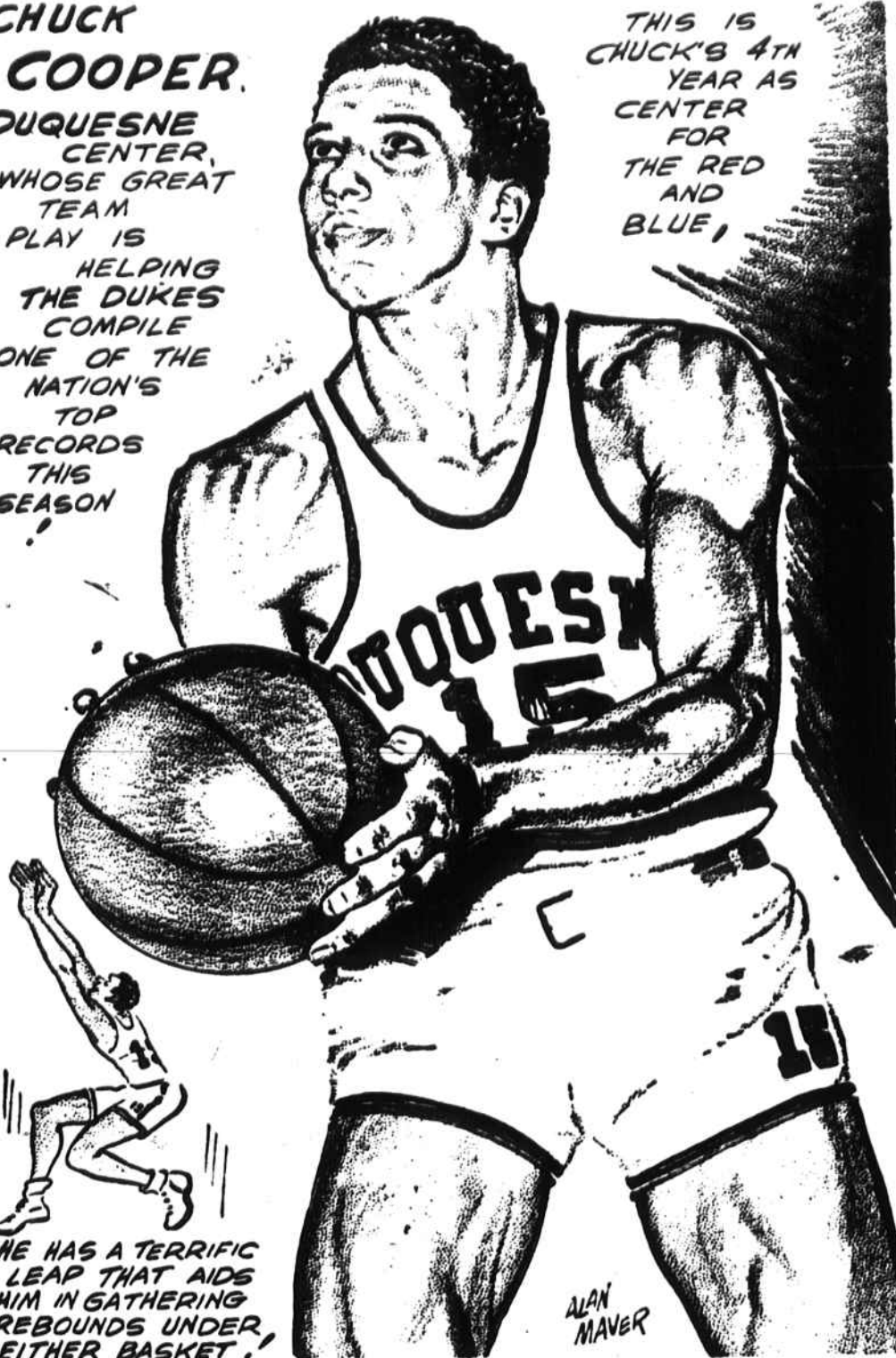


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SYLVA HURRICANES LOSE BOTH ENDS OF DOUBLEHEADER TO FINES CREEK

The Fines Creek boys and girls successfully closed out their regular basketball season last Thursday night by defeating the Sylva Hurricanes in a pair of games at the Sylva gymnasium.

Ferguson Rathbone and Russell sparked the Fines Creek girls to a 34 to 27 victory in the opening game. Mary Worley led Sylva with 13 points.

The boys game was a 35 to 33 thriller-diffier in which Sylva and Fines Creek swapped basket for basket from first to last. Forward Justice scored 22 points to save the day for Fines Creek. Sylva's scoring was evenly split.

At the end of the first quarter the score was tied at 10. At the half it was tied at 20, and at the end of the third period it was in a knot at 27.

Fines Creek got the last shot and that was the ball game.

Girls Lineup: Fines Creek (34) Sylva (27) F-Russell 10 Worley 13 F-Rathbone 11 Parris 9 F-Ferguson 13 West 5 G-Flannigan 3 Queen Dillard G-C. Ledford Fincannon G-F. Ledford Messer.

Boys Lineup: Fines Creek (35) Sylva (33) F-Justice 22 Hoxit 4 F-Rogers Dillard 4 C-Green 5 Ward 6 G-Ledford 2 Cagle 8 G-Kirkpatrick 6 Cobe 7 Subs: Sylva-Warren 4, Moon. Officials: Hullender and Wright.

SYLVA-CULLOWHEE CLASH FRIDAY NIGHT

Jackson County's two leading high school basketball teams will go at each other's throats in full fury Friday night when the Sylva Hurricane entertains the Cullowhee High teams in a doubleheader.

The small Sylva gym isn't expected to handle half the crowd which will turn out for the battle, so it's first come, first served, and every man for himself.

Cullowhee's boys, unbeaten in 17 games up to Tuesday night, are ruled the favorites in the male contest. The girls' game is considered a toss-up despite the fact that Sylva holds a previous win over the Cullowhee crew.

The Cullowhee girls have improved considerably since that first meeting. Only last week they knocked off the strong Murphy sextet, a doing that speaks for itself.

The Sylva girls aren't to be counted out, however. Not as long as their high-scoring trio is around. Mary Worley, Patsy Parris and Louise West usually are good for a high total of points.

The Cullowhee girls also have been rolling up the score of late. Led by Mary Bell Taylor's sharp eye for the basket, Cullowhee is

CULLOWHEE HIGH TAKES TWO FROM MURPHY HIGH FIVE

Cullowhee High continued as Western North Carolina's only remaining undefeated boys team through games of last Friday. That night Cullowhee racked up its 17th consecutive victory of the season by rolling over Murphy High, 35 to 22.

The Cullowhee girls made it a double sweep by topping the Bulldog girls in the opening game, 41 to 33.

Homer Wike and Wally Stevens Cullowhee co-captains, were the big guns in the winners' assault. Wike rung in 15 points and Stevens 12 as Cullowhee led from the start of the game.

Rutherfordton - Spindale High, Western North Carolina's only other unbeaten quint up to Friday night, tasted defeat for the first time in 29 games by bowing to Morganton, 48 to 38.

In the Cullowhee - Murphy girls game, Mary Bell Taylor paved the way to victory with a 20-point showing. Miss Heenson, who split her time between guard and forward, racked up 15 points.

The victories were against the teams coached by Ike Olson, last year's coach at Cullowhee high.

Girls' lineup: Cullowhee (41) F-Lou Hall 22 Stevens 4 F-Luc Hall 9 Phillips 1 F-Anderson 2 Taylor 20 G-Taylor Henson 16 G-Gordon Middleton G-E. Crisp Prestsey

Subs: Murphy-Adams, Heal, Plennmons, Allman, Savage, K. Crisp. Cullowhee - Dill, Smith, Walker.

Boys' lineup: Cullowhee (35) F-Hall 6 C. Wike F-Brandon 2 Stevens 12 C-Lovingood 11 H. Wike 15 G-Thompson Crawford 1 G-Zimmerman Sutton 3 Subs: Murphy-E. Hall, Coffey, Shields. Cullowhee - Ingram 4, Phillips.

a dangerous threat on any court. In the boys' game it will be a battle between Homer Wike and Wallace Stevens of Cullowhee against anything Sylva Coach Jim Barnwell can dig up to depend on for points.

The Sylva boys haven't taken the Smoky Mountain Conference apart this season as they did last, but they're always rugged when they hustle on their small court. Cullowhee, on the other hand, usually hits tough sledding on the pint-sized Sylva floor.

Both teams would like nothing better than a final victory to carry with them to the Smoky Mountain conference tournament next week, and it's safe bet they'll both shoot the works to get it.

EMORY UNIVERSITY TIES CAT MATMEN IN DISPUTED MATCH

On Saturday afternoon, February 4, the Emory University wrestling team tied the Catamount wrestlers 16 to 16 in a disputed match. The dispute came over the timekeeper blowing his whistle before the 121 pound match was over. It is the opinion of the Cullowhee boys that Wood had his man pinned, but the final official outcome was a decision in which Wood was on the short end.

It was a hard fought meet from beginning to end with thrills galore in every match. Bob Haliburton and Bozo Burleson were the only Catamounts who won by falls, but each match was a highly contested affair. The boys from Cullowhee now have a record of 6 wins, one loss, and one tie for the season.

121-Wood vs. Pound - Pound decision. 128-McClain vs. McCahee - McCahee decision. 136-Haliburton vs. Tidmore - Haliburton by fall. 145-Hornaday vs. Hubbard - Hubbard by decision. 155-Arney vs. Elliott - Arney decision. 165-Loggins vs. Braly - Braly by fall. 175 - Burleson vs. Smith - Burleson by fall. Heavy-Bumgarner vs. Sotus-Bumgarner by decision.

GROANERS DOWN KNOXVILLE Y 28-6

WCTC, Cullowhee - The Western Carolina Wrestling team closed out its regular home season here last Wednesday night by outtumbling Knoxville YMCA, 28 to 6.

It was the Catamounts' sixth victory against one loss and a tie, marking the best record a WCTC wrestling squad had marked up since pre-war days.

Four Catamounts, Bob Haliburton, Bob Hornaday, Clyde Bumgarner and Bruce (Bozo) Burleson, won matches by falls. Haliburton, in the 136-pound division, won quickest by dropping and pinning his man in one minute and 28 seconds of the first period.

Grittenden and Cox of Knoxville were the only men on the losing team to win matches. Baxter Woods of WCTC and Jack Arney won the other Catamount victories, Woods winning by forfeit and Arney by decision.

An exhibition match was staged after the Woods-Knox match was forfeited. Elmo Neal pinned Ottinger of Knoxville in one minute and 23 seconds in this event.

WCTC (47) FG FT PF TP Pressley, f 0 0 1 0 Sides, f 4 4 1 12 Cox, f 4 4 4 12 Pardue, c 1 4 4 6 Rhodes, c 0 1 1 1 Carter, g 3 3 2 9 Straehla, g 0 0 0 0 Rogers, g 2 1 3 5

TOTAL 14 17 16 47 Halftime score: WCTC 33, ECTC 26.

Free throws missed: Everton, Russell 4, Fennell 4, Thrift 3, Collie, Sides 2, Pardue 4, Rhodes, Carter 2, Straehla 2, Rogers.

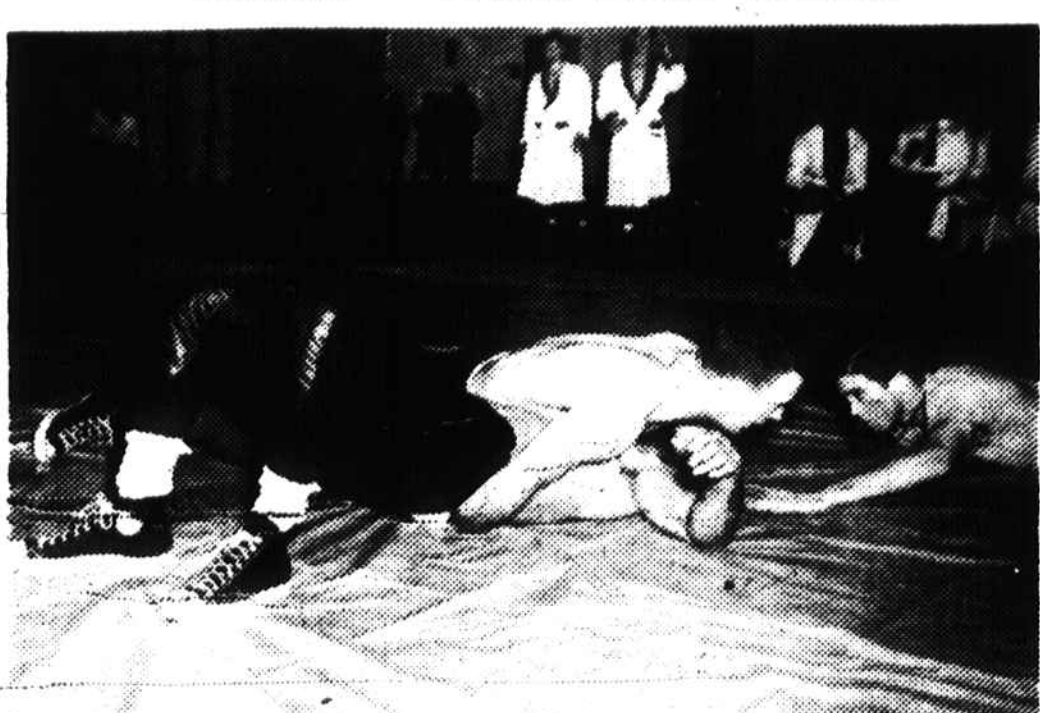
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"Bum" Gets His Man



Shown above is Clyde Bumgarner, freshman at WCTC, winning another of his matches. Bum, wrestling this year for the first time, has turned in an excellent record.

Hurricanes Defeat Webster High In Doubleheader Wednesday Night

The Sylva High boys and girls didn't burn up the Smoky Mountain Conference this season, but they proved beyond doubt that they could still master their life-long rival, Webster High, on Wednesday night of last week.

The Hurricanes met and defeated the game Webster lads and ladies in a doubleheader on the Sylva court.

The Hurricane girls stopped the powerful Webster assault long enough to emerge with a 50 to 40 victory. Then the Hurricane boys took over, mustered their strength, and blasted Webster, 39 to 11.

Patsy Parris and Louise West accounted for 38 of the Sylva points while the Hurricane guards were holding down the Cabe-Collins combo of Webster. Patsy scored 20 points and Louise 18.

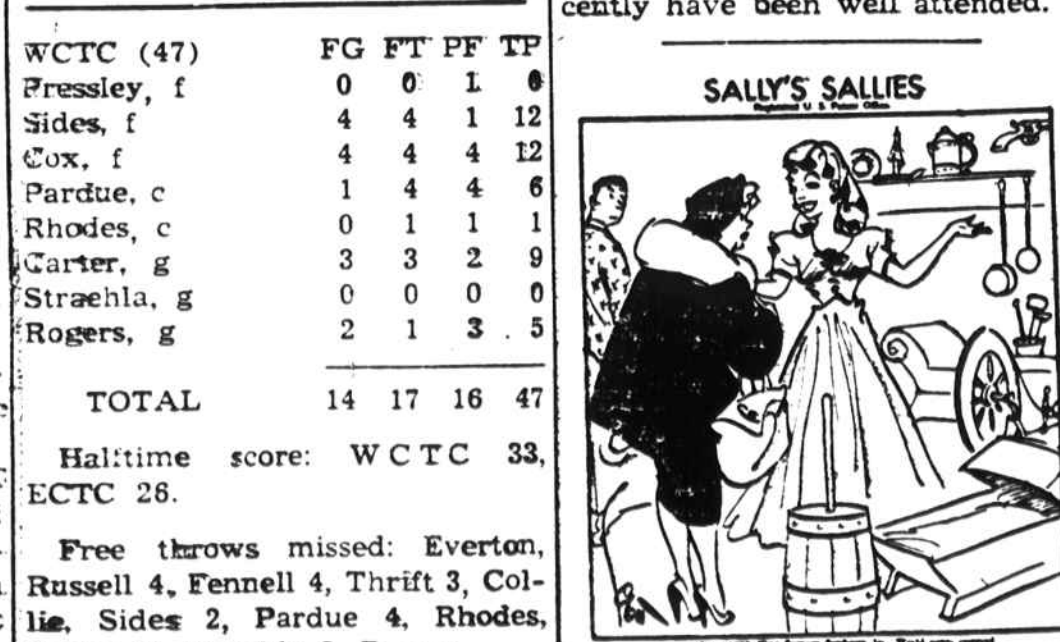
In the boys game, Sylva had the score under control from the first. Ed Ward scored eight points to take scoring laurels as the Hurricanes evenly divided their points. Dick Barkley got into the act with six. So did Red Dillard.

Girls Lineup: Webster (40) Sylva (50) F-Buchanan 7 Worley 8 F-Cabe 12 West 18 F-Collins 17 Parris 20 G-Clements Green Dillard G-Higdon Fincannon G-Morgan Subs: Webster - Davis, Frizzell 4, Sylva - Johnson 2, Cordell 2, Queen.

Boys Lineup: Webster (11) Sylva (39) F-Cowan 2 Hoxit 3 F-Henson 2 Dillard 6 C-Potts Ward 8 G-Cabe 1 Cagle 4 G-Estes 3 Fincannon Subs: Webster - Madison 2, Farmer 1, J. Buchanan, W. Buchanan, Davis, Sylva - Barkley 6, Queen 2, Robinson, Warren 2, Cabe 2, Sumner 4, Middleton 2. Officials: Harris and Feimster.

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SYLVA DROPS TWO TO SWAIN HIGH

Sylva dropped a pair of close Smoky Mountain Conference games here on Tuesday of last week. The girls lost 32 to 31, and the boys 44 to 33.

Truett and Estes scored 12 points each to lead the winning girls. However, Sylva's Patsy Parris took scoring honors with a 20-point showing.

Charles Woodard with 14 led the winning boys. Thornton (Hoss) Cabe totaled 11 for the losers.

Girls Lineup: Sylva (31) Bryson City (32) F-Worley 6 Estes 12 F-West 5 Truett 12 F-Parris 20 Sherrill 4 G-Queen Edmonds G-Green Flannigan G-Fincannon Brooks G-Sylva-Johnson, Dillard Bryson-J. Hyatt, Browning 2, E. Hyatt 2, Crisp.

Boys Lineup: Sylva (33) Bryson City (44) F-Hoxit 4 Woodard 14 F-Dillard 6 Arkansas 8 C-Ward 5 Calhoun 10 G-Cabe 11 DeHart 10 G-Warren 5 Ensley

Subs: Sylva - Cabe 2, Moon, Bryson City - Angel 2, Hyatt, Bradley, Watson, Craig. Officials: Collins and Clontz.

In the finals will be the "A" and "B" and girls brackets Saturday night.

On Tuesday Sylva girls will play Andrews girls. Sylva boys play Bryson City on Thursday. Wednesday Webster girls play Glenville girls and Webster boys play Cullowhee boys on Thursday.

The girls standing at the tournament drawing was Nantahala first, Sylva second, with Cherokee and Hiawasee Dam tied for third place.

Tournament plans were completed Wednesday the 8th at Andrews with Coaches of all Smoky Mountain high schools participating.

To Be Played At Andrews, Finals Saturday Night

The annual Smoky Mountain Conference Basketball Tournament will be held in the Andrews High school gymnasium, beginning Tuesday, February 21, with the finals played Saturday, the 25th.

Four games will be played Tuesday afternoon and four Tuesday night. Again on Wednesday there will be four games in the afternoon and four that night. On Thursday three games will be played in the afternoon and four that night. Semi-finals will be played Friday night and the finals on Saturday night.

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WCTC Takes 57-38 Win From North Ga. College

Dahlonga, Ga. - Western Carolina Teachers College of Cullowhee defeated North Georgia College in a basketball game here last Friday night, 57 to 38.

The Catamounts from the Western Carolina hills rolled from the opening whistle and didn't lose steam until the final gun.

Paced by Richard Sides, Ray Cox and Ronald Rogers, the Cats grabbed the lead right off the bat and held it throughout the game.

The Cats sped to a 31 to 16 half-time lead and had only to coast on in victory.

Sides scored 18 points, Cox and Rogers each 11. WCTC (57) North Georgia (38) F-Sides 18 Bartlett 6 F-Cox 11 Mosley 6 C-Pardue 8 Motwell 1 G-Carter 3 Burke 5 G-Rogers 11 Ford 1

Subs: WCTC-Cunningham 2, Butler, Fountain 3, Straehla 1, Underwood. North Georgia - Mansfield, Gibbs 9, Lindsay 3, Cox 1.

Subs: Franklin-Moore, Rogers 1, Wilson 3, Crawford 1, Jones, Acher, Webster-W. Buchanan 2, Davis, Farmer, J. Buchanan 2, Madison, Guffey.

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