

## Mars Hill Downs Knoxville, 89-72

The young Lions of Mars Hill continued their winning ways Thursday night at home with an 89-72 win over Knoxville College. The visitors had brought a perfect 3-0 record into Mars Hill gym.

Mars Hill was in control throughout most of the Thursday night contest, their last home game until Jan. 17 when they will host Limestone College.

Captain Steve Dooley had a hot hand in the early going, hitting for five quick baskets in the first half to keep Mars Hill in the lead.

When Dooley cooled off midway through the opening half, freshman Todd Blondin picked up the slack, connecting for six points and halting the Bulldog attack with a pair of midcourt steals.

The Lions threatened to put the game away several times in the first half, but Knoxville continued to battle back. Mars Hill held on to a 41-34 lead at the half.

Coach Bob Ronai made some adjustments in his lineup as the second half began. Joe White came in to replace Russell Foster at center after Foster picked up a foul in the opening minute of the half. White lost no time in asserting himself on the court, coming up with a steal, two rebounds, and six quick points to thwart the Knoxville comeback bid.

The Bulldogs pulled within two, 45-43, with 16:45 remaining. The Lions called time out to regroup. When play resumed,

baskets by White, Dooley, and Jim Murphy gave Mars Hill another comfortable lead.

The Lions upped their lead to 12 when Dooley added a pair of free throws with 12:13 remaining, but once more Knoxville rallied it back. The Bulldogs posted four unanswered field goals to pull within four halfway through the final half. Once again, Ronai called time to lecture his young squad.

Whatever he said in the sideline huddle, it apparently worked. Mars Hill took the floor and once again assumed the command of the tempo of the play.

Dooley's three point play with eight minutes left put Mars Hill up by five, 60-55. With 6:10 remaining, he upped the advantage to eight with another two-and-two from the charity line.

Jerry Brooks and Pressley Boyd helped ice the win with field goals in the closing minutes. Boyd, a freshman who has seen little playing time in early season games, scored six points in the second half. He also picked up five fouls and was the only Lion confined to the bench. He fouled out with just seven seconds left to play.

The Lions continue to look for an effective floor combination. Ronai used all ten available players to defeat the Bulldogs. Tim Huskey, sidelined with an injury, looked on from the bench.

Ronai remains unimpressed with his squads performance.

Following the Thursday night win, he told reporters, "We still haven't been able to put together 40 minutes of good basketball. Hopefully we'll have it together on Monday night." Ronai was referring to the Lions' date with arch-rival UNC-A Asheville.

Ronai criticized his team's lack of consistency in Thursday night's win. "We haven't been playing consistently. We look good for a few minutes, then everything falls apart."

Their coach admitted that his team might need a day off. The Lions have gone three weeks without a break. "Maybe they need to get away for a day. We've been going every day since the scrimmage games began. I hope they were looking ahead to Monday night."

The young team's lack of experience has caused Ronai some concern. The coach said, "Maybe I'm hard on them. They don't have much experience and they're bound to make mistakes. Brooks and Dooley are our most experienced men and neither of them have a lot of experience. Brooks started 6 games last year, so tonight was only his 13 start. Dooley was only a part-time starter last year. I keep forgetting their so young."

Despite their lack of experience, the Lions brought a 5-2 record and a four-game winning streak into their Monday night showdown with UNC-A.

## Sewer

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structed by the sewer project Marshall voters approved in the fall. Betty Wild asked McGill if Butler Associates would receive a separate consultant's fee for the Rollins project. McGill replied that the two projects were separate and that a fee would be paid for each.

Mrs. Wild then asked the engineer what his firm's fee for the \$1.2 million dollar project would be. Wild said, "I think I deserve an answer. People who voted for the bond issue have a right to know how much we're paying for engineering."

McGill replied that the fee was based on a set figure determined by the size and scope of the project. He said he was not sure of an exact figure, but that he had seen a preliminary report which stated that there was a fee of \$57,940 for technical services. McGill declined to say if the figure of \$70,000 was unrealistic. He said, "Unless the scope of the project should change, our fee would not change."

McGill also reported on repairs to a section of U.S. 213 which he supervised. He reported that the project ran some \$20,000 over the projected budget. He blamed the overrun on a \$20,000 transfer of funds authorized by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and by additional paving ordered by the state Department of Transportation.

Wild asked how the public could be assured that overruns would not occur on the \$1.2 million project.

McGill replied that the earlier project had been a learning experience and that both he and the town clerk would maintain separate accounts on the project to prevent overruns.

Wild continued to question the consultant until Marshall Mayor Lawrence Ponder interjected, saying, "I don't appreciate this at all. This is an attack on Gary McGill."

To which Wild replied, "How much is this going to cost? I just want to know where it goes to. As a private citizen, I think I have a right to ask. I'm not questioning your honesty or integrity."

Ed Niles asked why the project would continue to run to the landfill site. McGill answered, "The line has to continue on to the landfill or the money has to be given back." McGill explained that the ARC guidelines for the project specify that the line be run to the landfill site. He added, "There's still a lot of potential up on that hill. I think it's money well spent."

Referring to the landfill site, Cynthia Niles asked McGill when American Greeting Card had decided not to go forward with their plan to construct a card finishing plant on the landfill site. McGill said American Greeting hadn't anticipated site preparation costs because they were unfamiliar with the mountainous terrain of Madison County. He said the Kentucky site was first discussed two months ago. He denied reports that the company had decided to

proceed in Kentucky in September, saying, "That decision was made official a few weeks ago."

McGill said that American Greeting Card had spent about \$200,000 so far on the site.

Questioned about the methane gas found on the site, the engineer said, "It's very manageable, very controllable. It's something they'll have to take care of."

He said the gas present on the site is not sufficient for economic use as an energy source.

Mayor Ponder reported that the town's bill for security lighting last month came to \$1,000 and said the town must find ways to cut down on its power bill. Betty Wild suggested that every other light be shut off on a rotating basis. No further action was taken on the matter.

There was also discussion of the downtown parking situation. The town is losing money on its parking lots while merchants claim they are hurt by employees parking on Main Street. The aldermen called for more rigid enforcement of the town's parking regulations. An ordinance limits parking on Main Street to two hours.

Delinquent water bills were also discussed. Many town residents are failing to pay their bills on time. The council will consider shutting off service to those owing delinquent accounts.

The meeting adjourned after two and a half hours. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board of aldermen is scheduled for Jan. 3.

## Snow Queen



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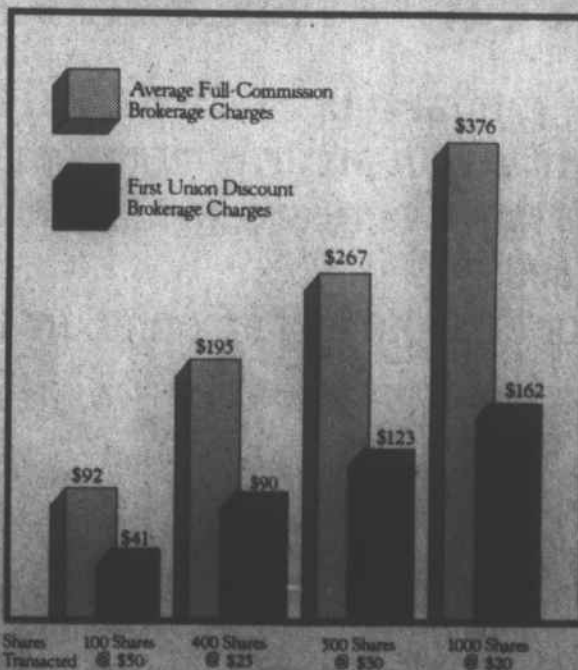
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