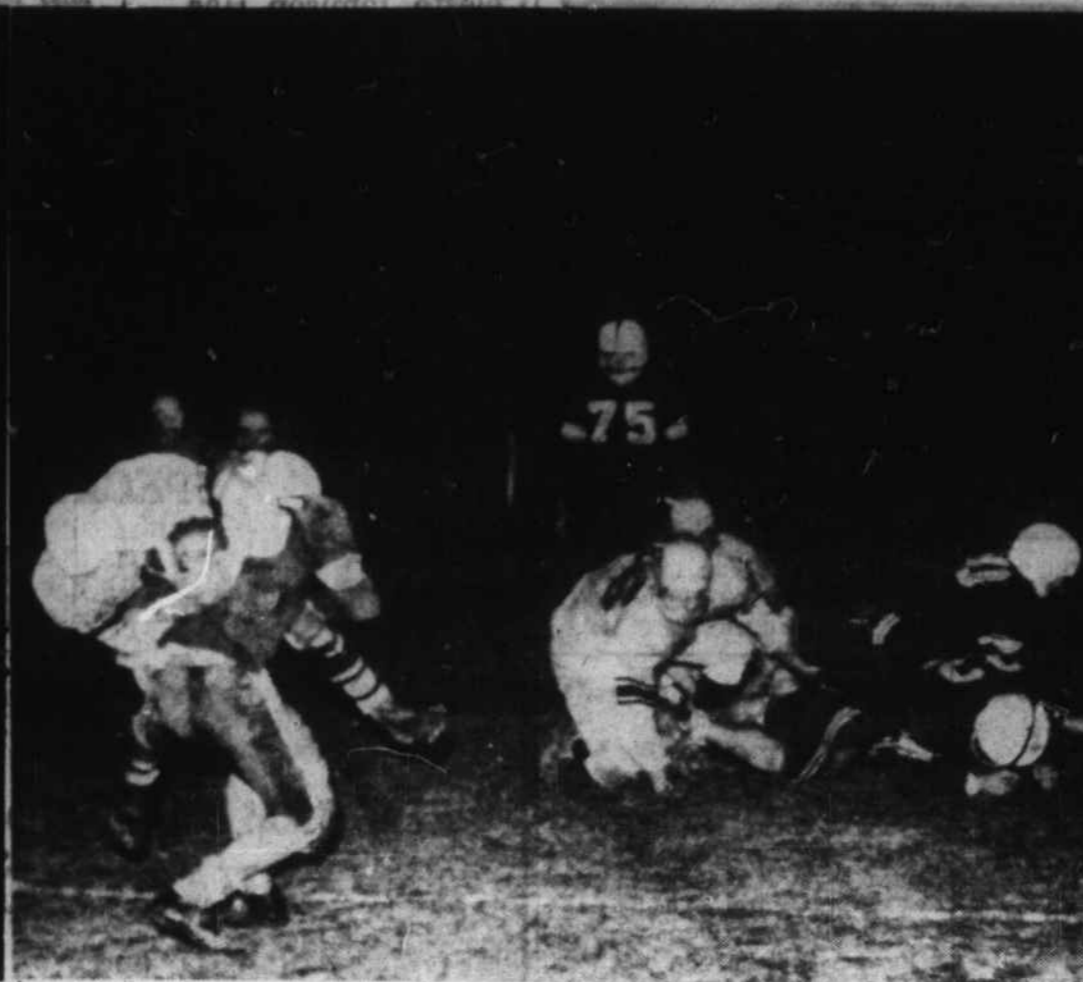
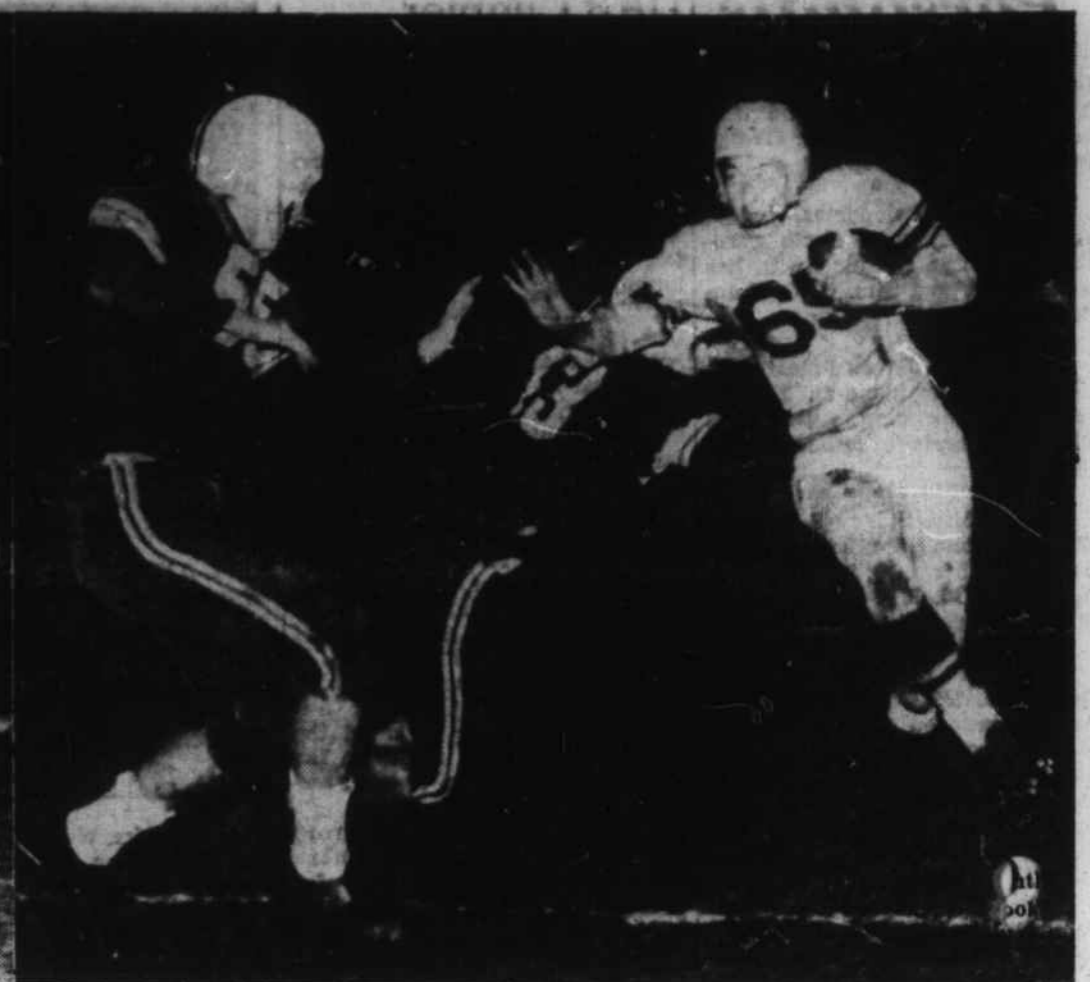


A WAYNESVILLE PASS intended for end Tom Sparks (73) was knocked down here by two Owen backs—Ronald Redmon (left) and Larry Gravette. Closing out their season here Friday night, the Mountaineers combined a stone-wall defense with an effective ground and air attack to blank the Buncombe County champions, 26-0. (Mountaineer Photos.)



HUGH GRASTY, Mountaineer fullback, plunged over the line here in the third quarter for Waynesville's fourth and final touchdown in the 26-0 rout of the Owen Warhorses. Grasty was one of 15 WTHS gridgers who played his last game for the Mountaineers Friday night.



HALFBACK CARROLL HOOPER (65), playing his last football game for WTHS Friday night, turned in a fine performance as the Mountaineers completely out-classed a favored Owen eleven, the No. 3 team in the Blue Ridge Conference. Here Hooper was downed by tackle Leslie Haynes after picking up yardage on an end sweep. At left is back Larry Gravette.

Waynesville, Canton Continue In Winning Streaks

Both Take Last Game On Schedule

By BOB CONWAY

There weren't really any Oklahoma players in those gold and black uniforms at WTHS stadium Friday night, but you might have an awfully hard time convincing Owen High of that fact.

Even if the Sooners had been in action, the Warhorses from Buncombe County could scarcely have done any worse. In four quarters of play the backfield of the Blue Ridge Conference's No. 3 team picked up a grand total of 17 yards rushing! That, according to our grade-school arithmetic, figures out as an average of four and a fourth yards per quarter.

At the same time the Warhorses were going nowhere, the Mountaineer backs were cutting the Owen line into confetti for 16 first downs and 250 yards rushing. The visitors were able to manage only two first downs during the pigskin fuss.

Waynesville scored two touchdowns in both the second and third periods. Owen never got closer to the Waynesville goal than the 27.

The first quarter was scoreless although both teams threatened once. On the second play of the game Waynesville fumbled, and the Warhorses recovered on the WTHS 34. One play went for no gain, the next one lost one, and

	Owens	Waynesville
First downs	2	16
Rushing yardage	17	260
Passes attempted	7	8
Passes completed	2	4
Passing yardage	14	72
Passes intercepted	0	0
Punting average	32.5	No punts
Fumbles lost	1	3
Yards penalized	10	35

the third was good for eight yards. But on fourth down, the visitors punted in to the end zone and Waynesville took over on their own 20.

From that point, a jump pass from Sam Lane to Tom Sparks and runs by Neal Palmer, Hugh Grasty, and Carroll Hooper took the ball to the Owen 9. However, after a penalty for backfield in motion, an incomplete pass and two runs failed to pick up enough yardage for a first down and the Warhorses took over on their own 28.

Unable to gain, Owen punted to Waynesville on the visitors' 44 and the Mountaineers started another drive which carried all the way to the Owen 4.

Unable to get out of the hole, the Warhorses punted to Hooper who returned the ball to midfield. On the first play from scrimmage sophomore Jack Holder found a big hole over left tackle and scampered 45 yards before being pulled down on the six. Two plays later, Holder shot through another hole and went into the end zone for Waynesville's first touchdown. Grasty's plunge for the extra point was no good.

After taking the kickoff, Owen again found itself stalled and punted to Hooper, who ran 50 yards through the entire maroon-clad team for a touchdown, but the run was called back and Waynesville penalized.

The respite for Owen was only temporary, however, as the Moun-

taineers cranked up their offense and started goalward again from the OHS 47.

After two first downs had been picked up on the ground, Lane hit Sparks with a pass which carried to the one-yard line. Two plays later, Palmer split the line for the second WTHS touchdown and Holder plunged over for the extra point.

Owen took the kickoff opening the second half, but the Warhorses found their luck had not improved any during the halftime and punted to Waynesville. After Palmer rammed through the line to the Owen 16, end Jimmy Fowler caught a pass down to the five. On the next play, Palmer went right up the middle for the touchdown. Grasty's plunge for the extra point was stopped short.

Owen took the next kickoff and fumbled two plays later, with end Jack Lewis recovering for Waynesville on the Owen 27. When it looked like the WTHS drive would stall, Lane went back to pass, but found no receivers open and took off around left end to the 15-yard line. A holding penalty set the Mountaineers back temporarily, but Lane then fired a short pass to Hooper who raced to the two-yard line before he was run out of bounds. Two plays later, Grasty cracked over the left side of the line for the TD. This time, instead of Waynesville trying a run or pass, Jerry Nichols came out and calmly booted the ball through the uprights for the extra point.

In the fourth quarter, Waynesville drove to the Owen 30, but a fumble ended that drive.

Closing out their season with a

Canton Pushes Lee Edwards Into The Losers Column

The Canton Black Bears found the going against Triple-A competition considerably tougher Friday night, but the bruins still had enough power to halt the Lee Edwards Maroons, 13-7, and end the 1956 season with their victory string still intact.

The Asheville aggregation jumped off to a lead in the first period which was set up when the Maroons downed Dewayne Milner on the Canton 31 after CHS quarterback got a bad pass from center and was unable to get away his punt.

Claude Gibson took a pitchout to the 14. Gary Scott lost three, but then picked up 12. Sidney Mitchell carried to the five and then Gibson cracked over for the touchdown. Mitchell passed to Hunnicut for the extra point.

6-3 mark, the Mountaineers turned in one of their best games of the season — possibly the best. The WTHS defense was superb and the backs drove hard all the time.

The only sad part of the game for Waynesville was introduction of 15 players who were appearing in Gold and Black uniforms for the last time — co-captains Carroll Hooper and Tom Sparks, Carroll Rowland, Sam Lane, Buster Price, Neal Palmer, Bobby Hill, Jerry Nichols, Jim Byrd, Hugh Grasty, Richard Mehaffey, John Arch, Jim Hall, Richard Turner, and Charles Robinson.

	A'ville	Canton
First downs	9	12
Rushing yardage	85	253
Passes attempted	3	6
Passes completed	1	1
Passing yardage	36	3
Passes intercepted	1	0
Yds. gained interc'p'n	15	0
Punting average	36	33
Yards kicks returned	28	10
Fumbles lost	1	0
Yards penalized	1	40

Canton narrowed the count to 7-6 in the second period by getting possession of the ball on the Lee Edwards 42. Milner went 29 yards on a keep play to the 12. Wiley Carpenter and David Burch lugged the oval to the eight, and then Billy Stamey sliced off left tackle for the touchdown. Duke's attempted placekick was wide.

The Maroons fumbled the next kickoff on their 20 and Jim Mathis of Canton scooped up the ball and sprinted to the nine before being overtaken. Stamey went to the one on the next play and then plunged through center for the winning touchdown. This time, Duke's placekick was good, and all scoring was completed for the evening.

Canton had the edge over Lee Edwards in first downs—12 to 9—and in yards rushing—253 to 85. The next game for the Blue Ridge champions will be against the Smoky Mountain Conference's representative.

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