

ENKA INVITATION TOURNAMENT WILL OPEN TODAY



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7 Haywood High School Teams Enter Enka Meet

Bethel Boys And Girls Will Defend Championship In Tri-County Play
By WILSON AYERS

Seven Haywood county high school basketball teams, four girls and three boys aggregations, have been selected to compete in the second annual American Enka Corporation Invitational tournament to be held at the Enka gym starting Tuesday.

Girls and boys teams of Bethel and Waynesville high schools, girls teams of Canton and Fines Creek and the boys team of Clyde high school have accepted invitations to participate.

Sixteen girls and sixteen boys teams from Buncombe, Haywood and Henderson counties will vie for honors. Selection of teams was based on records compiled during the season.

Opening round games will get underway Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and will continue Tuesday night, Wednesday afternoon and night. Quarter-final contest will occupy Thursday with semi-finals on Friday night and finals Saturday night.

Last year's tournament, which was a four day affair with twelve girls and twelve boys teams entered, was won by the girls and boys teams of Bethel high school. Over three thousand fans turned out from the annual meet and this year, temporary stands to accommodate several hundred spectators will bolster the gym's seating capacity of nine hundred.

Tournament referees will be Charlie Munday of Canton, Jack Alexander of Euista, and Marion McDonald of Western Carolina Teachers College. Wilson Ayers will be official scorer and Harry Price and Grover Fowler official timers.

Favored teams in the girls divisions are Bethel, Canton, Candler and Mills River, and in the boys division Bethel, Waynesville, Oakley, Black Mountain and Hendersonville.

Presentation of awards will be made following the finals game on Saturday night. Trophies will go to the winning teams, runners-up, teams out-standing in sportsmanship and miniature basketballs will be awarded members of the four top teams. Trophies will be given high scorers in both divisions for a single game and for the entire tournament. All-Tournament teams in both divisions will be chosen by ballot of the coaches and officials.

Tuesday Schedule of Games
2 p.m.—Mills River vs. West (Buncombe girls).
3 p.m.—Hendersonville vs. Biltmore (boys).
4 p.m.—Valley Springs vs. Canton (girls).
5 p.m.—Valley Springs vs. Fines (boys).
7 p.m.—Leicester vs. Sand Hill (girls).
8 p.m.—Asheville vs. Clyde (boys).
9 p.m.—Fines Creek vs. Candler (girls).
10 p.m.—Black Mountain vs. Waynesville (boys).

Wednesday Schedule of Games
2 p.m.—Waynesville vs. Flat Creek (girls).
3 p.m.—Bethel vs. Leicester (boys).
4 p.m.—Oakley vs. Flat Rock (girls).
6 p.m.—Mills River vs. Oakley (boys).
7 p.m.—Hendersonville vs. Barnardsville (girls).
8 p.m.—Flat Rock vs. Candler (boys).
9 p.m.—Black Mountain vs. Bethel (girls).
10 p.m.—Etowah vs. Sand Hill (boys).

NEW SCHEDULE FOR VA OFFICE IN ASHEVILLE
The Veterans Administration Sub-regional office in Asheville, which formerly was open six days a week, now is operating on the following schedule: Monday through Friday, it is operated by J. A. Ficken, manager.

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Bethel Girls Cop Gold Medal Title

Robbinsville Wins Third Place Over Waynesville

Canton Falls Before Bethel 38 to 23 In Championship Game Saturday

The Bethel girls annexed the W.N.C. Gold Medal basketball title Saturday night by defeating Canton 38 to 23 in the championship game, and Robbinsville earned third place by downing Waynesville 30 to 19 in the consolation game.

Bethel entered the finals as heavy favorites after edging past Robbinsville the previous night and Carlene West's 17-point performance highlighted the play as they recaptured the tournament championship, taken by Fines Creek last year when they didn't enter. Canton put up a stout defense but lacked the shooting accuracy of the winners.

The final period was decisive in the Waynesville-Robbinsville tilt. Waynesville led 14-13 at the half, and trailed only one point, 18-17, at the end of the third quarter. Robbinsville stretched this to a 30-18 decision before the game ended, with Laura Davis accounting for 18 points.

Robbinsville gave Bethel's six their worst scare of the tournament in Friday night's semi-finals. Bethel led 16-6 at the halfway mark, but the Graham county girls unwrapped a scoring attack, led by Davis and Walker, that put them even with the Blue Demons. The crowd followed some of the most exciting moments of the tournament as the lead see-sawed from one team to the other, and Carlene West sank a long field goal during the final minute to make the final score 29 to 27 in favor of Bethel.

Canton and Waynesville then took the floor to scrap for the other finals berth. The Black Beauties hooked in a couple of field goals in the opening minutes, after which the game settled down to a defensive stage with the shooting of both teams under par and free shots accounting for most of the points.

Canton led by two points, the first quarter, but the score was tied 11-up at the half and 13-13 when the final period began. The home team worked into a three-point lead as the final minutes of play ticked by, and Phillips hit a field goal to close the gap to 19-18 just before the whistle sounded to end the game. Hendrix earned high-point honors with 8, although the guards of both teams were the most valuable players on the floor.

In Thursday night's program Robbinsville outpointed Fines Creek, last year's tourney champions, 41 to 25, with Davis sinking 24 points for the winners. Bethel edged past Mills River 44 to 29. Waynesville trimmed Edneyville 23 to 11, and Canton defeated Sylva 23 to 18.

FINALS
Canton (23) vs. Bethel (38)
Taylor (9), Griffin (11), Hendrix (6), Robinson (7), Cook (5), Lanning (3), Sub: Canton—Woodruff, Ingle, H. Haynie, Hardin, Carver, N. Tatham.

Pos. Rob'ville (30) vs. Way'ville (19)
Walker (7), Hooper (5), L. Davis (13), McCracken (10), G. McMonigle, Enslay, O. Davis, Mehaffey, G. Stewart, Noland, Sub: Robbinsville—Hughes, Waynesville—Sheehan.

SEMI-FINALS
Canton (19) vs. Waynesville (18)
Taylor (6), Griffin (1), Hendrix (3), Robinson (7), G. Reno, Enslay, G. Tatham, Sub: Canton, Woodruff, Ingle, N. Tatham, Waynesville, Francis.

Pos. Bethel (29) vs. Robbinsville (27)
West (16), Pitts (8), Clark (5), Lanning (3), Bumgarner (4), Cook (5), Sub: Bethel—Trantham, Farmer, Mease; Robbinsville, Warrick.

QUARTER FINALS
Rob'ville (41) vs. Fines Creek (25)
Walker (12), Hooper (4), L. Davis (24), McMonigle (5), O. Davis, G. Stewart, Sub: Robbinsville, Haynie; Fines Creek—Caldwell, B. Price.

Gold Medal Tourney Champs



The Bethel high school girls defeated Canton in the finals of the W.N.C. Gold Medal tournament Saturday night for another basketball championship. Coaches Gay Chambers and W. P. Whitesides stand behind the girls, with the team captain, Carlene West, another star forward, Agnes Pitts, standing in front of Mr. Whitesides. Since school was closed yesterday other players could not be positively identified. Photo by Ingram of Ingram's Studio.

All-Tournament

FIRST TEAM
F. West, Bethel
F. L. Davis, Robbinsville
F. Whiteside, Mills River
G. Enslay, Waynesville
G. Robinson, Canton
G. O. Davis, Robbinsville

SECOND TEAM
F. Hendrix, Canton
F. Pitts, Bethel
F. McCracken, Waynesville
G. Cook, Bethel
G. Alison, Mills River
G. Griffin, Canton

Pos. Bethel (44) Mills River (29)
F. West (15), Baldwin (8)
F. Pitts (21), Allison
F. Clark (8), Whitesides (19)
G. Bumgarner, Whitaker
G. Cook, Pienomus
G. Lanning, Galyean
Subs: Bethel—Trantham, Farmer; Mills River—Orr, L. Corpening, L.

Pos. Way'ville (23) Edneyville (11)
F. Scates (12), Freeman (5)
F. Phillips (4), Maxwell
F. McCracken (10), Barnwell (6)
G. Mehaffey, H. Whitesides
G. Enslay, Hunsinger
G. Noland, Drake
Subs: Waynesville—Francis, Edneyville—D. Whiteside.

Pos. Canton (23) Sylva (18)
F. Taylor (6), Buchanan (2)
F. Griffin (6), Estes (6)
F. Hendricks (2), Ward (10)
G. Robinson, Potent
G. Reno, Bess
G. B. Tatham, Bryson
Subs: Canton—Ingle, H. Haynie, Woodruff, Carver, N. Tatham, Sylva, A. Bryson, Dillard.

LATEST RECORDS

- Sentimental Reasons, Guilty. —Ella Fitzgerald—
- Why Should It Happen To Us, I Want To Thank You Folks. —Frank Sinatra—
- Roses In The Rain, You Are There. —Frankie Carle—
- Hoodle Addle, It's Lovin' Time. —The Modernaires—
- Woodchoppers Ball, With Someone New. —Woody Herman—
- The Girl That I Marry, Easy To Love. —Dick Haymes—
- Open The Door Richard, It's Easy To Love. —Louis Jordan—
- Managua-Nicaragua, What More Can I Ask For? —Guy Lombardo—

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New Equipment Up For '47 Hazelwood

New uniforms and equipment for the Hazelwood baseball team were set as one of the goals of the Boosters Club at its meeting last week after a short talk on that subject by George Bischoff, business manager of the team. R. L. Prevost accepted the job of raising money for the equipment, with a goal of \$400.

Last year the Hazelwood team returned to the field after being disbanded during the war, and set the pace in Saturday afternoon W.N.C. Industrial League play to win the league pennant.

A meeting of league officials is expected to be called within a short time to work out preliminary details of the summer play. Mr. Bischoff says he has no reason why Hazelwood will not be as strong a contender as last year, with most, if not all, of the 1946 team looked for to be back to duty.

Practice sessions started in April last year, and practice play began in May. Last season was in the Industrial League Champion Y. Enka.

behind the girls, with the team captain, Carlene West, another star forward, Agnes Pitts, standing in front of Mr. Whitesides. Since school was closed yesterday other players could not be positively identified. Photo by Ingram of Ingram's Studio.

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