Hendersonville Here Friday Night For Major Blue Ridge Cage Clash

Here And Yonder

The Sportscope

By BOB CONWAY

We have been wondering today if the Mountaineers have ever before in history played so many basketball games in one season in which the final outcome was in doubt right down to the last sec and of the contest?

Three of their last four games have been of the "photo finish" variety - against Canton, Bethel, and Clyde,

All in all, Waynesville has played three games in which the winning margin was only one point and have played two more in which the final edge was only two points.

So, if it's thrillers you like, don't miss any of the Mountaineers' hardwood hassles. The big 'un coming up here tomorrow night against Hendersonville should offer more of the same excitement.

The attendance at the Canton-Waynesville game here broke all records set last year, but the Bethel game came along a week later and established another record.

The officiating at the Clyde-Waynesville game Tuesday night was the poorest we've seen in Western North Carolina, but it was not one sided - both teams suffered during the rough and tumble

For a time the contest strongly resembled a football game and looked for a while as if the proceedings might get out of hand.

However, Waynesville's defeat at Clyde can't be blamed on the officials. The Mountaineers just weren't hitting enough and were outrebounded too often.

Waynesville's new cheerleaders make a very striking appearance on the hardwood. Glad to have them on hand.

And speaking of cheerleaders, Clyde's corps are decked out in maroon and gold jeans,

One of these days they're going to play a basketball game in the Waynesville gym without having to stop to mop up a soft drink that somebody spilled on the playing floor.

Bethel High Splits With Edneyville

Bethel split a pair of games with Edneyville at Bethel Tuesday night. the Belles winning, 68-42, and the Blue Demons losing, 64-41.

Four of Edneyville's starting 19

double figures - with Kesterton getting 17. Pitillo and Sain 15 each and Brigman 10. Dean Reece paced the Blue Demons with 16

The Henderson countians were ahead at the half, 25-14.

In the girls' game, Shirley Smith again led the way for the Belles with 27 points, while Annette Lowe Bethel on the Pigeon planks Tuesadded another 14. Griffin was high for the Edneyville girls with

five in the boys' game hit in the Bethel's next game will be to-

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Canton Will Play Host To Brevard

For the third straight Friday night Waynesville will present a top WNC cage attraction when the rugged Hendersonville Bearcats come to town for an important Blue Ridge Conference

In the only other game scheduled in the county this weekend, Canton wil play host to Brevard. Games away will find Bethel at Reynolds tonight and Clyde at Fletcher and Fines Creek at Edneyville Friday night. Crabtree-Iron Duff is slated to be idle.

Despite their upset loss to Clyde Tuesday night, the Mountaineers still have a perfect mark in the Blue Ridge and will be out to beat the third of three traditional conference opponents - Hendersonville - after having gotten safely by Canton and Bethel in two close

Against Clyde Tuesday night, Waynesville put on a desperate fourth-quarter rally and cut the Cardinals' lead from nine to two points, but Old Father Time halted the Gold and Black two points short of the mark.

Clyde played steady ball throughout, while the Mountaineers suffered two "cold spells" during the contest

Hendersonville has already split games with two Haywood oppon-- losing to Canton and downing Bethel in two games last week. Early in the season the Bearcats dropped two tilts to Lee Edwards and nosed out Owen High in their last start Tuesday night. Canton will be heavily favored

at home Friday night to repeat their earlier victory over Brevard on the Transylvania hardwood. The Blue Devils, apparently out of the Blue Ridge race again this year, also have dropped two games to Waynesville.

Clyde's classy Cardinals, overjoyed by their victory over Waynesville at home Tuesday night. will be out for victory No. 8 of the season at Fletcher. The Maroon and Gold cagers have won six out of their last seven games-

losing only to Canton recently. Edneyville, always a powerful contender, proved too talented for day, but the young Blue Demons will have an excellent chance to rack up another triumph tonight favor of Canton. against Reynolds. The Buncombe basketeers already have dropped games to both Canton and Way-

Fines Creek, idle Tuesday, faces a rugged assignment in trying to stop the high-scoring Henderson County aggregation, which polished off Bethel this week, but the Hornets may be able to hit a hot

night at Reynolds High of Buncombe County. Edneyville (42) F-Griffin (19) (14) Lowe F-M. Hill (11) (10) B. Henson Surrett, J. Kinsland, Medland. F-Turner (7) (4) Jones G. D. Freeman Pinkerton G-B. Hill M. Phillips G-D. Jackson Messer Subs: Edneyville - J. Freeman, Hensley, C. Jackson, Oates, Davis, Brigman 5. Bethel-S. Smith 27, J. Smith 7, Layman, Blazer, A. wards 3, J. Grogan 3, A Grogan, Green, Smathers, Griffin, B. Phillips, Metcalf, B. Henson, Frizzell, Burnette. Half time score: 33-24, Bethel.

Boys' lineup: Edneyville (64) Bethel (41) F-Pitillo (15) (2) Russell F-Burgess (7) (5) Hill C-Sain (15) (8) Singleton G-Kesterson (17) (16) Reese G-Brigman (10) (2) Queen Subs' Edneyville-Hill. Bethel Half time score: 25-14, EdneyLEADS AGGIES UP - - - By Aian Maver



Canton Boys, Crabtree Girls Take Basketball Victories

The Canton Black Bears topped Crabtree-Iron Duff in a high- Ice Show Set scoring gaem at Canton Tuesday night, 84-65, but the Crabtree girls rallied to whip the Canton Lady Bears, 49-46.

In the boys' game, four out of five Canton starters took an active part in the scoring parade with through Jan. 25. King netting 21, Milner and Cannon 17 apiece and West 14. Crabtree's scoring also was well divided with Clark hitting 17. Bradshaw 15, and Hannah 14

The halftime count was 33-24 in

The Craptree girls, paced by Presnell with 25 points, had to overcome a 26-21 Canton lead to win. Bessie Phillips was tops for the Lady Bears with 21 markers. Canton will be at home Friday night to Brevard, while Crabtree-

Girls' lineup Canton (46) Crabtree (49) F-Presnell (25) (21) Phillips (10) Willis F-Best (5) F-Smith (8) (15) Young G-McCracken Bethel (68) G-Plemmons Burnette

Subs: Brown 2. Rector. Canton-

Iron Duff is scheduled to be idle.

Boys' lineup: Crabtree (65) Canton (84) F-Bradshaw (15) (17) Milner F-Clark (17) (17) Cannon (21) King C-Best (4) G-Hannah (14) (14) West (5) Stamey G-Kirkpatrick (4) Subs: Parks 1, J. Parks 2, Crawford 8. Canton-Vanhook, Pace 8 Rexter 2, Boone 4.

Officials: Rhodes and Coman.

Gains Through Air

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Pitt's 1955 football team, compiling a 7-3 record before going to the Sugar Bowl, was known as a running team because it picked up 113 first downs and 2045 yards rushing and only 17 first downs and 510 yards -Henson, Burris, West 6, Mease 2. passing. But, oddly enough, exactly one third of Pitt's 27 touchdowns came via passes.

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wood Ice Revue will run 18 nights

Clyde Hands Mountaineer Cagers First Loss As Rally Falls Short

By BOB CONWAY

The law of averages caught up class as a fourth-period rally fell converted two free throws. short by two points, 43-41.

The Waynesville girls also found the going rough in Cardinals been for the team's smallest memcountry, but put on the pressure to win, 63-57.

Mountaineers have stared defeat ning margin. squarely in the face-against Murphy, Clyde (here), Fines Creek, Canton, and Bethel, but always have managed before to emerge on the fat end of the score.

only one point on the WTHS floor most of the way, was not to be denied Tuesday night and took ad- dozen for Clyde. vantage of Mountaineer miscues to wrap up its first major county victory this year.

words, it was the steady playing of in the first game here. Clyde versus the irregular offenthe difference.

In the second quarter, Clyde the third quarter, 50-47. scored nine straight points, while ter and start of the fourth the ted another 20, Cardinals sank four field goals in succession while the Mountaineers Waynesville (63) failed to find the range.

In the fatal second quarter, F.-Fitzgerald (13) Waynesville went six and a half F-Roberson (28) minutes without a point until Don G-Howell Jordan dumped in two layups to G-Ratcliffe cut Clyde's halftime margin to only G-Turner four points.

of the first quarter, but Howard Browning. Clyde -Shook's pivot shot at the start of Green, Hughey, the second period put the host team ahead until the third quarter.

The Gold and Black dribblers re- Waynesville (41) gained the lead twice in the third F-Hooper (10) and six matinees in Madison quarter, but Jim Green's long shot F-Davis (4) Square Garden from Jan. 12 put Clyde back on top at 30-28. C-Sparks (6) and they never were headed again. G-Ballance (1)

Trailing by nine points midway Waynesville's in the fourth quarter, the Moun with Waynesville Tuesday night at taineers started a last-ditch rally Clyde and the Mountaineers were sparked by Jordan, who hit three knocked out of the undefeated quick baskets, and Tom Sparks who

This sudden surge might have overtaken the Cardinals had it not ber, Danny Caldwell, who caged two fouls and then sneaked through Five other times this season, the for a layup that provided the win-

> Waynesville hit on 11 out of 18 cashed in 13 out of 21 tries.

Jordan was again high scorer for the Mountaineers with 20 However, Clyde, who lost by points, while Carroll Hooper was second highest with 10, exhibiting before Christmas after leading some nice shots under the basket. Shook and Caldwell each got a

In the girls' game, the Waynesville Mountainettes were continually pressed by the Clyde girls, al-Summing up the game in a few though the local lassies won, 71-48.

Waynesville, however, led at the sive of Waynesville that spelled end of the first quarter, 16-13; at the half, 36-29, and at the end of

Agnes Roberson again showed Waynesville went scoreless and the way for the Mountainettes with again at the end of the third quar- 28 points, while Tulan Carver net-

Girls' lineup Clyde (57) Owenby (27) F-Carver (20) Medford (18) Harris (2) Scott Russel! Subs: Waynesville-Grant Nich-

Boys' lineup: Clyde, (43) B. McCracken (9) Shook (12)

Jayvee Cagers Top Clyde, 52-36

ball team had considerably better luck against Clyde Tuesday afternoon than the varsity did Tuesday night and came up with a 52-36 victory over the Cardinal fledglings.

WTHS also won over Clyde in free throw attempts, while Clyde an earlier meeting of the two "B" teams.

Jenkins paced the Little Mountaineers with a sizzling 27 points, while Seay was high for the Clyde team with 16.

Waynesville was ahead at the half, 27-19.

Mobile Ace Rates

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)-Baseball men are high on a 21-yearold pitcher who was named rookie of the year in the AA Southern Assn. He's Ralph Mauriello, a New York City native who lives in,

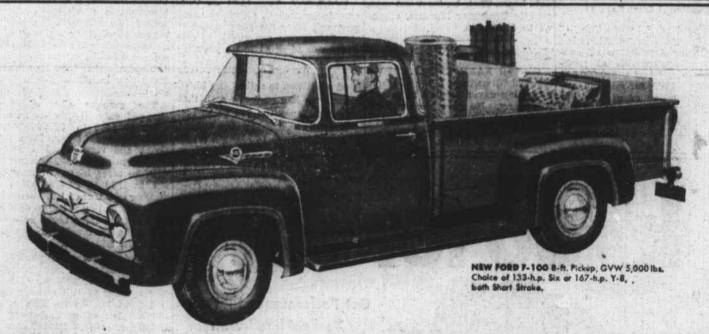
Hollywood, Calif. Mauriello had an 18-8 record for Mobile and his 2.76 earned run record was the best in the circuit. He completed 13 of 34 starts, had 159 strikeouts and 132 walks in 215 innings.

He probably will pitch for Montreal or St. Paul in 1956.

Brown All In A Dog's Day

INVERNESS, Fla. (AP) - Leonard Sweet is sorry he took his dog along on a hunting trip. When the Waynesville led, 16-15, at the end ols, Bowen, Ketner 2, Niehols, dog jumped from the car he Ducker 10, knocked a pistol to the ground and discharged it. Swett suffered a leg wound. However, the dog helped Swett's son, Bobby bring in a seven-point buck deer.

> McCracken (8) G-Jordan (20) Green (2) Subs: Waynesville-Medford, Da-Caldwell (12) vis, Clyde-Seay.



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