

# SPORTS in BRIEF

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OUR REPORTER HAS MOVED  
HOT AIR TO THE  
BASKETBALL  
ROSMAN



## Fines Creek Girls Beat Rosman

Fines Creek went over to Rosman Friday night and were half successful. The girls made it two victories in a row by winning 54-32, but the boys couldn't keep up the pace and the 44-65 defeat leaves them evenly divided.

E. Rathbone was high scorer for Fines Creek. Her 22 points were better than any player on the three other teams could manufacture. Of the Fines Creek boys Bill Rogers was best with 16 points.

Play was consistent in both games with the winners maintaining the margin of victory through most of the battle.

On Tuesday the Fines Creek teams come to Waynesville to engage the Mountaineers.

**Girls' lineup:**  
Fines Creek (54) (32) Rosman  
F—Ferguson (8) (16) Elliott  
F—Russell (3) (2) M. Whitmire  
F—E. Rathbone (22) (11) Callahan  
G—Ledford Moses  
G—Trantham S. Galloway  
G—Massey E. Galloway  
Subs: Fines Creek: Trantham, B. Rathbone (1), Rogers, K. Russell, D. Rathbone (10), Clark (10), Rosman: Owen, Hutchinson (4), Fisher, S. Whitmire, Ledford, Thomas.  
Half time score: Fines Creek 25, Rosman 17.

**Boys' lineup:**  
Fines Creek (44) (65) Rosman  
F—Bill Rogers (16) (6) Pangle  
F—Fish (14) Winchester  
C—J. Rathbone (10) (10) Staton  
G—Rogers (4) (6) Whitmire  
G—McCracken (5) (12) Orr  
Subs: Fines Creek: Greene (6), Kirkpatrick (2), Clark, D. Rathbone (1), Payne, Fisher, Rosman D. McCall (1), J. McCall (7), Masters (7), Galloway (2).  
Half time score: Rosman 30, Fines Creek 19.

The U. S. flag should be raised and lowered by hand. It should be displayed from sunrise to sunset.

## Blue Demons Are Full Of Turkey Stuffed With Pride



Left to right around the circle are the men who won special honor at the Bethel football banquet Friday night. Al Phillips, co-owner of the Sluder Furniture Co., is presenting the trophies. Next to him is Doyt Shepard holding the Best Blocking Back award. Sheperd was also elected honorary captain for the year. Kenneth Jones is next, the Best Defensive Back; Fred Rogers, the Best Defensive Lineman; Jess Welch, Best Blocking Lineman; and Jim Campbell, Best Team Spirit. (Mountaineer photo.)

## Canton Boys Drop Opener

Coach Don Hipps took his Canton Black Bears over to Cullowhee Friday to sharpen their shooting eyes against the WCTC Jayvee team in the first cage contest of the season for the Bears. The results were no more encouraging than the defeat suffered by Waynesville at the hands of Crabtree-Iron Duff; the Black Bears were beaten, 52 to 34.

Only the boys were involved. The girls and boys play hostess and host to Hendersonville Tuesday night in a conference game.

## 'Five Broken Collarbones A Game'



Roy Abernathy, All-Time Great at UNC who played fullback there in 1905, makes no bones about it as he tells the Blue Demons of Bethel high about how rough the sport used to be. The occasion was the annual banquet given the Bethel team, which was held Friday night. (Mountaineer Photo.)

dance the Kiwanis Club is holding Dec. 15th at the Armory for the benefit of the Mountaineer Little League. There's no better way to spend your money and have a good time at the same time with no loss of time.

WHEN N. C. State cleans house out goes the entire structure. All of Beattie Feather's assistants were given the boot along with him. Say, have you heard the one about the coach who lost his nerve? Oops!

## C-I Takes Twin Win From Waynesville Mountaineers

The boys and girls of the Waynesville Mountaineer basketball squads began their season Friday a little more ingloriously than the football team did earlier in the year. The gridiron greets fought to a 6 to 6 tie with Valdeze in their opener, while the cagers lost a doubleheader to Crabtree-Iron Duff.

It was a hard blow to take for Waynesville, but sweet victory to the folks of C-I who saw their teams come from behind in both games and emerge as winners.

High scorer for the Waynesville girls was Davis with 15 points. While she was racking those up, however, Bishop of C-I was getting 23 and Justice was dropping 17 through the net.

Kuykendall fired 12 for the male Mountaineers to lead their goaling, and Smart for C-I proved the whip as he poured in 17 points.

Tuesday Waynesville engages Fines Creek on the home court. C-I goes to Bethel.

**Girls' lineup:**  
Waynesville (41) (48) Crabtree  
F—Davis (15) (23) Bishop  
F—M. Sparks (7) (5) James  
F—Welch (3) Crawford  
G—Leopard (7) Ferguson  
G—B. Sparks Medford  
G—Cresman Presnell  
Subs: Waynesville—Ross (8), Ferguson (1), Sheehan, Hill, Hooper, Kennin, Crabtree-Iron Duff—Justice (17), Haney, Sandford, F. Bradshaw (3), J. Bradshaw, Rathbone, McElroy, Cogdill.  
Half time score—Waynesville 23, Crabtree-Iron Duff 11.

**Boys' lineup:**  
Waynesville (39) (47) Crabtree  
F—Kuykendall (12) (4) H. Caldwell  
F—Davis (8) (11) M. Pope  
C—James (10) (17) Smart  
G—Swanger (2) R. Pope  
G—Green (3) (6) James  
Subs: Waynesville—Jenkins, Early, Buchanan (4), Presnell, Ray, Leatherwood, Crabtree-Iron Duff—Jones (3), F. Medford (6).  
Half time score: Waynesville 20, Crabtree 15. Referee: Selzer, Mills.

**NO WHEELS**  
CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP)—Two runaway boys from Centralia, Ill.—picked up by Carbondale police—were telling how they planned to start out on their own. One boy, whose father was there to take him home, said they planned to sell his motorbike when they reached Alabama.

The father interrupted: "You won't have to wait that long. I'm going to sell it when we get home."

SPITE the many basketball games and the Bowls still it is difficult at this season of the year to fill sport without lighting up the hot stove of baseball. Just take at some of the dailies and you'll see what I mean. For example, based on the question: "Is big-league a sport or a profession?" Way back yonder after the infamous, 1919 World Series, Chief Justice Holmes was a sport and not a commodity in trade or commerce. Opinion has been working on that opinion ever since, the fact that thousands of people make good or in-livings from it. What raises the issue, of course, is that baseball is so well organized that a player must be at the discretion of the league owners, and some play-stain that they are deliberately restrained. Seems to time legal authorities took another look at reality.

WHILE on the subject of the baseball, it is interesting to at the major and minor leagues are taking measures down the competition of the radio (or television) and combination. The new Baseball Commissioner, trick, is agreeable, and has suggested that the question, "good for baseball?" be used as a measuring rod. The es are cutting out a lot of broadcasting and televising, ally of home games. The majors, say the minors, by of radio have made people bored with small-town stuff. ing, at any rate, has caused the minor leagues to lose 6,000,000 fans in two years. Once again, however, I somebody is being unrealistic. Radio and television is stay: if any kind of sport depending upon a mass at- for gate receipts is to stay too then it must surely come way to utilize existing facilities, and must make ver changes are demanded to keep in step. Not many said a few years ago, "The roads aren't good enough to seless carriages, therefore we must forget about the old things." They built better roads. Baseball, football rest had better take the advice of an old gentleman aid: "If the mountains won't come to Mohammed, then named will go to the mountains." Sports have a good do it if only they can make it pay.

THE VOICE came again the other night and informed A. A. Stagg is now assisting his son who is head coach quehanna University. Stagg by the way led the Uni- of Chicago to its greatest glory back in the twenties gridiron. Now, of course, Chicago has abandoned the which meant that they get plenty of money from other Always did wonder, however, what happened to ge stadium. What a flowerpot it might make.

EXPERTS all, on the basis of their pre-season choice of ee to be football king, the UP editors now crawl back the limb and say that Kentucky will complete the ball era in the same relative position. Illinois is rat- cond. Washington third, Oklahoma Aggies fourth, St. fifth, St. Louis sixth, N. C. State seventh, Kansas Wyoming ninth, and Kansas State tenth. Good choices ave to admit, but don't forget we've got a continued involving cage scandals still running, and don't forget a scandal did for the Black Knights on the Hudson.

PERSEY Joe Walcott has proved that almost anything sible, and has been awarded the Edward J. Neil Memor- que for having achieved more for boxing than anyone uring the year. Which was the cause and which the h, huh?

ACK Justice really gave a convincing talk the other in support of the Little League idea. No one, after hear- m, could doubt that it is the best method available to do hing for the boys of this area. Don't forget that square

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## Parents Pay Tribute To Blue Demons At Banquet

If the Blue Demons football team of Bethel High can play next year as well as its mothers can cook, then Waynesville, as Blue Ridge Conference champs, had better look to its laurels.

The above statement is based upon evidence submitted by the mothers at the annual football banquet Friday night at Bethel. The mothers took it upon themselves to prepare the food which the fathers had supplied, and the results were superb. Equal in interest, however, were the remarks of the principal speaker, Roy Abernathy, who played football at UNC in 1905 and is rated by the University as their all-time great fullback. Abernathy, now a successful business man in Asheville, quoted Browning, "We fall to rise again," told about his first college football game, "We played in a cornfield with the stalks just cut," and discussed the fabulous Jim Thorpe as he knew him. "He wouldn't play unless they gave him his two pints after every game."

Some idea of the variety and interest of the talk cannot, however, do justice to the serious purpose it conveyed to the 1951 Blue Demon squad. "Things that come too easily don't help. It is not good for a team to win every game. A constant winner is in the same position, and condition of the over-privileged in this country: both need help badly. Defeat builds character while too much victory destroys it."

Abernathy paid tribute to Bethel coach C. C. Poindexter as "one of the best coaches and one of the best men in the state." Continuing he told the players about the "big shots" of his college days. "They are all dead now while we fellows who were taught to lead a clean and healthy life are still going

strong." Poindexter thanked the players, the managers, the faculty, the press, the cheer leaders, and various business concerns for making "my first year at Bethel such an enjoyable experience."

Awards were then announced. Under a new system, a letter for one year of varsity athletics and a star for each additional year, letters were given to Philip Capps, Troy Hargrove, Bob Mease, Buddy Mull, Tom Owen, T. L. Riddle, Joe B. Rigdon, James Shipman, Charles Singleton, Neal Stamey, and Shurford Wells.

Gaining a letter and one star were Jim Campbell, Bill Deitz, Kenneth Jones, Guy Mease, Harold Messer, Ray Phillips and Jess Welch. Rewarded with a letter and two stars were Bill Allison, Charles Blaylock, Bill Queen, Fred Rogers, and Doyt Shepard. The latter group are seniors who, however, were able to play only three years because no team existed before that. Managers awards were made to Neal Kelley and Max Sheppard. Honorary captain was revealed as Doyt Shepard. He was elected by the team at the end of the season.

Special awards were made by the Sluder Furniture Company of Canton to five players. Doyt Sheperd was named best blocking back; Jess Welch was chosen best blocking lineman; Kenneth Jones got the nod as best defensive back; Fred Rogers was tapped as best defensive lineman; and, in the words of Poindexter, "the highest honor of all," the best team spirit, was paid to Jim Campbell. Guests, a number of whom were present, were introduced by Wayne Howell, president of the student body and master of ceremonies.

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