

Mars Hill Upsets Bulldogs

Mars Hill's Lions discovered the secret to playing winning basketball Saturday. And Lion Coach Jack Lytton hopes the result will put Mars Hill back in the playoff picture.

The Lions, mixing the four-corners with their normal offense, parlayed a 73-62 upset of nationally third-ranked Gardner-Webb. It was only the third loss for the Bulldogs, the two other coming at the hands of High Point.

"It was a super team effort," Lytton said after the game. "We executed with smartness. When we changed our offense or defense everybody knew what to do. That's the secret to playing winning ball."

Mars Hill grabbed a slim 33-32 lead at intermission and with 13:54 left in the game the Lions went into the four-corners holding a 48-40 advantage. Gardner-Webb cut the lead to three points, 56-53, and the Lions slipped back into their regular offense. A technical, the second of the night against the 21-3 Bulldogs, gave the Lions a chance to go back to the four-corners and Mars Hill found a couple of easy baskets and hit with deadly accuracy from the free throw line to sew up the win, its 11th against 13 losses.

"A win like this could put us back in the playoff picture," Lytton said. "Hopefully, an 11-point win will be impressive enough for Dunkel."

Lytton said it would be hard to pick out an outstanding individual performer for the Lions. "All our starters played real well and the bench came in and did a good job too."

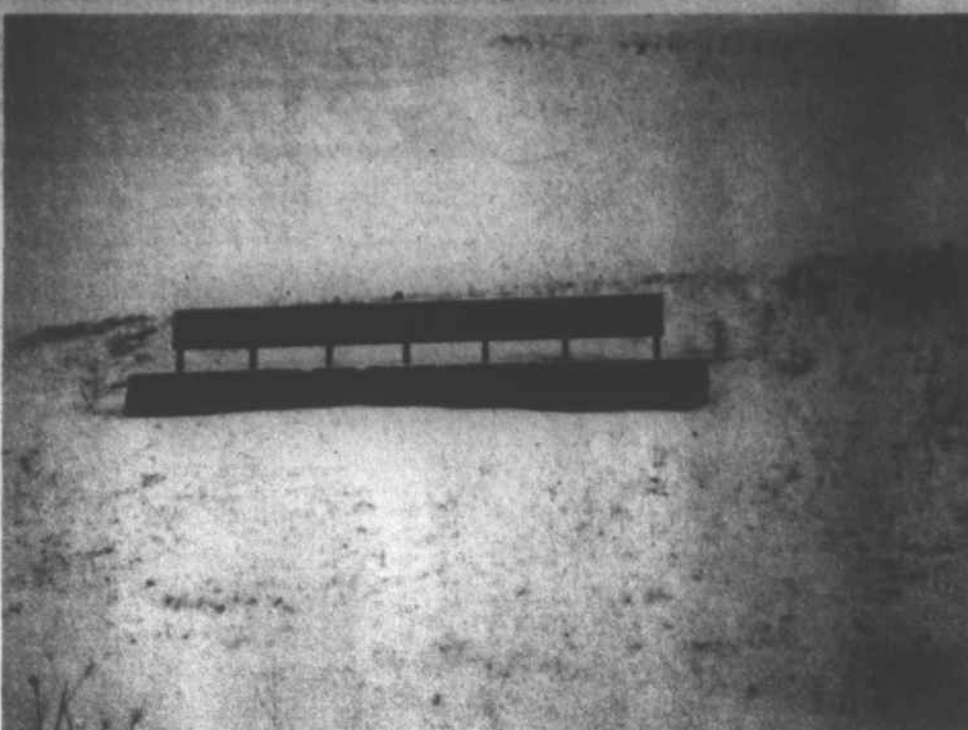
Junior forward John Patterson had the best shooting night, hitting nine of 11 field goals and eight of eight from the free throw line for 26 points. Lion teammate Don Icenhower hit seven of 13 from the field and five of six from the line for 19 points. He also had two key blocks late in the game. Patterson led the Lions on the boards with eight rebounds. James Allen added 12 and Mike Kelly chipped in with 10 points.

GARDNER WEBB 43
Nesbit 0-2-42, Mitchell 0-0-16, Borders 4-0-0 12, Young 3-0-0 6, Fuller 4-0-0 12, Franklin 2-2-26, Cook 2-2-26, Graham 1-0-12, Smart 0-0-0. Totals 28-49-62.

MARS HILL 73
Allen 6-0-0 12, Somers 1-0-0 2, Patterson 9-8-26, Morgan 0-0-0 0, Icenhower 7-5-4 19, Winfield 1-2-4, Kelly 5-0-0 10, Holmes 0-0-0 0. Totals 29-15-72.

Halftime—Mars Hill 33, G-W 22. Total fouls—G-W 18, Mars Hill 16. Fouled out—Mitchell, Young. Technicals—Young, Nesbit. A-300.

The first hospital in England for lunatics was known as Bedlam. The word has since become generic for all asylums for the insane.



MADISON HIGH SCHOOL signs shows up clearly in the snow on Wednesday of last week but also looks lonesome as school was

cancelled due to snow and hazardous roads. (Photo by Jim Story)

Marshall Youth League Results

Following are the results of the Marshall Youth League in recent games:

Jan. 29 (at Flat Creek): Ralph's Raiders 19, Flat Creek 26, Buckaneers 6, Flat Creek 13, Hot Shots 28, Flat Creek 29.

Feb. 5 (at Marshall): Gold Dusters 3, Hot Springs 8, Buckaneers 7, Hot Springs 10, Carolina Cuties 33, Hot Springs 4, Ralph's Raiders 20, Hot Springs 11.

Feb. 5 (at Red Oak):

Globetrotters 14, Red Oak 12, Hot Shots 47, Red Oak 20.

Feb. 10 (at Marshall): Globetrotters 10, Red Oak 8, Yellow Jackets 10, Red Oak 2, Carolina Cuties 19, Red Oak 2,

Hot Shots 40, Red Oak 10.

Gold Dusters 0, Hot Springs 4, Buckaneers 6, Hot Springs 2, Linda's Ladies 12, Hot Springs 9, Ralph's Raiders 27, Hot Springs 17.

Lions Win

Mars Hill Overcomes Spartanburg With 72-70 Victory

Freshman Michael Kelly scored a season-high 19 points to lead Mars Hill to a 72-70 victory over USC-Spartanburg in a game played Thursday night at Mars Hill.

Kelly hit 8 of 18 shots from the field, 3 of 4 from the free throw line and snared 8 rebounds as Mars Hill upped its season record to 10-13 in the non-conference game.

Perry Somers led the game for the Lions with two seconds showing as he hit the front end of a 1-and-1 to give Mars Hill its final margin.

The Lions took a quick 9-2 lead as junior John Patterson scored 4 of his 18 points. The Rifles came back to take an 11-10 lead before James Allen hit a 20-foot hanging jump shot to give Mars Hill a 12-11 lead with 13:04 showing in the first half. The Lions led an intermission, 33-30.

Mars Hill went up by 6, 38-32, at the beginning of the second half before USC-Spartanburg battled back to regain the advantage, 53-51, on a Carroll Wells driving, spinning layup.

But the Lions were not to be denied the win. Kelly hit an 18-foot jumper to tie the NAIA

contest 64-all late in the game. Mars Hill never trailed again following that bucket.

With 21 seconds left Wells drove the lane for 2 and the Rifles trailed, 71-70. However, Somers put the game out of reach with his charity toss.

Somers was the only other Lion in double figures with 14 points. Wayne Holden paced

Spartanburg with 31 points and was aided by Wendell Gibson with 11 and Wells along with Oscar Mooney with 10 each.

USC-SPARTANBURG (70)
Gibson 5-1-2 11, Wells 5-0-1 10, Holland 1-0-0 2, Mooney 3-4-5 10, Holden 3-6-7 21, Swann 3-0-0 6, Hill 3-2-2 8, Cutshall 1-0-0 2. Totals: 29 12-17.

MARS HILL (72)
Allen 4-1-2 9, Somers 6-2-5 14, Patterson 5-8-2 18, Morgan 9-0-1 10, Icenhower 4-0-2 8, Winfield 1-2-4, Kelly 8-3-4 19, Holmes 0-0-0 0, Early 0-0-0 0, Kilgore. Totals: 28 16-35.

Halftime: Mars Hill, 33-30. Total fouls: Mars Hill 18, USC-Spartanburg 23. Fouled out: Holden.

Sylva-Webster 88; Madison 57

Sylva-Webster continued its recent winning streak as the Golden Eagles jumped out to a 23-9 first-quarter lead and coasted to a 88-57 victory on the road over Madison.

The balanced scoring attack of Dan Bryson (18 points), Eddie Revis (16) and John Hamilton (15) paced the Sylva-Webster squad in the win which shot their record 7-6 in the Little Mac and 11-11 overall.

SYLVA-WEBSTER MADISON
Boys
Sylva-Webster (88) — Bradley 2, Hamilton 15, Bryson 18, Roper 6, Gibbs 7,

Young 4, Hartbarger 6, Bager 2, Revis 16, Dietz 6, Moore 4, Thompson 2.

MADISON (57) — Nix 14,

Franklin, Stines, Davis 2, English 6, Wilde 2, Massey, Barnette 7, Frisbee, Flynn 17, Sawyer 9.

Mars Hill Runner-Up

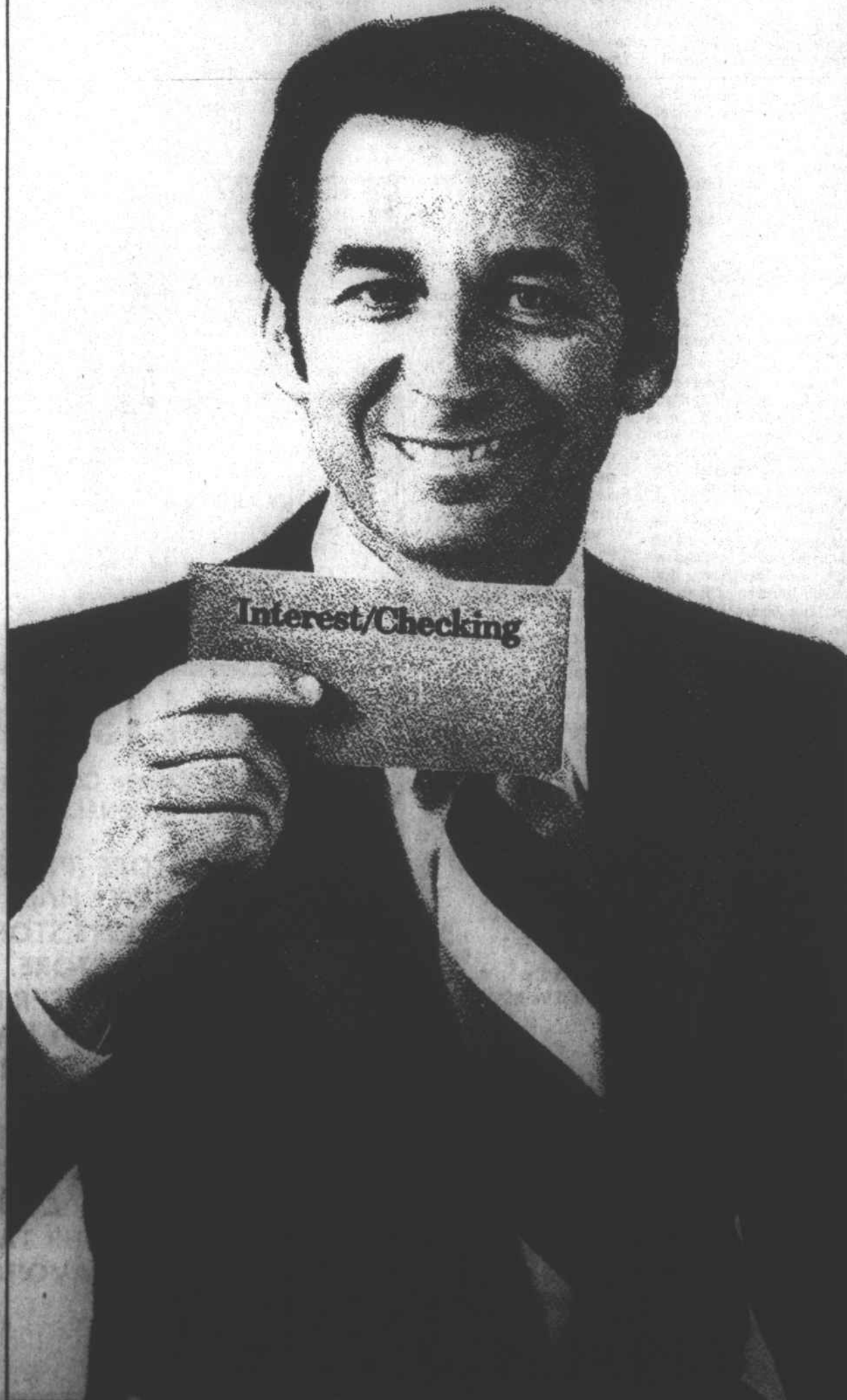
Michael Robinson and Pat Sams dominated the defensive boards throughout the WNC Jaycee Tournament, along with the outside shooting of Clayton Willis, Derek Thomas and Steve Davis to gain runner-up honors.

Mars Hill won back-to-back victories over Weaverville, Hendersonville and Graham County.

Bryson City won the tournament, led by Mars Hill native Keith Walker.

A firm avocado — peeled, seeded and sliced — makes an excellent addition to a tossed green salad. A good dressing for this combination is made with oil, vinegar, salt, pepper and just a little ketchup or chili sauce.

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