

# Mountaineers And Bethel Win Muddy Game

## Local Team Slides To 33-6 Victory

Both the Mountaineer first and second string teams got a good workout Friday night against the mud and a hard fighting Sylva team that kept trying down to the final splash. The score was 33 to 6, but after the first five minutes the score was unimportant.

Perhaps the three outstanding features of the "Mud Saucer" game, as it was christened by the press-box, was the courage of the Golden Hurricane, the brilliant play of their fullback, Joe Coggins, and the poise of the Mountaineers which was an encouraging contrast to their nervousness a week before against Valdese.

Cloudy skies from which a intermittent drizzle had fallen for two days, threatened to pour some more, but about 1200 people filled the wooden bleachers and stood along the sidelines. The open west end of the field was jammed with cars full of people who were able to combine the radio account with what they could see and so follow the action.

The Sylva team averaged 150 lbs. but even in uniform they were tiny in comparison to the husky Mountaineers. They fought gamely, however, against the first string, did better against the second, and had Coach Weatherly sent in the Mountaineer third team, the contest might have been an even terms.

The Hurricane had one individual star, however, Joe Coggins, who without the beef to support him nevertheless did a beautiful job. Once he was stretched out on the field from a driving tackle that knocked the wind from him, but he stayed in the game until the final period when he was half-carried off.

Statistics	W	S
First Downs	7	2
Passes Attempted	1	0
Passes Completed	0	0
Yards Gain Rushing	264	26
Yards Lost Penalties	70	10
Punting Average	52	34
Opp. Fumbles Rec'd	3	1
Waynesville	14	7
Sylva	0	0

Waynesville scored twice in the first few minutes of the game. After kicking off, the Mountaineers threw Sylva back 12 yards to their 28. A moment later they fumbled, the big boys recovering, and in two plays Gerald Ross had scored. J. C. DeWeese ran the ball over and in less than two minutes the score stood 7 to 0.

A few seconds later the same thing happened again. Gilliland's kick to the Sylva was brought back to the 33, after one play that gained not an inch, Sylva fumbled again. Teddy Owen recovered on the 30, and in one play DeWeese went off right tackle to score. Ross around left to make it 14 to 0.

Sylva got a grip on the ball then, and the remainder of the quarter passed scoreless, although the Mountaineers reached the Sylva 15. A holding penalty stopped that threat. Ross made one beautiful run of about 35 yards but was tripped up just as it seemed certain he was in the clear.

The third Mountaineer touchdown was set up when Carroll Swanger, who played brilliant ball made a 45 yard run to the Sylva 33. DeWeese and Terry Swanger combined to get the ball to the

## One Minute Gone And Already The Score Is 6 to 0



Two plays after Sylva fumbled in the opening seconds of the game, Gerald Ross goes through a big hole in the Sylva line to score the first touchdown. J. C. DeWeese bucked over a moment later to make it 7 to 0. (Staff Photo).

eight, but a penalty halted the drive momentarily. Sylva was forced to kick, however, and the march was resumed. Carroll Swanger again made a long run, 30 yards, to about the 20, and from there Ross carried it over. DeWeese went through center to make it 21 to 0 as the half ended.

Most of Waynesville's first string stayed out as the game was resumed, but the reserves didn't waste much time showing their power. James Moore got the kickoff back to his 40, then quickly made a first down on Sylva's 45. From there Beauford Gilliland outran the entire Hurricane team and went over. Moore failed to run across the extra point and the score stood at 27 to 0.

Sylva broke their scoring blackout when after a beautiful kick by Coggins to the 20, Moore fumbled for Waynesville. Coggins, in a succession of plays, one of which gained a first down by inches, went over from the one. Ed Sumner's plunge for the extra point was not good.

Waynesville's last score came in the fourth quarter when Sylva gambled on a quick kick that Moore took on the 35 and ran to the ten. In two plays Hugh Frazier took the ball over. The try for the extra point failed, and the score was 33 to 6.

All the Mountaineers looked good against the light opposition, but their blocking and kicking showed considerable improvement over last week. Harold McClure did a good job in the line, and Scratch Inman played well. Gilliland and Gibson were outstanding, especially the kicking of the former. Only one pass was attempted, by the Mountaineers, and it was incomplete.

Miles Stamey watched the game from the press box where he served as spotter. Miles was out because of a twice broken finger, received in practice, but he expects to see action again soon. Wayne Kelly was suffering from a bad shoulder, and Wilburn Davis was still limping from a minor knee injury.

The lineups:  
Waynesville: E—Teddy Owen Tom Morris  
E—Jim Davis Jim Stovall  
T—Harold McClure Lyde Kirk  
T—Ray Buchanan W. Crawford  
G—Jack Milner Dave Dillard  
G—Scratch Inman D. Reed  
C—Manuel Hooper F. Stevens  
HB—Terry Swanger Tom Reed  
HB—Carroll Swanger K. Jordan  
FB—J. C. DeWeese Joe Coggins  
QB—B. Gilliland Ed Sumner

## Valdese, 12 Lenoir, 0

The Mountaineers play Lenoir Friday, and they can expect a battle for revenge. Why? Waynesville battled Valdese to a 6 to 6 tie here a week ago, but Friday the same Valdese team humbled the same Lenoir team by a score of 12 to 0.

Reports from Lenoir say that it was a rough battle and closer than the score indicates. The losers found it difficult to crack the Valdese line. Bill Dickson, star Lenoir quarterback, received a back injury that will keep him out of action for some time.

Coach Weatherly of the Mountaineers, when told the outcome of the Lenoir-Valdese game, grinned broadly and repeated: "I told you that Valdese had a good team." He agreed that the Lenoir team would probably be in a fighting mood when they arrive here, and added, "I'll be a good game, but we'll be ready for them."

## Rain Wins Over Clyde And Canton

In case you don't know, it rained Friday. Four high school games were scheduled for county teams, but two of them were postponed because of the wet weather.

Canton, who already had a game scheduled for this week, will play Central High of Rutherfordton-Spindale tonight. The Black Bears tackle Sand Hill on Friday night.

Clyde was supposed to open her season against Mars Hill last Friday, but a call from there said it was just too muddy and let's play it later. Clyde agreed, but the date of the postponement could not be decided upon. Clyde has an open date on Oct. 12th, but Mars Hill hasn't. So nothing is yet known. Clyde will open, rain or shine, this coming Friday with Candler as guests.

## Fines Creek Church Sponsors Box Supper

A box supper for the benefit of the church rebuilding fund is planned by the Lower Fines Creek Methodist Church September 21. The public is invited to come and to bring a box.

## Hail, Hail, The Gang's All Here As Ross Repeats



Looks like about everybody was in all this play that brought another touchdown in the second quarter. Ross has carried the ball over after a long run by Carroll Swanger put it in position. Sylva players bounced off of Ross like BB shots off a jet plane. (Staff Photo).

## Hazelwood Boosters Plan Knee Pants League Picnic

The Hazelwood Boosters Club met in the Presbyterian Church Thursday night to hear a talk by W. L. Angel of the N. C. Department of Highway Safety, and meet with the managers and sponsors of the Knee Pants League.

M. H. Bowles was chairman of

the program committee that arranged the presence of Mr. Angel. His talk was on the subject of highway safety, and it was illustrated by a film on drunken drivers.

The 12 teams of the Knee Pants League were represented at the



By HANK MESSICK

THERE were a lot of penalties called against the Mountaineers in the Sylva game Friday night, some of which clipped another touchdown from the scoring column. The score was big enough, already, so that doesn't matter, but it is interesting to note that when you train a big man to react against another big man and put him against a small one, he is likely to seem a bit rougher than ordinary. I'm not protesting any of the calls, you understand, and a lot of the penalties were for Backfield in Motion and Too Much Time. However, if the weights had been a bit more equal, I'm sure some of the penalties would not have been called. The officials, all from WCTC, did a good job.

WE HAD quite a chat with Miles Stamey, Mountaineer guard who was out with a broken finger. Miles surely seemed to be a swell fellow, and we were especially interested in his viewpoint as a lineman regarding why boys play football. The linemen, you know, seldom get the glory that comes naturally to a back. Their play, while just as vital, is not so spectacular. Miles pointed out that a good player must like the sport intensely, and be more concerned about doing a good job than getting his name in the paper. "We always feel," he said, speaking as a lineman, "when we see a back's picture in the paper—we, we opened up the hole and blocked out the man that let him make that run."

OUR big point about Bob Feller being the decisive factor in the American League race seems to be holding up, if in reverse. The Yanks knocked him out of the box and went on to win the game and resume their lead yesterday.

SEEMS to have rained just about everywhere over the weekend. Two of the four high school games in Haywood were rained out—they were Haywood teams anyway, and we read how way down in Florida the Cowboys from Wyoming got licked in a rainstorm by the University of Florida. The Gator Bowl in reverse.

OUR recent suggestion about letting prize fights continue until the winner is clear and unmistakable, seems to be borne out by the recent Randy Turpin-Ray Robinson fight. The bout was ended in the 10th round with Turpin taking a terrific beating. It had been close until then, however. Turpin had opened a cut under Robinson's eye, making him desperate lest the fight be stopped for him. He threw caution to the winds and sailed into Turpin with both fists. However, since it was an international fight with tremendous backing for Turpin in England, it should have continued until even the loser would have to admit he was licked. As it was, Turpin was dissatisfied, claiming that with just eight seconds left in the round, he could have continued. Some British newspapers felt the same way.

SPEAKING of the way the British felt we were interested in hearing how a commentator on a radio world news roundup began his broadcast from London. "Oh somewhere hearts are happy, and somewhere children shout, but there is no joy in London, mighty Turpin has been knocked out." With apologies to Casey, of course.

TURPIN and the British were not the only people unhappy about the fight, if for different reasons. A lot of folks in this country were sore because there were no open broadcasts or television of the fight. It was "piped" by TV to selected theatres, 13 of them across the country, who paid well for the privilege. In several places, after the theatre sold out, the people broke windows and raised a lot of er, cain. There was tremendous interest in the fight, but only a favored few were able to enjoy it.

## Legion To Hold District Meeting Here Monday

The regular monthly meeting of Haywood Post No. 47 of the American Legion was held Monday night at the Legion Hall. Announcement was made of a District meeting to be held here next Monday.

The District meeting will be attended by both Division and District Commanders. The Legion's part in the Crusade For Freedom will be discussed as well as the current membership drive. Plans for the 1952 Legion baseball teams will be made, and refreshments will be served.

At the meeting last Monday it was decided that during the winter months, meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. instead of the usual eight. It was also decided to show movies at both business and social meetings.

The Legion went on record as endorsing the national "Employ The Physically Handicapped Week," and members pledged their cooperation with the local employment office to make the "Week" a success.

meeting by their managers and sponsors. The Boosters decided to hold a picnic for players of the league on Sept. 25th.

A discussion as to whether or not the Boosters should sponsor the street dances now being held in Hazelwood every week took place, but no decision was reached.

## Training Union School Launched Sunday Evening

Taking as his theme, "Be ye enlarged," the Rev. O. B. Reel last night launched the Baptist Training Union school program in the Waynesville area.

Mr. Reel stated that the greatest tragedy in the world is not Communism, nor alcoholism, but an undeveloped personality; and that the Training Union furnishes a means of furthering the development of the individual in his personal life, in his church life, and in world service.

The Training Union classes will be held Monday through Thursday of this week at the Waynesville First and Canton First Baptist churches. Mr. Reel is director of the Waynesville division, and James P. Morgan is in charge at Canton and director of the county-wide work.

Classes begin each evening at 7:15 p.m. A nursery will be in operation at each church during class sessions.

## Local Boy Is Fishburne Cadet

WAYNESBORO, Va.—Robert H. Stretcher, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Stretcher, 314 Boundary Street, is a first year cadet at Fishburne Military School. This marks Fishburne's 73rd session.

## Poindeux Gets First Bethel Win

The Blue Demons of Poindeux are proud of their new Poindeux, and they to be proud of their night against the Eagles at Weaverville decisively, 12 to 0.

Hampered by mud, the Blue Demons were theer scored in the er of the game and fourth. The Bethel playing its first game did a good job, but it play that won the app crowd.

Time after time would take flight, make or 20 yards on the first series, and then be ed back. Many times, itial gain, the Eagles themselves on fourth further than they were started.

Kenneth Jones scored touchdowns at Bethel steady if unseasonable. Doit Shepard deserves Shepard, a 130 lb tall consistent ground game the gains were seldom.

Red Browning was the the Weaverville team ened several times but punch to score. In the they reached the Demos were held out on down, third stanza they lost when a pass was intere.

After the second he down put the game on in the fourth period, O dexter sent in his reser experience. The Enger ing but their wings were.

About 500, including from Bethel, watched the

## Mountain Add Game On Sept.

The Mountaineers games this season.

A hole in the 1951 rule has been plugged. Weatherby announced Anderson, S. C. filling Anderson High on Sept week following the here. Little is known Anderson team, but Co erby expects the game "tough one".

The remainder of the finds Canton, there, Hendersonville, here, Christ School, there, Brevard, there on Oct, velle, Tenn. there on Oct, jin, here, on Nov. 9th, here, on Nov. 22nd.

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