

WTHS To Meet Swain Tonight In AA Playoffs

Blue Ridge Teams Win First Games

Two Blue Ridge Conference cage juggernauts rolled over Smoky Mountain representatives in the opening round of the District Class AA playoffs last night at Bryson City as Hendersonville flattened Sylva, 72-56, and Canton pulverized Franklin, 90-42.

Tonight, Brevard will face Murphy at 7 p.m. and Waynesville will take on Swain High at 8:30.

Hendersonville never was able to post a commanding lead until the fourth quarter when the Bearcats' fast break started working and the victors put the game on ice.

Don Heilig was tops for the Hendersonville hustlers with 20 points. Larry Queen was high for the Golden Hurricane and took scoring honors for the night with a 26-point performance.

The Bearcats were ahead at the

half, 41-34.

In the bottom end of the double-header, Canton raced to a 17-9 lead over Franklin at the end of the first quarter and widened the margin to 39-19 at the intermission. The Bruins hit 30 more points in the third period to run the count up to 69-33 as the fourth quarter got under way.

Charles West showed the way for the Black Bears with 29 points, while Dewayne Milner threw in 19 more. Smith led the Franklin five with 11.

Last Saturday night, Canton whipped Hendersonville, 71-63, to capture its third straight Blue Ridge Conference title.

FIRST GAME
Hendersonville (72) Sylva (56)
F—Davis (13) B. Queen (8)
F—Galloway (13) L. Queen (20)
C—Hunter (10) Milton (6)
G—Heilig (20) Stanberry (6)
G—Jones (10) Mason (8)
Subs: Hendersonville—Johnson, Mintz 4, H. Hunter, Poter 2, Sinclair. Sylva—Brooks 4, Ledbetter, Jones.

Officials: Currie and Munday.

SECOND GAME
Canton (90) Franklin (42)
F—Milner (19) Mendenhall (8)
F—Cannon (7) Smith (11)
C—West (29) Houston (9)
G—King (12) Moore (2)
G—Van Hook (2) Gnuse (6)
Subs: Canton—Stamey 2, Powell 2, Raxter 8, Pace 4, Green 3, Wil-

Dayton's Boys Blast Blanton's; Enka Tops Girls

The Dayton Rubber eagles split a pair of games Monday night as the boys ripped Blanton's Business College, 121-75, and the girls lost out to Enka, 29-22.

Bill Leatherwood, ex-Mountaineer star, poured 32 points through the net for the Thorobreds and Paul Smart bucketed 22. Gosnell and Ford were the whole show for the losers with 30 apiece.

The rubbermakers were ahead at the recess, 56-30.

In the girls' game, the Dayton sextet led at the half, 11-10, but were victims of a second half Enka rally. Virginia Mease was high for Dayton with eight points. Smith was tops for the Rayonettes with 13.

Tris Speaker batted .320 for Cleveland in the 1920 World Series with the Brooklyn Dodgers, yet did not drive in one run.

UCLA's Ronnie Knox received credit for an 82-yard punt against the College of the Pacific last season.

William 2, Boone, Franklin—Orr 2, Crunkleton, Clark 4, Stewart. Officials: Currie and Munday.



COACH GRIFFIN poses at his home in Clyde with his attractive wife and two children, Sara (standing) and Elaine. The Griffins live near the four-lane highway in Clyde. (Blue Ridge Photo by Conway)

Griffin Has Lifted Clyde Teams From Sports Cellar

By BOB CONWAY

Although he's only 29 years old, Coach H. B. Griffin of Clyde High School is an "old-timer" in the coaching field.

In fact, the Cardinal mentor made his debut in the business of tutoring athletes at the tender age of 15 after graduation from Edneyville High School in 1941.

His first spot as a sports skipper was managing an industrial league baseball team in Henderson County. Later he played two years of professional baseball with Clinton, N.C., a Philadelphia Phillies farm club in the Tobacco State League, but his promising career in the sport was cut short by a shoulder injury incurred playing football at Western Carolina College.

During World War II, Mr. Griffin left Cullowhee to serve with the Air Force for 11 months. After his discharge, he returned to Western Carolina and received his degree last year.

Under his tutelage, the Clyde Cardinals, lightly regarded in athletic circles for the past several years, have become a power in just one year and made an excellent record in both football and basketball in the new Skyline A Conference the past season.

Although they won only one football game under another coach during 1954, the Cardinal gridgers were runner-up in football this year in the Skyline Conference, behind champion Harris High of Spruce Pine.

As a result, Clyde had several football players named on conference and WNC all-star teams and had two boys—David Joe McCracken and Charlie Donnahoe—in the Midwestern-Buncombe grid classic at Asheville on Thanksgiving Day.

In basketball, the Maroon and Gold proved equally tough by posting a 15-5 over-all mark and a 7-1 record in the Skyline Conference.

High points of Clyde's cage season were victories over traditional rivals Bethel and Waynesville.

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District Class A Playoffs Open Monday At WTHS

District 4 Class A basketball playoffs for a berth in the state tournament will open Monday in the Waynesville High gym with three games scheduled the first two nights, and two each on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Representatives from Henderson

commented.

Apparently, coaching runs in the Griffin family because a brother, Odell, is at the helm at Fletcher High School. (Clyde and Fletcher met twice in basketball this season, and the Haywood countians won all four games.)

In March, Mr. Griffin will take a 10-week leave of absence to take two physical education courses at Western Carolina College, which he needs to get his master's degree.

After that, he says, he hopes to return to Clyde and guide the high-flying Cardinals to new triumphs.

and Madison counties have not yet been chosen since double-elimination tournaments are still in progress in those two counties.

Monday night games are: Cullowhee vs. Madison winner at 6:30, Cherokee vs. Rosman at 7:43, and Bethel vs. Robbinsville at 9.

On Tuesday at 7:30 the Henderson County champion will play the winner of the first game Monday, and the winners of the second and third games Monday will play at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday.

On Wednesday night, a consolation game will be played at 7:30 p.m., and the finals at 8:45 p.m.

Defending champions in the playoffs are the Bethel Blue Demons who went on last year from their triumph in the district meet to finish as runner-up in the state tournament at Greensboro.

Use the Want Ads for results

St. John's Wins; Will Enter Meet

Tuning up for the annual Knights of Columbus tournament at Belmont Abbey this weekend, the St. John's quintet won over the Fines Creek Jayvees, 40-29.

To score their victory, however, the Green and White was forced to overcome a 22-20 deficit at the half.

Kirkpatrick with 15 and Green with 10 paced St. John's, while Fish with 16 and Ferguson with 10 were best for the Fines Creek juniors.

The St. John's team will leave Friday for Belmont Abbey.

Tom Hurd of the Boston Red Sox lost his first three games last season then won eight in a row, then lost three.

Bill Bruton, Milwaukee center fielder, has led the National League in stolen bases in each of his three seasons with the Braves.

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