

Enka At Waynesville, Bethel At Hendersonville In Tuesday Night Games

Mountaineers Whip Hendersonville In Another Hard-Fought Tilt, 52-47

By BOB CONWAY

The Mountaineers continued their role as conference giant killers here Friday night by knocking off the powerful Hendersonville Bearcats, 52-47, in another hard-fought battle that has typified recent Waynesville basketball games.

In the curtain-raiser, the Waynesville girls won easily over Hendersonville, 58-37.

By halting the Bearcats, the Mountaineers kept their Blue Ridge Conference record clean at 6-0 and set the stage for Tuesday night's meeting here with the only other unbeaten team in the conference—the Enka Jets.

The Mountaineers staged an iron-act in beating the Hendersonville quintet, going all the way with the starting five of Hooper, Davis, Sparks, Ballance, and Jordan. Coach Bob Tate of the Bearcats used eight players in a vain effort to halt the WTHS offense, which never let up during the contest.

As it was, however, the Mountaineers had to be at their very best Friday night to win because Hendersonville had a big edge in both height and weight and also presented a team of accomplished set-shot artists.

Several times during the game, the Bearcat behemoths tired and had to be taken out of the fray to rest up a while. Only little Yogi Poteet and Don Heilig were able to keep up with the hustling Waynesville five.

At the end of the first quarter, Hendersonville led by two points at 11-9. The score was tied several times during the second quarter until Waynesville caged six foul shots and one field goal to go out in front at the half, 23-17.

The Gold and Black stayed ahead throughout the third quarter, but a jump shot by Poteet put the Bearcats back in command, 38-37, as the fourth period opened.

The game see-sawed back and fourth until midway in the final quarter when Tony Davis caged two quick fielders for the Mountaineers and followed up with a third a short time later. Ballance and Sparks also added goals and Jordan converted two free throws and Carroll Hooper one.

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Crabtree, Clyde Slated To Be Home

(BULLETIN: Coach H. B. Griffin of Clyde High announced this morning that Clyde will play a doubleheader at home tonight with Hot Springs. The game was scheduled after the team's regular schedule was made up, he explained.

The two teams will play again at Clyde February 13 because of the greater capacity of the Clyde gym.)

Two Blue Ridge Conference clashes are on tap for Haywood County teams Tuesday night when Enka invades Waynesville and Bethel travels to Hendersonville.

Canton is slated to be idle. Clyde will be home to Old Fort, and Crabtree-Iron Duff will play host to Fines Creek.

Waynesville, with a 6-0 conference record and a 11-1 mark over all, will face one of the top teams in the Blue Ridge. Enka High, who also has dropped only one game this season.

The Enka girls also have one of the strongest teams in Western North Carolina.

The Mountaineers, playing one of their best games of the season, whipped Hendersonville here Friday night, 52-47, the first cage victory the Gold and Black has scored over the Bearcats in several years.

Bethel lost to Hendersonville at home January 10 and will be the underdog tomorrow night on the Henderson County hardwood. The Blue Demons dropped their eighth game of the season Friday night to Reynolds as the Buncombe countians rallied from a 31-30 halftime deficit to win, 58-51.

Clyde started off last week by upsetting the Mountaineers Tuesday night and ended with a close win over Fletcher Friday night. The Cardinals and Cardinalettes were scheduled to play Old Fort there December 13, but the game was never played because of a schedule mixup.

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Belles Win, Demons Lose To Reynolds

The Reynolds boys' team of Buncombe County staged a last-half rally Friday night on their home floor to down the Bethel Blue Demons, 58-51, after the Bethel girls had triumphed, 64-56.

Singleton of Bethel took scoring honors in the boys game with 25 points, while Reese contributed 13 more. Hendrix was tops for Reynolds with 19.

Bethel had a one-point edge at the recess, 31-30.

Shirley Smith showed the way for the Bethel Belles with 26, while Sullins led Reynolds with 19.

The Belles were in front at halftime, 37-24.

Next game for Bethel will be at Hendersonville Tuesday night.

Girls' lineup:
Bethel (64) Reynolds (56)
F—Lowe (15) (17) Conner
F—Henson (19) (19) Sayles
F—Smith (26) (20) Sullins
G—Pinkerton (19) (7) Vanhook
G—Messer (1) (26) West
G—Phillips (2) (3) Stamey
Subs: Bethel—Jones 4, Blazer, Sheffield.
Half time score: 37-24, Bethel.

Boys' lineup:
Bethel (51) Reynolds (58)
F—Hill (9) (19) Hendrix
F—Russell (2) (5) Smith
C—Singleton (25) (12) Benfield
G—West (2) (12) Harrell
G—Reese (13) (8) Reed
Subs: Bethel—Mease, Queen.
Reynolds—Laughter 2.
Half time score: 31-30, Bethel.
Officials: Aweed and Lovingood.

Kayoed By A Horse
NEW YORK (AP) — The first time Dr. Vincent A. Nardiello, physician for the state athletic commission, examined boxer Virgil Akins he said:
"Ever been knocked out?"
"No, sir," replied Akins.
"Ever been unconscious?" Dr. Nardiello asked.
"Yes," said Akins. "I was kicked by a horse."

Six Games Over 200
CINCINNATI (AP) — Jimmy Gray of Cincinnati rolled one of the highest six-game totals in ABC sanctioned play when he totaled 1424 pins in the Greater Cincinnati match game tournament. He averaged 237 on games of 202, 237, 225, 257, 278 and 225.

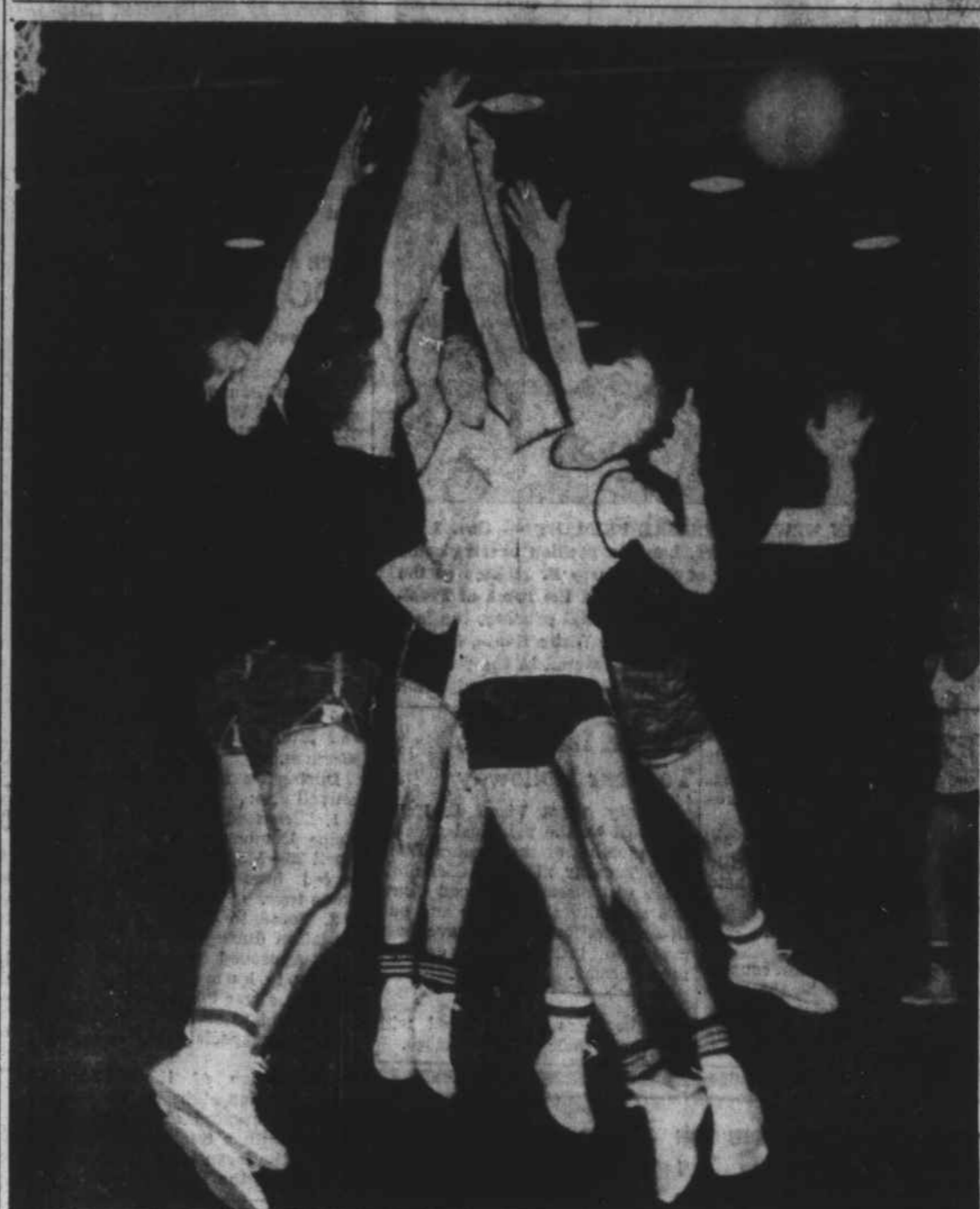
Dayton Rubber Cagers Capture Pair Of Games

Dayton Rubber's cagers scored two victories last week, the girls topping Welco, 32-11, and the boys downing Venable in a WNC Industrial League tilt, 79-69.

Rogers led the Dayton girls with 10 points, Smith and Hunter collected four apiece for Welco.

In the boys' game, Max Rogers with 24 and Bill Leatherwood with 22 were the big guns for Dayton Rubber. Carland with 31 was tops for Venable.

Dayton was ahead at the half, 42-33.



FIVE YOUNG MEN IN THE AIR at the Waynesville-Hendersonville basketball game here Friday night included Carroll Hooper (left) and Tony Davis of the Mountaineers and three Bearcats basketekers. Waynesville won, 52-47, in a hard-fought game. (Mountaineer Photo).

Fines Creek Drops Two At Edneyville

Fines Creek lost two games to Edneyville on the Henderson countians' court Friday night. The girls were defeated by only four points at 46-42, but the Hornets went down, 62-27.

On Tuesday night, Edneyville also turned back the Bethel Blue Demons.

In the boys' game, Kesterson hit 14 and Sain 12 for Edneyville, while Evans was tops for Fines Creek with nine.

Edneyville was ahead at the half, 25-11.

In the girls' game, Ethel Ferguson was high for the Fines Creek Fillies with 17 points, while Catherine Ferguson got 12. Griffin showed the way for the Edneyville girls with 23.

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Fines Creek's next game will be Tuesday night at Crabtree.

Girls' lineup:
Fines Creek (42) Edneyville (46)
F—Ferguson (12) (23) Griffin
F—E. Ferguson (16) (6) M. Hill
F—Ledford (2) (17) Turner
G—Bradshaw (1) D. Freeman
G—Trantham Jackson
G—Rogers B. Hill
Subs: Fines Creek—B. Ferguson
10, Hunter 2, Presnell. Edneyville
—J. Freeman.

Boys' lineup:
Fines Creek (27) Edneyville (62)
F—Fish (2) (7) Pitillo
F—Haynes (6) (6) Burgess
C—Ferguson (8) (12) Sain
G—Evans (9) (14) Kesterson
G—Bramlett (2) (8) Briggman
Subs: Fines Creek—J. Ferguson;
Edneyville—Mill, Whitesides 2,
Colbert 6, Lancaster 5, Dalton 2,
Turner.

Officials: Holcombe and Miller.

Passes Up Nelson

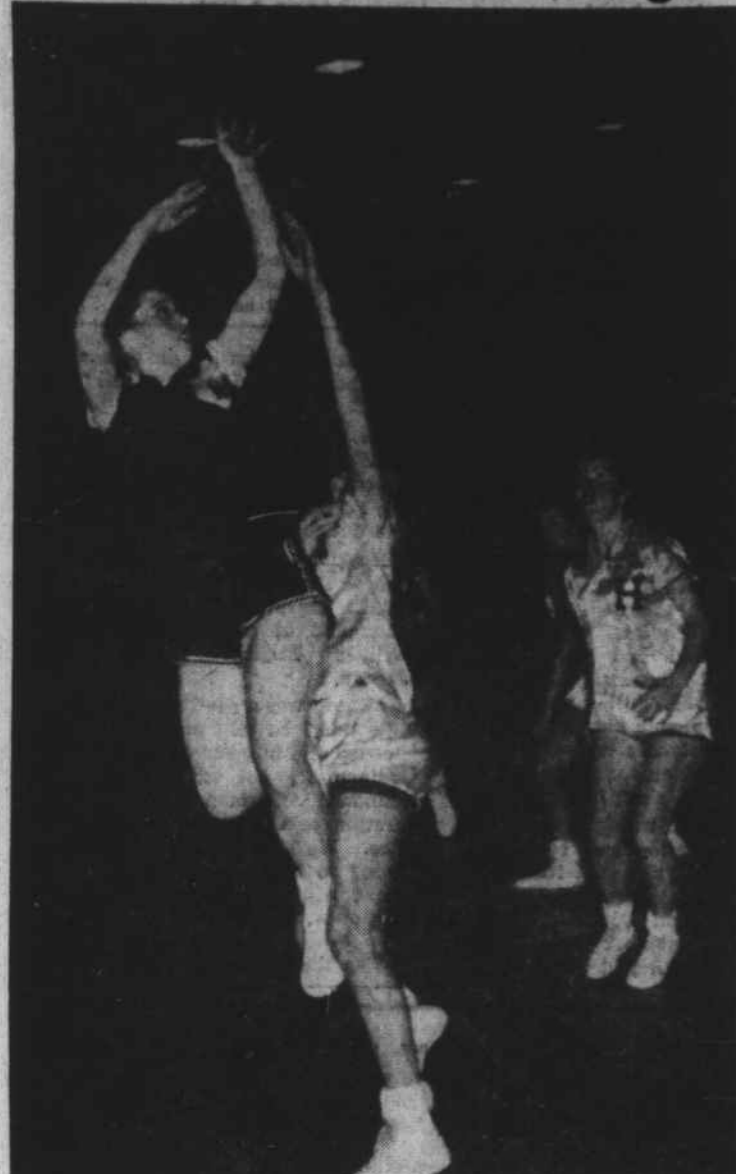
COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Manager Charley Dresen of the Senators says he turned down Montreal slugger Rocky Nelson in the annual draft because he believes Roy Sievers will be Washington's regular first baseman in 1956.

"Sievers is a better fielder than Mickey Vernon," says Dresen. Vernon has been traded to Boston.

Henry Quits Hockey

HERSHEY, Pa. (AP) — Gordon (Red) Henry who starred for 11 seasons as Hershey goalie in the American Hockey League has retired from the pro ranks and is playing for the Owen Sound Mercurys in the Senior Ottawa Hockey Assn.

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MYRTLE FITZGERALD, Waynesville forward, got this shot loose despite close guarding from an unidentified Hendersonville player. The Mountaineers won easily, 58-37. (Mountaineer Photo).

Canton Scores Double Win Over Brevard High Cagers

Canton High cagers froze out the visiting Brevard teams Friday night as the Black Bears won, 61-49, and the Lady Bears, 28-23.

Charles West sparked the Bruins with 26 points, while Dewey Milner contributed 15. Cauble led the Blue Devil dribblers with 14. Canton was ahead at the half, 33-24.

In the low-scoring girls game,

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BENNIE OOSTERBAAN, OF MICHIGAN, IN HIS 8TH SEASON AS HEAD COACH MAY BE HEADED BACK TO THE BIG TEN HEIGHTS.

MICHIGAN HAS PLENTY OF SEASONED MANPOWER, BUT THE BOY WHO CATCHES AS MANY HEADLINES AS PASSES IS RON KRAMER. PERHAPS THEIR FINEST END SINCE A GUY NAMED "OOSTERBAAN."

IN HIS FIRST THREE SEASONS HIS TEAMS WON 2 CONFERENCE TITLES AND TIED FOR A 3RD, BUT SINCE THEN HIS BEST HAS BEEN A TIE FOR 2ND PLACE.

Black Hawks Dominate

CHICAGO (AP) — Former Chicago Black Hawks appear on every National Hockey League team. Toronto has Harry Lumley; Montreal has Bert Olmstead; the New York Rangers have a pair in Bill Gadsby and Dave Creighton while Detroit and Boston each have three former Hawks. Detroit has Bob Goldham, Bucky Hollingworth and Metro Prystai while the Bruins have Vic Stasiuk, Lorne Davis and Cal Gardner.

Michigan State is the only school which competes annually in the IC4A, NCAA and Big Ten cross-country championships.

Coach Of The Year

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Eugene (Bo) Sherman of George Washington University has been named Football Coach of the Year in the Southern Conference. Sherman, whose 1954 squad won only one of nine games, guided the Colonials to a 5-4 mark in the fall campaign.

Streaky Team

JACKSON, Mich. (AP) — East Jackson High finally snapped its 21-game losing streak, beating Springport, 59-44. The basketball losing streak started two years ago when East Jackson was on an 18-game winning streak.

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