

WTHS Boys Victors 28-25, As Girls Lose 40-3

Mountaineers Win Out In Last Minute

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Waynesville came within one minute and 20 seconds of dropping two games to Crabtree-Iron Duff's cagers Friday night at Crabtree, but the Mountaineer males snatched the victory out of the fire with a last-minute spurt to win 28-25.

Earlier, Waynesville's girls had lost to the Crabtree-Iron Duff lassies 40-35 as the home sextet staged a second-half rally.

Coach Bill Swift's Mountaineers trailed throughout most of the contest, but in the last few minutes the Gold and Black sharpshooters began to find the mark at the same time that Crabtree lost their shooting eye.

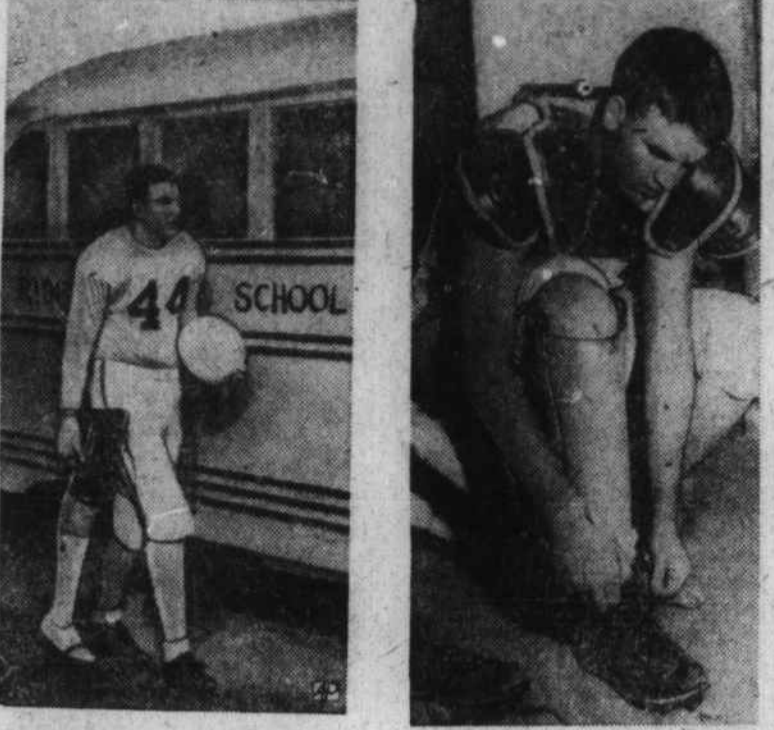
Behind 25-20, Bill Grahl and Joe Aldridge hit fouls to make the score 25-22. Grahl connected from the side to close the gap to one point, and then Billy Leatherwood put the Mountaineers ahead for the first time in the game with a short push shot—26-25.

As the Crabtree cagers fought to cool the Waynesville rally, they started fouling the Mountaineers. Aldridge hit two free throw throws to put the Gold and Black ahead 28-25—at which point the game ended.

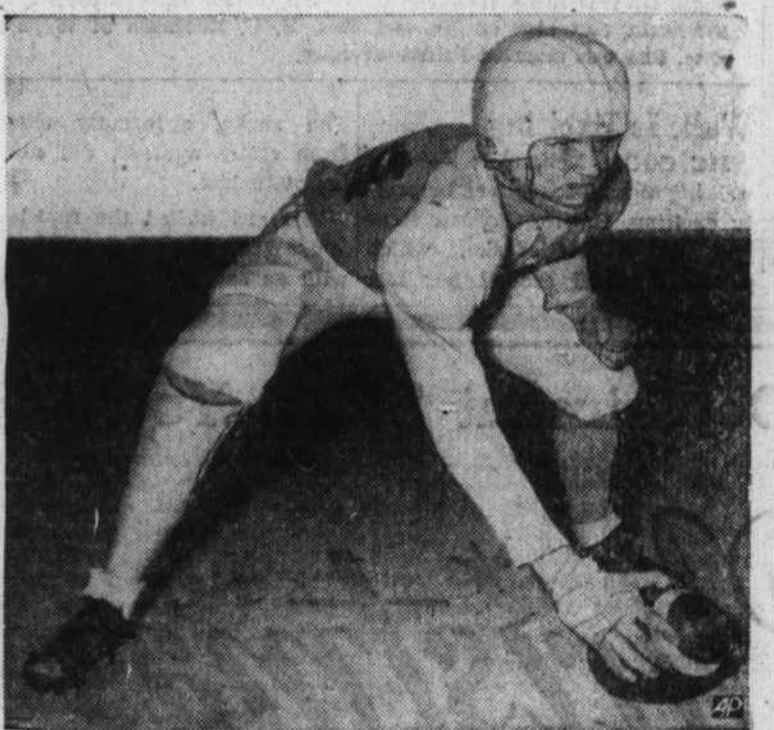
Crabtree lost its chance in the last minute to tie up the ball game when Roy Pope missed a crisp shot, and Johnny Crawford failed to make a foul throw.

Aldridge led the Mountaineers with 14 points, while Leatherwood got 10. Pope with 9 and Thad

One - Legged Gridman Is 60 - Minute Player



Allen Collins averages one broken leg a season. He is shown carrying a spare.



Allen Ray Collins is a 60-minute player for Ridgewood Prep in New Orleans. Collins, 17, lost his right leg in a power lawn mower when he was 9. He also plays baseball.

Bethel Clips Fines Creek 43-27; 35-45

Bethel's Blue Demons and Belles won their second double feature of the season by downing the Fines Creek cagers on the Fines Creek floor. The Demons won 55-45, while the Belles came out ahead, 43-27.

Capps paced the Demons with 21 markers, while Messer was high for the Hornets with 13. Edwards led the Belles with 23, while Moore collected 11 for the Fines Creek fillies.

Girls' lineup:

Fines Creek (27)	Bethel (43)
F—J. Ferguson (7)	Edwards (23)
F—C. Ferguson (3)	Wilson (5)
F—Moore (11)	Poston (9)
G—M. Price	Revis
G—Trantham	Shepherd
G—Davis	D. Pressley

Subs: Fines Creek—Haynes 2, Rathbone, Justice 4, Rogers, Bethel — E. Henson 4, Heatherly 2, Lowe, Kelly, Pinkerton, Mease, Phillips, C. Pressley, Messer, Henson, Rogers, Reece.

Boys' lineup:

Fines Creek (45)	Bethel (55)
F—G. Messer (13)	Owen (2)
F—W. Messer (10)	B. Wells (4)
C—Hunter (4)	C. Wells (12)
G—Payne (9)	Capps (21)
G—V. Evans (4)	Deitz (7)

Subs: Fines Creek—J. Evans 5, Ferguson, Ledford, Bethel — W. Wells 5, Hargrove, Stamey, Burnett, Green, Kelly.

Referees: Bumgarner and Ray.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS ALL-AMERICA TEAM FOR 1953— as chosen by a poll of sports writers across the nation. Here is The Associated Press All-America football team for 1953 (AP Wirephoto)

Mountaineer Trio Shines In Optimist Bowl Triumph

A powerful line — bolstered by three members of Waynesville's 1953 stone wall—and an outstanding performance by Candler's Chuck Farmer gave the West an upset victory over a favored East squad in the seventh annual Optimist Bowl game in Asheville, Saturday.

The West scored in the third period on a 75-yard drive sparked by several runs and two passes from Farmer to Hunnicutt, Lee Edwards end; Farmer sneaked over for the final two yards and Corkran added the extra point.

Following the West's touchdown, Billy LeFevre of Lenoir almost returned the kickoff for an Eastern score, but the Mountaineers' Jimmy Frady, the last man between him and the goal line, hauled Le-

Fever down.

The East's only score came in the second period when Farmer intercepted an Eastern aerial and was tackled in his own end zone.

After the game, the West's coaches—Roy Phillips of Candler, Joe Hunt of Sylva and Bill Estes of Biltmore—named Farmer as the most valuable player on their squad and tabbed Frady as the runner-up. Before the game, Farmer and Frady were named co-captains of the Western aggregations.

The trio of coaches also praised Mountaineers Harold McClure, who made a number of outstanding tackles during the game, and Roy Pressley, for his fine blocking.

McClure halted two Eastern threats in the first period, one when he threw Lambert of Val-

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AP Newsfeatures

NEW ORLEANS—Allen Ray Collins probably is the only football player who ever broke a leg in a workout, taped it and returned to action.

Allen, a lineman for Ridgewood Prep in the New Orleans Metropolitan League, says he averages about one broken leg a season.

The only time a broken leg ever stopped him was when he cracked it just before a game and couldn't patch it. He sat that game out.

Now he carries a spare leg in the team bus.

The leg in question is wooden, but the 17-year-old's courage is made of stronger stuff.

Allen caught his right foot in a power lawn mower when he was nine. Infection developed and the leg had to be amputated below the knee.

For the past four years, Ridgewood coach Warren Nelson says Allen has been battling to make the regular team. He played part time on the varsity in 1951 and 1952.

This year he made the grade. After limited duty in the first two games, he was a 60-minute man in the next two.

"Allen is not fast," Nelson says, "but he can keep up with the slow-

Adept Sportsman

RALEIGH (AP) — Bob Brooks, assistant sports editor of the Raleigh (N.C.) News and Observer, is proving as adept with golf clubs as he is with a typewriter.

He recently won a trophy for the third consecutive time when he captured the writer's division of the fourth annual Football Round-Up Golf tournament at Chapel Hill. Bob posted a one-over par 73.

booster. And his father, a Buras, La., oilworker, comes to New Orleans for all the games. Allen and his mother live in an apartment near the school.

His Ridgewood schoolmates have been a help, too.

"We don't have anybody here who stares at Allen," coach Nelson says. "In fact, some of the younger kids who don't have anything to do with athletics, don't even know about his artificial leg."

"And his teammates enjoy kidding him. He used to take off his wooden leg to take a shower and they would hide it."

"Now he locks it in his locker before taking a shower."

Allen, a B student, is also an outfielder on the baseball team, likes to play tennis, bowls, swims and is the shot put and discus man on the track squad.

He wanted to go out for basketball, but Nelson wouldn't let him.

"He might undo all the good he has done," the coach explains. "If he got out on the court in shorts and couldn't cover up his leg."

Allen plans to go to college, but he thinks trying out for college football would be "carrying the thing a little too far."

Yet, he is going a long way on one good leg.

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Crawford with 8 were high for Crabtree-Iron Duff.

In the girls' tilt, the two sextets were tied 9-all at the first quarter, but field goals by Linda Welch and Shirley Jones put the Mountaineers ahead at half-time 22-17.

However, in the third quarter Crabtree's high-scorer, Bonnie Sue Justice started connecting and Crabtree-Iron Duff went into the lead to stay.

Bonnie Sue tallied a total of 14 for Crabtree, followed by Louise Presnell with nine. Shirley Jones with 16 and Betty Smith with 11 paced the Mountaineers.

Girls' lineup:

Waynesville (35)	Crabtree (40)
F—Welch (8)	Smith
F—B. Smith (7)	Best (4)
F—S. Jones (16)	Presnell (9)
G—Hooper	Sutton
G—Walker	McCracken
G—Hamilton	Hill

Subs: Waynesville—Roland, Fitzgerald, Winchester, E. Smith, Carver, B. Howell, Crabtree—Price 3, S. Bradshaw 6, Justice 14, Sanford, J. Bradshaw 4, Ferguson.

Boys' lineup:

Waynesville (28)	Crabtree (25)
F—Aldridge (14)	J. Crawford (6)
F—Cogdill	T. Crawford (8)
C—Baker	Pope (9)
G—Leatherwood (10)	Walker (2)
G—Grahl (3)	Smith

Subs: Waynesville—Nichols, J. Harris, Jordan, Queen, Davis 1, Stephens, Hightower, Crabtree — Bryson.

Referees: Bumgarner and Evans.