

Sylva Hurricanes Slide By Franklin Panthers, 21-14

Strong Finish Proves To Be Deciding Point

The undefeated Golden Hurricane looked more like a soft, summer's breeze last Friday night, and managed to keep their slate clean only by the grace of a strong finish, over the determined Franklin Panthers, who were out for an upset, and very nearly cashed in.

With the aid of a Franklin fumble, Sylva was able to take an early 6 points lead, but they soon found themselves on the short end of a 7 to 6 count. The Hurricanes punched another TD over in the 2nd stanza, and added 2 more points on a touchback in the 3rd to build up a 14 to 7 lead going into the 4th quarter. Franklin fought back however and knotted the count at 14 all, and it was then that the Hurricanes came to life and began to roll, quickly scoring and dominating a tiring Franklin Panther throughout the final quarter.

The Sylva team plainly exhibited a feeling of over-confidence throughout the early part of the game. They fumbled, missed easy blocks and were terribly faked by the Franklin quarterback.

Cunningham turned in a full evening of hard running to lead the Hurricanes attack. Up front, Wesley Warren took honors in the Sylva defensive efforts. The line missed Zollie Fincannon. Early in the game, Franklin linemen kept breaking through the tackle position, and Barnwell finally had to shift "big Ern" Bumgarner up to the forward wall to put some back-bone into it.

After Bumgarner had brought the opening kickoff back to the Sylva 25 yard line, Cunningham started the evening right with a smashing 11 yard drive off tackle. The attack bogged however, and Sylva kicked to the Franklin 9 yd. stripe.

Shields picked up 4 and then fumbled on the next play giving the ball to Sylva on the Franklin 19. The Hurricane went straight into paydirt. Cunningham got 6 yards, Dillard smoked through for 12 more and Bumgarner took it over from the 1 foot line. Cunningham missed the extra point and the score stood 6 to 0.

FRANKLIN STRIKES

Bumgarner kicked to the Franklin 40 yard line and the Hurricanes settled down for what they thought would be another run-away. Franklin had other plans however. On the first play, Henry, a speed demon, took a triple fake from the quarterback and wound up in the end zone 60 yards away, untouched. Archer put his extra point attempt right in there and Sylva was behind 7-6.

Cunningham fumbled the kickoff but managed to bring it out to the 4 yard line anyway. Bumgarner picked up 9 yards on two smashes at the line and Rhodes sneaked for the first down to bring the ball out of the goal-posts shadows. Taking the ball three times, Bumgarner picked up 8 yards, then 12 and let the ball get away from him on a fumble that gave the ball to Franklin on the 45. They couldn't gain however, and Henry kicked to the Sylva 20. Bumgarner picked up 5 yards in two attempts, Dillard got 5 to ring up a 1st down, then made 6 more and Bumgarner made another first down with a 8 yard effort. Cunningham then weaved 32 yards into the end zone for a touchdown. The extra point attempt again failed. Score Sylva, 12 Franklin 7.

Franklin came roaring back and picked up a first down after the kickoff, but Dillard intercepted a pass to halt the attack as the half ended.

Sylva kicked off to begin the second half, and Henry fumbled the ball twice in the endzone, finally being tackled and presenting Sylva with 2 points to run the score to 14 to 7.

Upon taking the ball on the 45, Sylva was penalized 15 yards for clipping. The Hurricanes began to roll again however, with Hoyle, Cunningham and Bumgarner smashing away at the Franklin line. Hoyle fumbled to ruin the threat and Franklin took over. Franklin couldn't gain, punted, and recovered a Sylva fumble again, this time on the 50 yard line.

Warren broke up the Franklin attack however, with an interception of Archer's pass on the Sylva 22. Sylva fumbled again but managed to recover it themselves this time. Unable to push the ball forward, Sylva tried to

Catamounts Take East Tennessee, 14 To 0

PLUNGING RALPH



RALPH McCONNELL, plunging fullback for the Catamounts of Western Carolina Teachers College, came into his own Saturday night by scoring two touchdowns against East Tennessee as Cullowhee won, 14-0. Ralph, who is playing his last year with the Cats, hails from Andrews. He stands 5 feet, 9 inches and weighs 175 pounds.

Sports Corner

By Bill Miller

NOT IN THE RAIN

The Hurricane isn't a mudder. Give 'em a dry field and they will stomp all over everything in sight—let it rain, and they make it rough on the home folks.

Against Waynesville, they had the Mountaineers ready for the kill in that 3rd quarter, just after knotting the score at 6 all, but floundering around in the mud, they fumbled three times and just couldn't deliver the killing

kick but a Franklin lineman broke through and blocked the punt on the 50. Henry, Huggins and Shields alternated for a first down, and then Huggins lugged the ball 35 yards into the end zone when the Sylva defenders failed to tackle him, thinking there was a penalty on the play. Archer kicked the point and Sylva was again in the hot seat, 14 to 14.

HURRICANE CATCH FIRE

Finally deciding that perhaps it was a football game they were playing after all and not checkers, the Sylva lads rolled out their power and stormed goalward. Cunningham got 5, Hoyle made 11, Hoyle got another 5, Cunningham made a first down on the Franklin 30. On the next play Hoyle went out of the game with an injury, but the Hurricanes couldn't be halted. Cunningham picked up 18 yards on two smashes, Dillard ran for 10, Bumgarner powered for 3 and Dillard crossed the goal line for the TD. Hoxit ran the extra point and Sylva had the lead 21 to 14.

Cunningham almost made it 28 to 14 seconds later. He broke into the open and was on the way to the promised land when little Huggins caught and tackled him on the 9. It was a 61 yard footrace that saw Huggins gain 10 yards on Cunningham after they crossed the 50 yard line. The game ended one play later.

STATISTICS	S.	FR.
First Downs	14	5
Yds. rushing	269	158
Pass atpts.	0	6
Pass completed	0	3
Pass interps.	2	0
Punting average	36	30
Yds. kicks retnd.	85	38
Fumbles recovered	1	3
Yds. penalized	40	5
Sylva	6	2
Franklin	7	0

LINEUPS

Sylva— Ends—Cabe, Parris, Moon. Tackles—Henry, Monteith, Bumgarner. Guards—Queen, Warren. Center—Ensley. Backs—Cunningham, Hoyle, Dillard, Bumgarner, Hoxit. Scoring Touchdown—Bumgarner, Cunningham, Dillard. Point after TD—Hoxit. Franklin— Ends—Bo Norton, Jack Norton, Patillo. Tackles—Wilson, Jones, Blaine. Guards—Thomas, Alsup. Centers—Leach. Backs—Archer, Henry, Huggins, Shields, Elliott. Scoring Touchdowns — Henry, Huggins. Extra points—Archer 2.

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Sylva High To Take On Asheville-Biltmore College "B" Team Friday 7:30; Coach Barnwell Night Featured

Coach James Barnwell will send his Sylva High Golden Hurricane against the Jr. College "B" team of Asheville-Biltmore Friday night

on Mark Watson Field at 7:30 p.m. The game, which stacks up as a slam-bang affair, will highlight "Coach Barnwell Night" on the local sports scene.

Little is known of the strength of the Asheville-Biltmore junior varsity but it seems certain that a team made up of boys who finished high school last year, and were probably better than average players, since they are taking a fling at college ball, will give the Hurricanes a full evening of football.

Barnwell has worked the team hard this week, hoping to iron out some of the rough spots that were evident in the close-shave over in Franklin last Friday night.

Scheduled to start for the Hurricanes will be Parris and Moon at end, Henry and Fincannon at the tackle slots, Queen and Warren holding down the guard posts and Ensley getting the nod at the center slot.

In the backfield it will be Cunningham, Hoyle, Rhodes and Bumgarner.

FINCANNON MISSED Big Zollie, watching the game from the sidelines must have winched to see that Franklin tackle breaking into the Sylva backfield Friday night. Fincannon is the sparkplug in that big forward wall. With him, its a powerful unit on either defense or offense. Take him out and things don't work as smoothly. The big boy will have to watch 4 more this year from the sideline, but will see action against Asheville-Biltmore, Black Mountain and Mars Hill.

THRILL A MINUTE High School football around in the hills has produced its share of thrills this season. Perhaps the most thrilling of all, was the climax of that Hendersonville, Rutherfordton game two weeks ago; with Rutherfordton leading 20 to 18, a Hendersonville back, intercepted a pass behind his goal line and ran 110 yards with the winning touchdown on the last play of the game.

Over in Canton last Friday night, two rivals, Waynesville and Canton were playing "dog eat dog" and had come down to the last minute with a 0 to 0 score. Then with only seconds remaining, Waynesville pushed over the game winning touchdown.

OUT BY A POTATO

On the lighter side—they are still talking about the "potato catcher" down in the Sally baseball league. With the score tied in the last of the ninth in a hot pennant race game this summer, there were three men on and only one man away. The catcher just didn't think his pitcher could get out of the mess alive, so he took things into his own hands. Hiding the ball in his glove, he pulled a potato out of his hip pocket and threw it over the 3rd baseman's head. The runner, thinking it was the ball that was running loose out in left field, went charging in home with what he thought was the winning run. But there was the catcher watching with the ball, and the ump called the runner out.

What followed almost became a "free-for-all", until the umpire "changed" his mind and put the runner back on 3rd. The event so rattled the offensive team, that they failed to score, and the first man up in the next inning hit a home run to win the game. Who? You guessed—the "potato" catcher.

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Kittymounts Roll Over Mars Hill By 13-6 Count

The W.C.T.C. Kittymounts kept their string intact last Saturday afternoon by romping over the Mars Hill College Lions, 13 to 6. In a game that saw rain turn the field into a sea of mud, the Cullowhee boys took the cue from their big brothers and scored once in the 1st and again in the 3rd periods, the same way in which the big Catamounts beat East Tennessee State that night.

Playing before a capacity crowd of 1200 spectators, the hard charging Kittymount line and a host of fancy stepping backs told the tale over Mars Hill. Jay Hooper and Bozo Burleson scored once each to lead the Kittymounts.

The Kittymounts scored first, taking the opening kickoff and driving straight for the end zone. Jay Hooper went over from the 3 and Whitaker added the extra point with his toe.

Joe Estes, a Bryson City product reeled off 40 yards around right end to the Mars Hill 12, to set up the second score. Burleson scored standing up two plays later. This time Whitaker's kick went wide. The Lions came back in the

EZZARD CHARLES TO DEFEND CROWN

Ezzard Charles, the Georgia born Negro, will defend his heavyweight crown for the second time, Friday night, in a 15-round bout with Pat Valentino of California. The fight is to be in San Francisco. Ezzard, who belted Gus Lesnevich for seven rounds last August, will be a big favorite to lick the former California State Champion. The long-haired Valentino hasn't fought since he captured his state's championship by whipping Turkey Thompson in a 15-rounder last December.

Cats are strong enough to make the T party an interesting occasion, and the Pirates of Eastern Carolina are out to make the fur fly high, wide, and handsome.

The game is schedule to get under way at 8 p. m. on the dot. Tickets may be purchased in Sylva at either Cope's Gulf Service or Wallin's Shoe Store.

Cats To Meet East Carolina Saturday Night

The undefeated Western Carolina Catamounts throw their title hopes on the line Saturday night at Canton when they go against the Eastern Carolina Teachers in Canton's Memorial Stadium.

The Cats will be seeking their fifth consecutive win of the season and their third in the conference circles. The Eastern Carolina eleven, on the other hand, is on the rebound under the guidance of Coach Dole, who turned out State Champs at Fayetteville High School. According to reports from line Coach "Tuck" McConnell the pirates have one of the best passers in the State in Roger Thrift and have a great concentrated attack. Coaches Young and McConnell have rounded out one of the greatest grid machines since their coming to the Mountain Community in 1946 and will toss the works for victory Saturday night.

With the weatherman giving his blessing on the nite of the big tilt, the fans should see a high type of football when the single-wing standby meets with the Eastern Carolina spilt T formation. The

CAT END



BOB HUMPHREY, 190 pound end for the Catamounts, has proved his worth in his first year at Western Carolina Teachers College. He has alternated as starting end since the beginning of the season. Bob, who stands an even 6 feet, hails from Shelby.

final quarter and scored on a pass-play from Bill Myers to John Whitehead good for 35 yards. A fumble prevented the try for extra point.

Hooper, Estes, and Burleson were the Kittymount running guns, and Bill Owen, Clyde Bumgarner and Gene Howell were the big boys in the forward wall.

Mars Hill had Myers and Whitehead doing most of the offensive work, and Saunders and Danny Glenn were the mainstays on the defensive line.

STATISTICS	WCTC "B"	M.H.
First downs	10	8
Yds. rushing	195	140
Pass attempts	0	11
Pass comp.	0	5
Yds. gained pass	0	90
Inter. passes	2	0
Punting aver.	32	48
Opp. fumbles rec.	3	0
Penalties	60	45

LINEUPS—WCTC "B"

Ends—Cunningham, White, Cagle, Hiwell.

Tackles—Owen, Cook, Burleson. Bumgarner, Proctor.

Guards—Donovan, Dobbins, Singleton, Ilderton, Cagle.

Centers—Padgett, Mayfield.

Backs—Whitaker, Caperrilla, Cabe, Ussery, T. Hornaday, Johnson, Hooper, Lee, B. Hornaday, Estes.

MARS HILL

Ends—Saunders, Curling, Moore, Bowman, Gammon.

Tackles—Hipp, Mathis, Evans, Holland, Cook.

Guards—Olive, Haire, Holges, Litaker.

Centers—Glenn, Overton, Lang.

Backs—Myer, Whitehead, Mayhew, Englad, Phillips, Threat, Collins, Martin, Nelson.

Hamilton, McConnell And Hipps Prove Outstanding

Big Ralph McConnell bulled his way into the end zone two times last Saturday night at Johnson City, Tenn., and that told the story as the Western Carolina Catamounts rolled to a 14 to 0 victory over the East Tennessee State gridders.

Playing before 8,000 spectators, the powerful Catamounts hit pay-lirt once in the first period and again in the third to dominate a scrappy but outclassed Tennessee eleven. Ralph Clark made both extra point attempts good after McConnell's two touchdowns jaunts.

Besides McConnell, other Catamounts doing their share of outstanding work for the evening were Pee Wee Hamilton, Hersey Hipps, Dan Robinson, Buffalo Humphries, and Arthur Byrd. For East Tennessee, Gen Quarrels and Paul Musselman looked good all the way.

Unlike last week's bruising and penalty-filled tilt with Tusculum, Cullowhee experienced a clean, hard game with the East Tennessee boys and came away with a better opinion of the State this week.

The win kept the Cats still in top spot in the North State Conference. Appalachian took Lenoir-Rhyne by the count of 19 to 6 removing the Bears from the undefeated list. Left to challenge the Cats are Catawba and Guilford. Percentages will work against the Catamounts however, if all three remain undefeated, for the Catamounts play only 4 Conference foes, while Guilford and Catawba meet more.

BASKETBALL TOURNEY TO BE HELD AT CANTON FEB. 20

Its rushing the season slightly, but . . .

Canton Schools Athletic Director C. C. Poindexter announced last week that the 15th annual Western North Carolina Gold Medal Basketball Tournament will be held the week of February 20 at Canton High School.

Mr. Poindexter explained that he was making the announcement at this time when the air is filled with flying footballs to give basketball coaches an opportunity to arrange their regular season schedules accordingly.

Waynesville's girls and the Mills River boys are scheduled to defend the titles they won last winter.

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