

Mars Hill Youth Baseball Season Getting Geared Up

The Mars Hill youth organization is getting geared up for the 1979 version of its annual baseball program. Approximately 180 boys aged 8 through 15 have signed up to play baseball on 13 teams. Some 30 adult volunteers will be working with the youth serving primarily as coaches and league officials.

For the first time, a "tee league" consisting of three

teams comprised of boys ages 5 through 7 is being organized. Four teams made up of boys ages 8 through 10 will participate, and four teams comprised of boys 11 and 12 years of age will be sponsored. In addition to these teams, a Babe Ruth team, consisting of 13-year-old boys, is expected to be entered in a Buncombe County league, as will be a

Babe Ruth team made up of boys ages 13-15.

There has developed over the last several years a keen interest in youth sports in the Mars Hill area. Consistent adult leadership and willing sponsors and financial supporters of the program have contributed to its success. The youth are indebted to Mars Hill College, the town of Mars Hill and the Madison County Schools for making playing fields and facilities available for the program.

The Mars Hill youth program is run totally with volunteer adult leadership and the funds necessary to purchase the required equipment are raised through team sponsorships, cash donations, fund-raising dinners, and special projects sponsored from time to time in which the youth participate. The activities begin in mid-May and continue throughout the summer as the teams participate in regular league play, tournament play, and many of the youth are chosen to play on various all-star teams.



MADISON HIGH SCHOOL students, shown above, returning from Western Carolina University Math Contest. These students represented Madison High School on April 26 when they competed in Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry, comprehensive and advanced standing comprehensive divisions. The students included Conrad Plant, Steve Lambert,

John Schaezman, Phyllis Morrow, Debra Johnson, Greg Lisenbee, Kevin Johnson, Teddy Allison, Holly Hough, Elaine Fore, Steve Mace, Stan Mace, Steve Fish, Tim Clark, Russell Lambert, Deborah Holt, Donna Franklin, Kathy Dodd and Catherine Hensley. At far left is L.A. Zimmerman, math instructor. (Photo by Jim Story)

Madison High Sports

By JOHN SCHAEZMAN

JV BASEBALL
An extra inning victory over North Buncombe, and a come from behind win over Enka kept the J.V. baseball team undefeated last week.

With the score tied at five, Madison scored five unanswered runs in the eighth inning to defeat North Buncombe 10-5. The victory went to Jeff Baldwin in relief of Tim Clark. Jeff was also the hitting star with a home run, a double and four runs batted in. Lonnie Kent contributed with two hits, and six other players had one hit apiece.

Against Enka, the hitting came through in the last inning. After being held to just one hit, and trailing 1-0, Madison scored three runs in the seventh, then held off an Enka rally in the last half of the inning to defeat Enka 3-1. The game was highlighted by Tim Clark's five-hit, nine strikeout, performance, and a spectacular double play. Ronnie Kent caught a long fly to right, then threw to Tony Mitchell at third, who put the tag on a runner tagging up from second base.

After taking a 3-1 lead in the top of the seventh (with Lonnie Kent driving in the tying run and Kevin Johnson driving in the winning run), Enka loaded the bases with two-out in the bottom of the inning. But the last batter sent a long fly out to left field and Madison ran their second to 8-0.

VARSITY BASEBALL
Madison won two straight games last week to take first place in the Little MAC Conference. In their first

game of the week, Madison scored three runs in the top of the first inning and never trailed as they defeated West Henderson 13-7. Tim Wilde allowed only five hits and struck out nine, while running his record to 3-0.

Leading the hitting was Bobby Frisby with a double, two singles and three runs batted in. David Massey added two singles and two RBI's. Mark Wood had a single and two RBI's, and Tim Merrill contributed with a single and three RBI's.

Jeff Johnson allowed four hits and struck out four, as Madison defeated Owen 6-3. Mark Wood slammed a home run, a double and knocked in two runs. Andrew Anderson also had two hits and an RBI. Bobby Frisby had a hit with two RBI's. David Massey had a double and an RBI and Holden Nix also had a hit.

The victories raised Madison's record to 5-1, and has put them in first place.

H.E. Students Tour Biltmore House, Garden

On April 19, 119 Madison High home economics students visited Biltmore House and Gardens. David Wyatt, principal, Mrs. Wilma Trimball, occupational aid and seven faculty members accompanied the group.

Among the highlights of the tour were the beautiful tulip gardens, flowers in the greenhouses and the impressive mansion with its priceless treasures.

Madison Girls Record Now 5-1

On April 24 at Walnut, Madison girls lost their first softball game of the season 4-2 to Owen High School after winning the first five.

A seventh inning rally fell short in an effort to win the game. Four runs were scored by Owen in the first four innings on a total of nine Patriot errors. Cindy Shelton led the girls' team with two singles in a losing cause.

Reviewing the first five games as follows:

On March 30 at Walnut the girls beat Mitchell 20-11. The leading hitter was Mary Jane Pressley with four hits in four times at bat including a home run.

The Patriot girls beat Sylva Webster 16 to 1 at Sylva on April 10. Leading hitter were Sharon Bailey with four hits including a double, triple, and home run and Janet Reed also with four hits with a double and triple. Cindy Shelton hit two home runs while Vicky Bailey and Susie Davis had one each.

The girls returned home on April 17 and beat Mountain Heritage 26-13. This included a nine run rally in the sixth inning. Leading hitter was Mary Jane Pressley with four hits. Susie Davis had her second home run in two

games while Lana Ramsey and Janet Reed also hit home runs.

On the following day, April 18, the Patriot girls traveled to Mountain Heritage and beat them 11-6. Leading hitters were Susie Davis and Sharon Bailey with three hits each. Beverly Bruce hit a home run while Vicky Bailey hit her second home run of the season.

The Patriot girls coached by Karen Dillingham won their fifth straight game at West Henderson on April 23, 22-12. A 13 run rally in the eighth inning decided the game. Leading hitters included Susie Davis two hits including her third home run of the season, Sharon Bailey two hits with her second home run, Sandy Franklin two hits with a double and a home run, and two hits including a double by Mary Jane Pressley.

The starting lineup for the Patriot girls is Sharon Bailey, catcher; Lana Ramsey or Charlene Carter, pitcher; Susie Davis, first base; Carolyn Ramsey or Janice Plemmons, second base; Holly Hough, third base; Janet Reed, shortstop; Cindy Shelton, leftfield; Sandy

Franklin, shortfield; Mary Jane Pressley, centerfield; Beverly Bruce, rightfield; and Vicky Bailey, designated hitter. The team was 11-3 in 1978 under the direction of coach Karen Dillingham, and the team was second to North Buncombe in the conference. In 1977 they were 12-2 and tied with Owen for the conference championship.

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Boating Course Held At Walnut

The Walnut seventh grade has been participating in a boating educational course sponsored by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

On April 20 wildlife officers Tommy England and Travis Whitson gave instructions on boating, swimming and water skiing.

The 16 participating students included Duane Anderson, Tammy Brown, Kathy Buckner, Jimmy Bullman, Janet Caldwell, Lisa Cody, Penny Flynn, Scotty Haun, Danette Middleton, Lena Pack, Chris Ramsey, Michael Rice, Joyce

Roberts, Roberta Roberts, Katrina Worley and Kenneth Worley.

The daily instructor was Sidney Harrison. All students were given a certificate for completing the course.

Singing

There will be gospel singing at the Laurel School on May 12, beginning at 7 p.m.

There will be no admission charge, but an offering will be taken to benefit the Madison County Cancer Drive.

Singers expected include the Bill Fuller Singers of Asheville; the Singing Patriots, Asheville; and the Gospel Travellers of Laurel. The public is invited.

The Old Time Christian Harmony singing will begin at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday at Etowah School.

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