

Waynesville Boys, Bethel Girls Capture County Tourney Championships

Mountaineer Five Comes From Behind

By BOB CONWAY

Season's records proved accurate indications of the outcome of the fourth annual Haywood County basketball tournament at Bethel Saturday night as the Waynesville Mountaineers and the Bethel Belles captured the championship in their respective divisions.

Both teams were seeded No. 1 in parings made a week earlier.

The Mountaineers rallied in the fourth quarter to overtake a fired-up band of Bethel Blue Demons and go on to win, 52-47, but the Belles were never in trouble in winning 58-36 over the Waynesville Mountaineers, who experienced one of their worst nights of the season.

The boys' game was close all the way. Waynesville had the edge during the first and fourth quarters, but the Blue Demons dominated action in the second and third periods.

Bethel jumped off to an early lead, but Waynesville deadlocked the count at 13-10 midway in the quarter and then went ahead at the end of the period, 19-16.

In the second quarter, the two teams battled on fairly even terms



FIRST-PLACE TROPHY in the boys' division of the Haywood County tournament was presented by Coach C. C. Poindexter of Bethel to Captain Don Jordan (10) of the Waynesville Mountaineers. At right are Carroll Hooper (4) and Bruce Davis (Mountaineer Photo).

until late in the period when goals by Reese and Singleton and a foul toss by the latter put the Blue Demons ahead at the half, 28-25.

In the third quarter, L. M. West and Dale Singleton sparked the Blue and White was on the way to a tournament victory as the period ended with the Demons still in the lead at 42-38.

However, the Mountaineers came to life again in the fourth quarter and poured in 14 points, while holding Bethel to only seven.

In that stretch drive—while fans on both sides of the gym raised the roof — Tony Davis tallied four points for Waynesville, Don Jordan got three, and Carroll Hooper, Tom Sparks and Bobby Ballance two each. It was Sparks' fielder that put the Mountaineers ahead midway in the fourth quarter for the first time since early in the second period.

With a little more than two minutes to play, Ballance of Waynesville fouled out, but Don Ezell came in and joined his four teammates in putting on a freeze to run out the clock.

The freeze was broken only when Hooper slipped beneath the goal for a reverse layup, after which the Blue Demons scored their final goal on a short push shot.

At the foul line, the Mountaineers dropped in 16 shots out of a total of 27, while Bethel made good on seven out of 18.

Scoring for the Mountaineers was well divided with Sparks and Hooper ridding 12 each and Jordan and Davis 11 apiece. Ballance added six more. Dale Singleton was high for Bethel with 14 points, while Dean Reese contributed eight more.

In the girls' game, the eventual outcome was evident early as Annette Lowe of Bethel opened scoring for the Belles by dropping in a long shot and kept the net warm for the rest of the evening by hitting continually from out in the suburbs.

Waynesville fans probably suspected a lid had been put on the basket as the Mountaineers took a big number of shots, but connected far too seldom.

The Belles themselves did not play their best game of the season, but still scored often enough to maintain a comfortable lead. They were out in front at the end of the first quarter, 14-9, at the half, 29-15, and at the end of the third quarter, 39-23.

Miss Lowe led the Belles' onslaught with 21 points, Shirley Smith hit 20 and Eva Nell Henson banked in 16. Agnes Roberson got all but five of Waynesville's points with a 31 total.

GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP
Bethel (58) Waynesville (36)
F—Lowe (21) Carver
F—Henson (16) Fitzgerald (3)
F—S. Smith (20) Roberson (31)
G—Pinkerton Howell
G—Messer Ratcliffe
G—Blazer Turner
Subs: Bethel — None, Waynesville—Grant, Bowen 2, Browning.
Half time score: 29-15, Bethel.
Officials: Rhodes and Tweed.

BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP
Waynesville (52) Bethel (47)
F—Hooper (12) Hill (6)
F—Davis (11) Russell (1)
C—Sparks (12) Singleton (14)
G—Ballance (6) Queen (6)
G—Jordan (11) Reese (8)
Subs: Waynesville — Medford, Henshaw, P. Davis, Holders, Ezell, Bethel—West 12, Burress, Capps, Fish, Henson.
Half time score: 28-25, Bethel.
Officials: Rhodes and Tweed.

In the first of two tournament games Thursday night, the Waynesville Mountaineers chalked up their third consecutive win of the season over Crabtree-Iron Duff's girls, but had to come from behind a 29-27 halftime deficit to win.

Agnes Roberson poured in 30 points for Waynesville, while Louise Presnell tossed in 27 for the Blue Eagles. Myrtle Fitzgerald found the range for 17 points for WTHS, and Louise Best came

through with 14 for Crabtree.

The Crabtree sextet won its first tournament game Wednesday by turning back the Clyde girls, 67-47.

In the boys' game Thursday night, the Clyde Cardinals, handicapped by the loss of their top rebounder and one of the team's steady scorers — David Joe McCracken—were no match for the Bethel Blue Demons and went down, 79-52.

Dale Singleton dropped in 21 and Dean Reese for Bethel, but Bob McCracken of Clyde was high scorer for the game with 27 points.

The Blue Demons were ahead at the half, 36-24.

The third meeting of the season between the Waynesville and Fines Creek boys was far different than the first two, in which the Hornets played the taller WTHS cagers close games. Friday night, however, the Mountaineers' fast break was working to perfection and the outcome was never in doubt.

Most of Waynesville's scores came in layups, tip-ins, and short push shots. A notable exception was Bobby Ballance's long shot from the center of the floor which swished through the net as the buzzer sounded ending the third quarter.

In the first quarter, the Mountaineers hit 18 points and limited the Hornets to one lone field goal to go ahead at the end of the period, 18-7. At the intermission, the Gold and Black dribblers extended their lead to 31-18.

As the second half opened, Fines Creek's big center — James Ferguson — fouled out and the Mountaineers turned on the steam for 29 points to make the count 60-29 at the end of the third period. In the latter part of the quarter, Waynesville scored 14 straight points in less than three minutes time.

Substitutes played much of the fourth quarter as Coach Bill Swift took out his regulars to save them for Bethel.

Captain Don Jordna finished the game as high scorer for Waynesville with 20 points. Ballance netted 15, and Tony Davis and Tom Sparks each contributed a dozen.

John Evans played an outstanding game for the Fines Creekers with 23 points and a good performance under the boards. Red-haired Charles Haynes came through with another 12 for the Blue and White.

Starting their defense of the county girls' title Friday night, the Bethel Belles had trouble getting zeroed in on the target and failed to make a point for the first six minutes against the Fines Creek girls. Shirley Smith hit two fielders for Bethel before the quarter ended, but the Fillies were out in

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BEAMING BETHEL BELLES display another first-place Haywood County trophy for the large BHS collection, won Saturday night for the fourth straight year. Left to right are Barbara Messer, Annette Lowe, Judy Blazer, Marie Edwards, and Eva Nell Henson, (Mountaineer Photo).

Bethel Leads Selections For All-Tourney Teams

Bethel High dominated selections for both the girls' and boys' all-tournament teams selected at the close of the annual event Saturday night—placing two players on each of the first teams.

Dean Reese and Dale Singleton of Bethel were named on the boys' first team along with Don Jordan of Waynesville, Bob McCracken of Clyde, James Ferguson of Fines Creek, and Bobby Clark of Crabtree-Iron Duff.

On the girls' first team were Shirley Smith and Louise Pinkerton of Bethel, Agnes Roberson of Waynesville, Louise Presnell and Azalee McCracken of Crabtree-Iron Duff, Betty Owenby of Clyde, and Margaret Trantham of Fines Creek.

FIRST GAME THURSDAY
Crabtree (52) (Waynesville (56)
Girls' lineup:
F—Presnell (27) (9) Carver
F—Best (14) (17) Fitzgerald
F—Smith (11) (30) Roberson
G—A. Ferguson Howell
G—McCracken Ratcliffe
G—Plemmons Turner
Subs: Crabtree — Brown, B. Crawford, Woodard. Waynesville — None.

SECOND GAME THURSDAY
Bethel (79) Clyde (52)
F—Hill (10) (27) Fitzgerald
F—Reece (18) (8) Seay
C—Russell (7) Shook
G—Singleton (21) (10) Caldwell
G—Queen (6) Green
Subs: Bethel — West 13, Burress, Capps, Fish, Henson, R. Henson, Mease, Phillips. Clyde — Hall, Smith.
Officials: Rhodes and Tweed.

FIRST GAME FRIDAY
Bethel (57) Fines Creek (31)
F—Lowe (8) (8) C. Ferguson
F—Henson (10) (14) E. Ferguson
F—S. Smith (32) (2) Ledford
G—Pinkerton Trantham
G—Messer Parkins
G—Blazer Rogers
Subs: Bethel — Jones, J. Smith, Laymon, A. Sheffield, J. Sheffield, Phillips, Johnson 2, Edwards, J. Grogan, A. Grogan, Smathers, Green. Fines Creek — Hunter 7, Bradshaw, H. Price, M. Price, J. Ferguson, Presnell.
Half time score: 23-16, Bethel.

SECOND GAME FRIDAY
Boys' lineup:
Waynesville (75) F. Creek (44)
F—Hooper (7) (4) D. Fish
F—T. Davis (12) (12) Haynes
C—Sparks (12) J. Ferguson
G—Ballance (15) (23) Evans
G—Jordan (20) (2) Bramlett
Subs: Waynesville — Medford 2, Hall 2, Henshaw 2, Ezell, Holder, E. Davis 3, Trull. Fines Creek — Trantham, Clark 1, R. Fish.
Half time score: 31-18, Waynesville.
Officials: Tweed and Lovingood.

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In addition to the donkey ball game itself, tricks and stunts by the donkeys will be presented as a preliminary, as well as races and a tug of war on the long-eared mounts.

The proceeds from the event will be used to finance the trip of the Fines Creek High School seniors to Washington, D. C., in May.

Admission will be one dollar for adults and 50 cents for students.

Economy Size Mile
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Tape measure scrutiny shows the mile run as laid out on the field house oval in 1924 has been seven yards too long.

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Adjustments are being made to correct the distances.

WTHS Jayvees, Eighth Graders Win 3 Games
Waynesville's junior varsity and eighth-grade basketball teams won three out of four ball games played last week.

The Jayvees dropped a close one to the Enka Juniors, but clobbered Hendersonville, 60-28. The eighth-graders whipped Bethel, 25-14, and Hendersonville, 24-21.

In the Enka game, Mehaffey led the Waynesville Jayvees with 10 points, while Johnny Wright meshed eight. In routing Hendersonville,

Jim Hall was high with 15 points, while Wright came through with 10.

Bruce Moody was high scorer for the Waynesville eighth-graders with 10 points against Bethel, while Paul Davis was the big gun in the Hendersonville game, also with 10.

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