

Waynesville Boys, Bethel Girls Are Seeded First In County Tournament

Mountaineers Perform Well, But Lose To Canton; WTHS Girls Win



CARROLL HOOPER of the Mountaineers broke loose during the Canton-Waynesville game Friday night and drove in for a layup. Behind Hooper are teammate Bobby Ballance and Doyce Cannon of Canton. The Black Bears won, 62-52. (Mountaineer Photo).

The Waynesville Mountaineers played one of their best games of the season Friday night at Canton, but the Black Bears played a little better and won out, 62-52, in another hard-fought tilt between the two strong county rivals.

However, Waynesville High finished the day with a 2-1 edge as the Jayvee boys and the varsity girls both licked the Canton cagers.

The Jayvees got revenge for an earlier defeat by downing the Bear Cubs, 57-42, and the Mountaineettes whacked the Lady Bears, 64-50.

In the boys' varsity game, the Mountaineers threatened several times in the second half to tie up the game and go ahead, but the Bears pulled away each time.

In the fourth quarter, Charles West kept the bruins moving with six field goals to offset the Waynesville threat.

Scoring in the game was done in spurts by both teams. Canton had a 5-0 lead before Bobby Ballance broke the ice for WTHS. The Mountaineers trailed by only three points at the end of the first quarter, 16-13, but the Black Bears hit eight straight points in a row while Waynesville went scoreless.

At the half, the count was 32-22 in favor of Canton.

The Mountaineers narrowed the margin to only two points late in the third quarter, but the period ended at 45-38. In the fourth quarter, Canton outscored Waynesville, 17-14.

For the Mountaineers, forward Tony Davis played one of the best games of his career, scoring 15 points on tip-ins and side shots, and did a fine job under the boards. In the rough and tumble action, Tony had to leave the game for a short time with a bloody mouth, but came back later and scrapped just as hard.

Carroll Hooper also hit 15 points for the highlanders and grabbed off quite a few rebounds. Center Tom Sparks only got three points, but took a lot of punishment in the rough fray in his defensive rebounding. Dependable Don Jordan and Bobby Ballance got 11 and 9 points respectively.

Though West was the big gun for Canton with 22, Joe King contributed 17 on tip-ins, and Doyce Cannon netted 13.

In the girls' game, Bessie Phillips of Canton did some fancy shooting for the Lady Bears and took scoring honors for the evening with 30 points, but all three of Waynesville's forwards hit in the double figures and the Mountaineettes finished 14 points to the good.

Agnes Roberson sank 23, Tulan Carver 20, and Myrtle Fitzgerald 14.

Waynesville led at the end of the first quarter, 20-12, at the half, 30-21, and at the end of the third quarter, 55-34. Reserves played most of the final period for the

Play Opens At Bethel Wednesday

The Canton and Fines Creek girls will open the fourth annual Haywood County basketball tournament Wednesday night at the Bethel High School gymnasium with a game at 6:30 p.m.

The Clyde and Crabtree-Iron Duff girls will follow at 7:45 p.m., and the Crabtree and Fines Creek boys will play the nightcap at 9 p.m.

Two games will be played Thursday night: the Waynesville girls against the winner of the Clyde-Crabtree game at 7:30 p.m. and the Bethel boys against Clyde at 8:45 p.m.

On Friday night, the Bethel girls will lead off at 7:30 p.m. against the winner of the Canton-Fines Creek game, and the Waynesville boys will follow at 8:45 p.m. against the survivor of the Crabtree-Fines Creek clash.

The girls' finals will be played Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and the boys' finals about 8:45 p.m.

Pairings for the tournament were made Saturday morning in the Mountaineer office by coaches C. C. Poindexter of Bethel, tournament manager; C. E. Weatherby of Waynesville, Brown Griffin of Clyde, Joe Turner of Fines Creek, and Fred Safford and Lynwood McElroy of Crabtree-Iron Duff.

Defending champions in the county meet are the Bethel boys and girls, who won over Waynesville in the finals of last year's tournament at Clyde.

In the boys' division this season, Waynesville, with an 8-2 county record, was seeded first and Clyde, with a 6-4 county mark, was seeded second.

Other county records in the boys' division this year were: Canton, 7-1 (no participating); Bethel, 5-5; Fines Creek, 4-6; Crabtree-Iron Duff, 1-11.

In the girls' division, Bethel, with a 10-0 record in the county, was seeded first and Waynesville, 8-2, was seeded second.

Other girls' team county marks are: Crabtree-Iron Duff, 6-6; Fines Creek, 3-7; Canton, 2-8, and Clyde, 1-9.

Tournament trophies and awards will be presented to the winners and runner-ups, the all-tournament team, the tournament queen, the free-throw contest winner, and sportsmanship winners.

The Cincinnati Redlegs permitted 85 unearned runs during the 1955 National League season.

Purdue's Bob Kheenie led the Big Ten in pass receiving last season with 17 catches for 154 yards.

Mountaineettes

Girls' lineup:
Waynesville (64)
F—Carver (20)
F—Fitzgerald (14)
F—Roberson (23)
G—Howell
G—Ratcliff
G—Turner
Subs: W'ville — Grant, Bowen 5, Ketter 2, Styles, Nichols, Browning, Canton — Taylor 2, Surret 5, Robinson 1, Carwell, J. Robinson.
Half time score: 30-21, W'ville.

Boys' lineup:
Waynesville (53)
F—Hooper (15)
F—T. Davis (15)
C—Sparks (3)
G—Ballance (9)
G—Jordan (11)
Canton (63)
(10) Milner
(13) Cannon
(17) King
(22) West
(1) Van Hook
Subs: Waynesville — B. Davis, Canton — Stamey.
Half time score, 32-22, Canton.
Officials: Rhodes and Whitten.



PAIRINGS for the fourth annual Haywood County basketball tournament were made by coaches of five county schools in the office of The Mountaineer Saturday morning. Around the circle from left to right are Fred Safford of Crabtree-Iron Duff, C. E. Weatherby of Waynesville, Brown Griffin of Clyde, C. C. Poindexter of Bethel, tournament manager; Lynwood McElroy of Crabtree-Iron Duff, and Joe Turner (with back to camera) of Fines Creek. (Mountaineer Photo).

Belles Rally, Go Into Overtime To Top Crabtree

With their eyes on the Haywood County girls' championship in the tournament this week, the Bethel Belles had to come from behind and play an overtime period to defeat the hard-fighting Crabtree-Iron Duff Blue Eagles, 46-40, at Crabtree Friday night.

With less than a minute to play, Crabtree-Iron Duff's girls were leading the Belles by four points, but Bethel's sophomore sharpshooter, Shirley Smith, caged four points and forced the game into an overtime.

In this last minute, Bethel guard Louise Pinkerton broke up an attempted Crabtree freeze by tying up the ball on three separate occasions.

In the overtime, while Crabtree was going scoreless, Miss Smith dumped in two fielders and two free throws to give Bethel its final 46-40 victory.

Crabtree led at the half, 20-17. Last year the Blue Eagles handed the Belles their only setback of the season.

In the boys' game, Bethel won handily from Crabtree-Iron Duff, paced by Reese with 14 points and Singleton with 10. Clapc caged 15 and Bradshaw 10 for the Yellow-jackets.

The score at the half was 36-30 in favor of Bethel.

Girls' lineup:
Bethel (46)
F—Lowe (2)
F—Henson (12)
F—Smith (32)
G—Pinkerton
G—Messer
G—Blazer
Subs: Bethel—Phillips,
Crabtree (40)
Presnell (22)
Smith (11)
Best (7)
Crawford
Ferguson
McCracken

Boys' lineup:
Bethel (54)
F—Hill (4)
F—Issacs (6)
C—Singleton (10)
G—Reese (14)
G—Queen
Subs: Bethel — Mease 4, Fish, West, Tipton, Henson, Capps, Burris, Rogers, Phillips, Crabtree — K. Hannah, J. Parks, Crawford.
Officials: Miller and Houghton.

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Bowling League Will Meet Wed.; New Alley Hours

Effective immediately the Waynesville Bowling Center will be closed on Tuesdays and remain open on Wednesdays until further notice. The change in hours was decided in order that the mixed league, which is now in formation, would not conflict with several other leagues now in operation in Asheville.

The mixed league will meet Wednesday for final planning and to set up handicaps. Six teams have been formed with openings left for several men and women bowlers to complete the league. Any persons interested in bowling in the Wednesday night league are asked to contact Mrs. Ila Jean Yount at GL 6-6070 or be at the Bowling Center not later than 7:30 Wednesday night.

Reports that eagles carry off animals weighing up to 50 pounds and eat up to 40 pounds of meat at a meal are called obvious and gross exaggerations by game experts who say that a small fraction of those weights are all that any known eagle can handle.

3 Schools End Season This Week

Three Haywood County basketball teams—Fines Creek, Crabtree-Iron Duff, and Clyde—ended their 1955-56 basketball season Friday night and the other three will wind up their campaigns this week.

The Waynesville Mountaineers face the toughest assignment of all at Enka Tuesday night against the Enka Jets, who are currently leading the Blue Ridge Conference with a perfect loop record. Enka topped the Mountaineers in a hard-fought game here, 49-43, on January 24.

Bethel will ring down the curtain at home Tuesday night against Flat Rock. The Blue Demons, without a senior on their starting five, do not have an impressive record this season, but they do own a victory over the Canton Black Bears, and had the satisfaction of breaking Edneyville's long win streak with a victory over the Henderson countians on the Edneyville floor.

Canton will be on the road twice this week, facing the Lee Edwards Maroons at Asheville Wednesday night and the Asheville School Blues Saturday night.

The Black Bears will not participate in the Haywood County tournament, but the Canton girls will.

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Erwin and North Buncombe high schools have been admitted to the Blue Ridge Conference. It has been announced by C. C. Poindexter of Bethel, conference secretary.

Conference members voted to admit the two Buncombe schools at a meeting last week at Enka, with president Bob Tate presiding.

At the Enka meeting, plans also were made for the annual Blue Ridge Conference basketball tournament, which will be held at Enka February 23-25.

Participating schools will be Canton, defending champion; Asheville School, Ben Lippen, Bethel, Brevard, Christ School, and Hendersonville. Both varsity and jayvee games will be played.

On Saturday night, February 25, a tournament queen will be crowned following the jayvee championship game. In the past two years, Waynesville High School girls have been chosen conference queen. In 1954 Miss Eileen Geringer was nominated and in 1955 Miss Patsy Holder was chosen.

The tournament committee includes Mr. Poindexter, Charles Johnson, Dick Fayssoux, and George Cathey.

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