklin, scorer; Garland Woody, clock operator.

Recreational Complex Is Discussed Here

Jack Swede Frauson, Recreational Consultant from the Department of Natural and Economic Resources met recently with local citizens concerning recreation for Madison County. It was revealed that 14 of the 18 Western North Carolina Counties have already made great progress in this direction.

A Federal grant through B. O. R. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation is available on a 50-50 matching basis. There are certain guidelines that must be strictly adhered to, as follows:

1. The recreation complex must be large enough to accommodate a full-scale program.
 2. We must have a Recreation Commission constituting the city-county population.
 3. We must have our share of the total costs before we can submit our application for approval.
- Each mayor will nominate one individual from his town to the commission. The county commissioners will nominate four from the county. These will become the legal Recreation Committee for Madison County. They will, when money is available, hire the full-time Recreational Director. He will be responsible for a year-around program to meet the needs of all the people. In addition to the summertime program a fall and winter program will be held in our elementary schools throughout the county including such programs as arts and crafts, ceramics, etc.

Recreational complexes in other western counties include such things as swimming, a wading pool for the small children, bath houses, tennis, football, softball, baseball, croquet, archery, horse shoes and picnicking tables to accommodate several hundred people.

Our county needs this critically for all our people and particularly the young people who have been neglected far too long. We also need this to make us more competitive for industry and make our county more enjoyable to live in. It is hoped that unity will prevail throughout the county in order to accomplish this project quickly." Lawrence Ponder, Director Industrial Development Commission of Madison County, stated.

Mars Hill Boys Advance In Cage Playoffs

ANDREWS - It was a show of poor shooting in the opening game while a super shooter proved the difference in the final of the Class A District Eight playoffs Tuesday as Mars Hill scraped out a 38-36 decision over Nantahala and Robbinsville edged Cullowhee, 39-37.

Hampers by a slow start and cold shooting in general by both sides, Keith Walker kept his Wildcats in the game against Nantahala with 13 total points. Don O'Dell countered with 10 for the Hawks.

The win for Mars Hill pushes the Wildcats on to a Wednesday night meeting with Robbinsville.

MARSHILL-NANTAHALA
MARS HILL (38) - Price 4, Osteen 8, Walker 13, Roberts 6, Fox 1, Robinson 6.
NANTAHALA (36) - O'Dell 10, Cross 6, Waters 4, Shields 4, West 4, Day 8.
Half Nantahala, 21-20.

McCormick Is Elected Pres. Merchants

Ralph McCormick, popular Marshall businessman, was elected president of the Marshall Merchants Association at a meeting held on Tuesday night of last week. He succeeds Richard Wilde.

Other officers elected are: Vice-president, Bob Chandler; treasurer, Jim Cody; secretary, Frank Moore (relected); secretary, James Penland (relected).

Main topic discussed at the meeting was concerning the parking problems in Marshall. Several plans were initiated and results of the plans will be announced later. 13 members of the association were present.



ALL-COUNTY BOYS TEAM: Left to right, front row, Marvin Haggins, Hot Springs, Carlton Freeman, Marshall, Louie Shelton, Laurel, Michael Franklin, Laurel, David Price, Mars Hill. Back row, James Briggs, Marshall, Keith Walker, Mars Hill, Boyce Mayhew, Marshall, Craig Anthony, Laurel, Jimmy Roberts, Mars Hill.

LeGrand Is New Pastor In Marshall



The Rev. Thomas Spencer LeGrand, Sr., 38, of Evergreen, N.C. has accepted the pastorate of Marshall Baptist Church and will assume his duties March 1. A native of Columbia, S.C., LeGrand received his B. A. degree from Furman University and graduated with a B.D. degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest in 1967. He also spent 15

months with the U.S. Army in Korea.

In addition to the Evergreen Baptist Church, LeGrand has also pastored Pactolus Baptist Church, Pactolus, N. C.; and Riverside Baptist Church in Chilhowie, Va.

He is married to the former Ann Valentine, a native of Greenville, S. C. Mrs. LeGrand also received a B.A. degree from Furman University and taught school for six years in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. LeGrand and their two children—a daughter, Kellie Ann, age 4; and a son, Thomas Spencer, Jr., age 20 months—expect to move to Marshall the first of next week.

Pollution Drive Now In Progress

The Pioneer 4-H Community Club is conducting its "anti-pollution" drive this week. Vickie Ballard and Betty Ballard are in charge and they urge everyone in the community to assist in the fight against pollution.