

Clyde Meets Glen Alpine For Conference Decision

Game Set Saturday In Canton

Two Haywood County football teams will be at home this weekend, while the other two will be on the road.

The Canton Black Bears, apparently already "in" for the Blue Ridge Conference championship, should have no trouble at all against Erwin High of Buncombe County in a game at Canton at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The next night at Canton stadium, however, the Clyde Cardinals, current leaders of the Skyline-A Conference, probably will have to go all out to whip undefeated Glen Alpine for the loop championship. The contest is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Waynesville Mountaineers will journey afar into the Volunteer State Friday night to meet the Elizabethton Tornadoes, while the Bethel Blue Demons will trek to Franklin to take on the Panthers.

Since Erwin recently lost, 55-0, to Enka (a team beaten earlier in the season by Canton, 24-0), the game Friday night will be mostly a warmup for the powerful Black Bears as they prepare to meet the Lee Edwards Maroons next week.

The Clyde-Glen Alpine game is a natural because both are undefeated, and the winner will have a virtually clear title to the Skyline-A Conference championship.

Both teams last year had to play second fiddle to Spruce Pine, but this year both have rolled over the Harris High eleven for impressive victories.

In comparative scores with mutual opponents, Glen Alpine has outscored Clyde in most games, but the Cardinals have given up fewer points.

For instance, Glen Alpine beat Old Fort, 47-12 while the Clyde count was 24-0. Glen Alpine trimmed Mars Hill, 25-7. Clyde by 19-0. Glen Alpine bowled over Marshall 40-21, while Clyde turned the trick, 27-6.

In running up nine straight victories, Clyde has scored 292 points to 12 for their opponents.

At Elizabethton this Friday night the Mountaineers will be meeting a team that has won three, lost two, and tied one. The Tornadoes whipped Unaka, 27-0; Cranberry, N. C., 55-0, and Sullivan, 20-0. They lost to Erwin (Tenn.) 31-0, Greenville, 21-14, and tied Tennessee High of Bristol, 20-20.

Coached by John Treadway, "Betsy" is now in the cellar of Tennessee's "Big Six" Conference.

Clyde Victor Over Bethel By 19-0



CLYDE BACK Johnny Rogers plunges over for the first score of the 19-0 game against Bethel. This was Clyde's first victory over Bethel. (Mountaineer Photo).

Cardinals Continue Victorious

By BOB CONWAY

The Clyde Cardinals made history at Canton Memorial Stadium Thursday night by winning their first victory over the Bethel Blue Demons, 19-0.

The triumph gives the Maroon and Gold gridders a record of nine straight wins against no losses with one game yet to play — on November 3 when undefeated Glen Alpine comes to Canton stadium for a Skyline-A Conference showdown.

Throughout the first quarter and the early part of the second Thursday night, it appeared that the Blue Demons might be on their way to handing the Cardinals their first setback of the season. During that stretch, Clyde was unable to register even a first down, while the Blue Demons were racking up six and moving the ball well.

Midway in the first period Bethel drove from the Clyde 44 to the five before losing the ball on a fumble. Another BHS drive in the early part of the second quarter carried to the Clyde 33, where quarterback Bob McCracken of the Cardinals halted the march with a pass interception.

Suddenly, midway in the second period, Clyde started moving goalward from its own 42, with Johnny Rogers, and Danny Caldwell slashing through the Blue Demon defenses to the 21. However, the Cardinals then drew a holding penalty (marked from 10 yards behind the line of scrimmage) that took them all the way back to the Bethel 46.

When it appeared that Clyde's drive might be halted, McCracken hit end Ray Seay with a long pass in the left coffin corner on the four-yard line. On the next play, Rogers rammed over for the first CHS score and McCracken placekicked the extra point.

Starting the second half, the Cardinals electrified the crowd with a 93-yard kickoff return when Rogers took the ball on his seven, went up the left side of the field, and then crisscrossed to the right side where he picked up several blockers and went all the way. He was hit several times during his run and it appeared he would be halted, but the hard-running fullback never quit and finally found himself in the clear. McCracken's kick for the extra point failed.

Taking the next kickoff, Bethel picked up three first downs in a row and drove to the Clyde 16 before the Cardinals finally took over on downs.

From that point, on the 16, Rogers, Caldwell, and McCracken lugged the ball for a first down on the Bethel 42. Two plays later, McCracken passed to end Jimmy Green, who was downed on the Bethel 11.

On the next play, the first of the fourth quarter, Caldwell slid off the left side of the line, eluded several tacklers, and went over for Clyde's third and final touchdown. The kick for the extra point again failed.

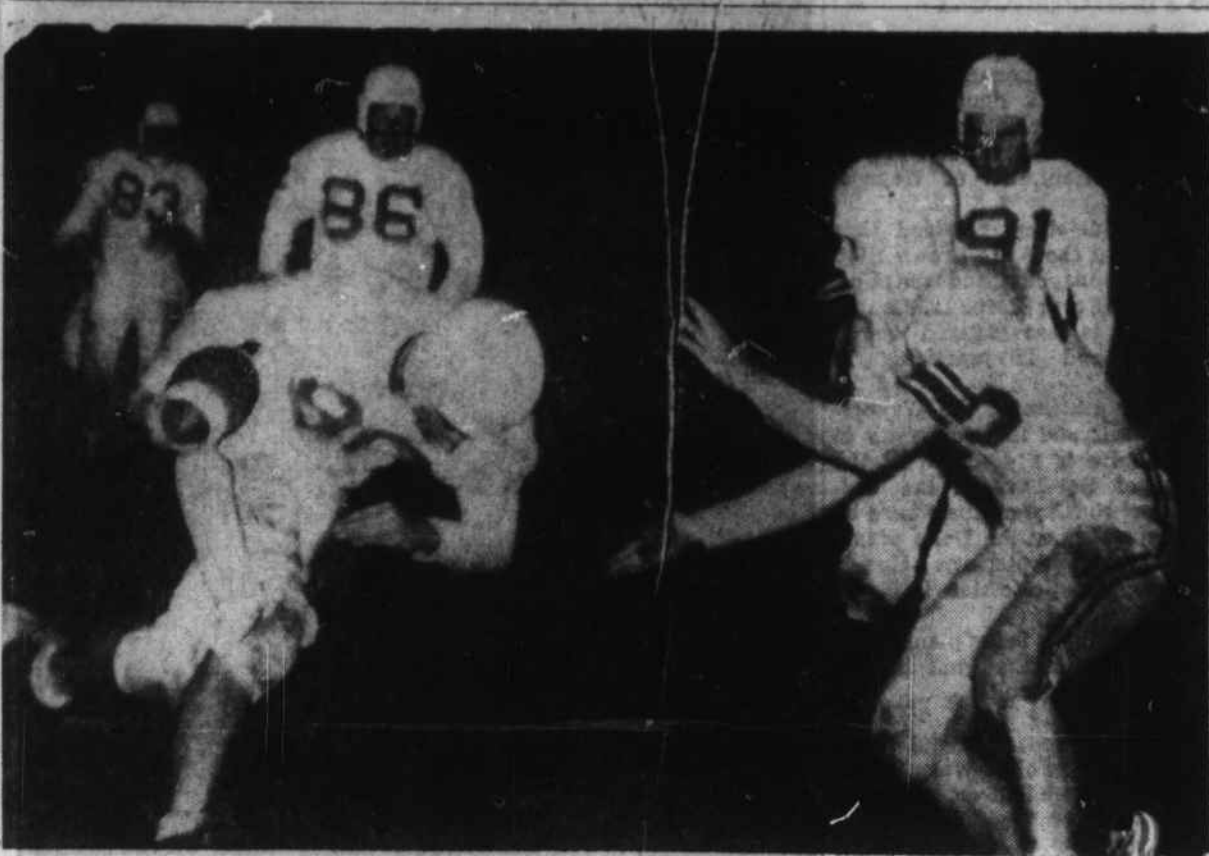
The Blue Demons threatened twice more in the fourth quarter, their first drive carrying to the Clyde 18, where the Cardinals again stiffened and took over. In the waning moments of the contest, Bethel picked up two first downs in succession, but had this march halted by Caldwell's pass interception on the Clyde 30.

The game ended a short time later. Despite being on the short end of the score, Bethel gained an edge in first downs — 13 to 8 — and in rushing yardage — 197 to 128. Clyde led in passing yardage — 72 to 21.

	Bethel	Clyde
First downs	13	8
Rushing yardage	197	128
Passes attempted	8	4
Passes completed	2	2
Passing yardage	21	72
Passes intercepted by	0	2
Yards gained		
interception	0	20
Punting average	23	32
Yards kicks returned	96	93
Oppon. fumbles recov'd	0	1
Yards penalized	45	40

Arcaro Rates Bold Ruler Over Nashua

ELMONT, N. Y. (AP) — Eddie Arcaro, who has ridden both Nashua and Bold Ruler for Trainer Jim Fitzsimmons, rates Bold Ruler a better prospect than Nashua. Of course, Arcaro is rating Bold Ruler on his early season form as a 2-year-old. Nashua is now four.



A BETHEL BLUE DEMON ducks low and plows carrying the ball, as Carroll Henson, 83, and Gary Grant, two teammates come in from the line of scrimmage. Carrol Lowe, quarterback, is shown serimmage. (Mountaineer Photo).

'Optimism Is Premature,' Redskins' Kuharich Insists

By WHITNEY SHOEMAKER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Coach Joe Kuharich is frowning sternly on pre-season talk of great things for the Washington Redskins in the National Football League this year.

"Optimism," Kuharich insists, "is premature. Anybody who says we will be better this season is doing so without full knowledge."

Finishing any better than last year would mean copping the league's Eastern Conference championship. The surprising Redskins leaped from the next-to-last in the division in 1954 to runnerup in 1955 — Kuharich's second season as head coach.

That jump, on the wings of a spectacular defense and a churning offense, set off a chant among Redskins fans about possibilities of glory for 1956. Owner George Preston Marshall's employes, winning eight of 12, hadn't done so well since 1945 when they led the Easterners with an 8-2 record.

Against Clyde last Thursday night, Bethel gained an edge in first downs and rushing yardage, but couldn't penetrate the Cardinals' goal line defenses. A 93-yard punt return, two long passes, and the running of Johnny Rogers and Danny Caldwell gave Clyde its first football victory in history over the Bethel Blue Demons.



JOE KUHARICH

Despite all the whooping, Kuharich says the Redskins don't have the ingredients of a championship club, especially in a group with Cleveland's plundering Browns.

For one thing, they can't hide a glaring hole at right halfback. Bert Zagers, the ex-Michigan

Sutton Stars In Tarheel Setback

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. (AP) — North Carolina may have been surprised in its 26-6 opening-game setback at the hands of North Carolina State but at least the Tarheels figure to get a lot of future football out of Ed Sutton.

The slashing halfback gained 90 yards on 10 carries, completed the only pass he threw for 18 yards, returned two punts 33 yards and tallied his team's only touchdown.

Rates Crawford As Top Tailback

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Francis Powers, chief scout and publicity director for the East-West Shrine game held annually in San Francisco, rates Wyoming's Jim Crawford as "the best tailback in the country."

Stater who did a bangup job as a pro freshman, is in the Army, and Jim Monachino has retired in favor of the insurance business.

To plug the right half opening, Kuharich casts a hopeful eye on rookies Dick James of Oregon, Jerry Planutis of Michigan State and Whitey Rouviere of Miami (Fla.).

Eddie Lebaron and Al Dorow remain the Nos. 1 and 2 quarterbacks. Their helper of last year, Ralph Guglielmi, is now serving his Air Force hitch. Freddy Wyant, West Virginia's left-handed passer, has been added but may be used primarily on defense. Don Bailey of Penn State is also available after a season in Canada.

New faces include Dick Stanfel, the veteran guard acquired from Detroit, and five returning servicemen: ends Paul Dekker and Steve Mellinger, offensive back Leon Heath, defensive back Art DeCarlo and guard Harry Jagielski.

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