

12 County Senior Gridders Named To Play In Thanksgiving All-Star Game

Here And Yonder

The Sportscope

By BOB CONWAY

Something went wrong, and Coach Vernon Kuyker of Owen High would like to know what it was!

Last Friday night the Warhorses pranced into WTHS stadium with a string of seven victories, the Buncombe County championship, and a firm grasp on the No. 3 spot in the Blue Ridge Conference.

Last season Owen backs made repeated gains around and through the Waynesville line, and most of the top backfield performers for Owen that night were on hand here for a curtain call. (Only a week earlier, the Warhorses trampled the Brevard Blue Devils, 27-7, a team that won over Waynesville three weeks before, 22-7.)

However, the vaunted Owen split-T offense fizzled badly and the Warhorses were able to pick up only 17 yards against the Gold Giants all night.

At the same time, the Waynesville offense clicked so well that the Mountaineers were never forced to kick during the entire contest in scoring four touchdowns and having a fifth called back because of a penalty.

The impressive victory over Owen reminded Waynesville fans of something they learned earlier in the season: the 1956 Mountaineer football team had a lot of talent, but, at times, just couldn't seem to click.

Why the Gold and Black gridders looked so good at times, and so inept at other times (against Canton and Brevard, for example) is a question that may never be answered. But if the Mountaineers had played all season as they did against Owen they probably would have finished the season with a 9-1 mark instead of their actual 6-3 record.

Speaking of the Owen game, in Monday's paper we expended hundreds of words describing the Mountaineer triumph, but it wasn't until the issue rolled off the press that we noticed one slight omission: the score was never mentioned either in the story or in the headline.

In case you haven't heard previously, the Mountaineers saddled the Warhorses with a 26-0 setback.

In the future, the Fines Creek and Crabtree-Iron Duff boys' basketball teams will be battling not only to win the game, but also to gain possession of the "Orange Bucket."

According to Coach Joe Turner of Fines Creek, the story goes like this:

When Fines Creek invaded the Crabtree gymnasium last week for the first basketball game of the season, they took with them a wooden bucket in which to keep orange peelings and chewing gum deposited by the players — in order not to mar the gym floor. (In case you didn't know, basketball players like to suck on oranges and chew gum during a cage tilt to keep their inside of the mouths moist and permit better breathing.)

After the game ended with the Crabtree boys on top, 39-37, Fines Creek left behind their bucket in making their exit from the C-ID gym.

Coach Turner called Coach Lynwood McElroy of Crabtree to ask about the bucket and got this reply: "We have it all right, but if you want to see it again, you'll have to win it back."

The proposal made sense to Coach Turner, so the two schools have decided in the future that the winners of the boys' basketball game will gain possession of the bucket.

Since Fines Creek and Crabtree will meet three times more during the regular season and possibly in the Haywood County tournament, the orange bucket may change hands several times between now and next March.

On Monday's sports page, we mentioned that the Mountaineer Midget football team lost to Hendersonville (which they did, 6-0, in the first game here), but what we didn't know was that the local team defeated Choo-Choo Justice's charges, 7-6, in a return game played at Hendersonville. The latter contest was played while we were on vacation in Kentucky.

Bethel Opens Cage Practice; 20-Game Schedule Slated

Starting with Erwin at Bethel on December 4, the Bethel Blue Demons and Belles will play a 20-game cage card this season, according to a schedule announced by Principal C. C. Poindexter.

Teams to be met are Erwin, Fines Creek, Crabtree, Canton, Flat Rock, Clyde, Hendersonville, Waynesville, Brevard, and Edneyville. The regular season will end February 15 at home against Crabtree.

Basketball practice at Bethel opened Monday with daily practice booked until the season opens. Six outstanding players are missing from last year's championship Belles' team: forwards Annette Lowe, Eva Nell Henson and Barbara Jones; guards All-State Louise Pinkerton, Barbara Messer and Mary Kay Phillips.

Returning monogram players are Judy Blazer, Joann Green, Ardatha Griffin, Annette Grozan, Jannette Grozan, Geraldene Laymon, Barbara Phillips, Annette Sheffield, Jannette Sheffield, Ardie Ruth Smathers, June Smith and Shirley Smith.

Dale Singleton and L. M. West are missing from last year's Blue Demon team. Monogram players back are Billy Burruss, Henry Capps, Gerald Hill, Carroll Mease, Harold Queen, Dean Reece and John Russell.

With the opening of basketball practice, a "home-stretch drive" is

Waynesville Leads With 8 Selections

Thirteen Haywood County senior football players have been named by a three-man coaching staff to perform with the Midwestern All-Stars against Buncombe County in the second annual Senior Bowl game Thanksgiving Day at Asheville Memorial Stadium.

The Waynesville Mountaineers will have eight representatives in the game, the Clyde Cardinals will have three, and the Bethel Blue Demons two.

The selections were made by the Midwestern coaching staff composed of H. B. Griffin of Clyde and his two assistants, Bruce Jaynes of Waynesville and Clyde Peek of Mars Hill, who named 11 backs and 14 linemen. The remainder of the Midwestern squad will be made up of five players from Hendersonville, three from Mars Hill, two from Brevard, and one from Old Fort and Marshall.

(No Canton players were chosen because the Black Bears are participating in state Class-AA play-offs.)

Waynesville will be represented in the game by end Tom Sparks, tackles Richard Turner and Jim Hall, guard Jerry Nichols, quarterback Sam Lane, halfbacks Carroll Hooper and Neal Palmer, and fullback Hugh Grasty. Center Jim Byrd was named as an alternate.

Clyde will have in action quarterback Bob McCracken, and halfbacks Danny Caldwell and Johnny Rogers. (During the regular season, Rogers played fullback for the Cardinals.) Bethel will send end Gerald Hill and guard Joe Bob Fish into the fray.

Hendersonville's representatives will include tackle Charles Worsham, guards Gib Campbell and Parker Lyda, center Clarence Johnson, and fullback Charles Sproles.

The remainder of the Midwestern squad will include ends Robert Cauble of Brevard and David Boone of Mars Hill, tackle Gene Allison of Old Fort, center Tom Cade of Brevard, quarterback Jerry Brown of Mars Hill, halfback Clarence Edwards of Marshall, and fullback Milan Wall of Mars Hill. Other alternates are Donald Ray Gilkey of Old Fort and Tip Tipton of Marshall.

A setback to the hopes of the Midwestern team came when it was learned that Hendersonville's big fullback, Bob Elliott, would not be available for the game. Elliott recently underwent an operation on his teeth and also suffered a shoulder injury, which has not completely healed.

The Buncombe County squad will be made up of nine players from Owen High, six from Lee Edwards, four from Enka, two each from North Buncombe and Erwin, and one each from Reynolds and Leicester.

The team has eight backs and 17 linemen, and will be coached by Vernon Kyler of Owen, Roy Phillips of Enka, and Red Stevens of North Buncombe.

Athletes Make Good Golfers

CAMBRIDGE, Md. (AP) — Ten athletes always make better golfers, says George Jacobus, six-time president of the Professional Golfers' Assn.

"Concentration, desire and good hands are the important items," says Jacobus, "and most athletes have these things to begin with."

Jacobus, who years ago started the idea of holding the baseball players golf tournament in Florida, points out that 16 of the 17 driving champions in his baseball event have been pitchers.

Lou Kretlow won the tourney last year.

"Top golfers, too, have been outstanding in other sports," says Jacobus. "Byron Nelson was a good basketball player, Sam Snead was good in baseball and basketball, and Walter Hagen could have been one of the outstanding baseball players in the country."

Ellsworth Vines made his mark in golf after being a tennis champion and Sammy Byrd made the grade after a baseball career with the Yankees. Former hockey player Bill Ezinicki is another who now makes his living as a golf pro.

"On the pro tour there are ex-football stars Mike Souhak and George Bayer," says Jacobus. "Now Mickey Mantle is just starting to play golf. He's doing real well because he has the natural coordination."

During 1942 and 1943 Count Fleet won three races at Pimlico by a combined total of 43 lengths.

Ed Sutton of Cullowhee, N. C., averaged 7.6 yards per carry during North Carolina's first three football games this fall.

Cliff LaRose, Michigan State guard, was the Detroit Catholic Youth Organization's light heavyweight boxing champion in 1953.

Outlook For Deer Season In WNC Best In Many Years

GUIDES GOPHERS - - - By Alan Maver



Mountaineers Open Cage Season Here December 1

Not even bothering to take a rest between sports, the Waynesville Mountaineer basketball team started practice this week in preparation for their opener with the Murphy Bulldogs here on Saturday night, December 1.

Returning to the WTHS cage squad this season are two starters from last year's five — forward Carroll Hooper and center Tom Sparks. Lost by graduation were three starters—captain Don Jordan, Bobby Ballance, and Tony Davis, and two reserves—Don Ezell and Joel Medford.

Other holdovers from the varsity squad, all reserves last year, are juniors Bruce Davis and Ernie Henshaw and sophomores Jack Holder and Bobby Trull.

Moving up from the junior varsity will be senior guard Johnny Wright, junior guard Ralph Arrington, and senior forwards Henry

Dayton Rubber Will Meet Brevard College Monday

Two former Brevard College stars will play against their old alma mater Monday night at 7:30 when the Dayton Thorobreds meet Brevard College on the Waynesville High School court.

The Thorobreds, a rebuilt and untied team, open the season with this exhibition game and are scheduled to begin WNC League play Monday, November 26, at Burnsville.

Center Gerald Baker will probably start the game against Brevard. Gerald graduated from Waynesville in 1954 and is presently planning to enter Georgia Tech this spring. While at Brevard, Baker was placed on the All-Conference team and made the All-State Junior College squad. During his last year at Brevard, he played under Coach "Chic" Martin who will be coaching Brevard Monday night.

Bob Brannon, former team captain and leading scorer at Brevard, and Noble Arrington will be managing the Thorobreds this season. The Hazelwood Lions Club will be handling the door this season and advance tickets may be purchased from any member.

In addition to Brevard, Dayton will bring college and former Dixie League teams to Waynesville. The Thorobreds are slated to meet the WCC Junior Varsity, Enka, Greer, S. C., and Monaghan in exhibition games and Champion "Y" in the WNC League schedule.

Canton Will Meet Murphy On WCC Field Friday Night

Canton and Murphy high schools will clash in a first round game in the state class AA football playoffs Friday night at 8 o'clock in Western Carolina College's Memorial Stadium.

Site of the game was decided at a meeting at Cherokee Monday night between officials of the two schools. Canton was represented by Principal W. L. Rikard, Head Coach Boyd Allen and assistants Cliff Brookshire and Bill Phillips. Athletic Director Ike Olson and Coach Ralph McConnell represented Murphy.

Canton will represent the Blue Ridge Conference and Murphy the Smoky Mountain Conference in the playoff game.

The winner of this game will play Nov. 23 against the winner of the Charlotte Harding-Winston-Salem Gray game.

A flip of a coin decided that two

The long-awaited deer-hunting season will get under way in Western North Carolina this Monday and continue through Saturday, December 1.

On both East and West Fork in Sherwood Forest, hunting will be on a non-quota basis the first day and thereafter, but in some sections of Pisgah Forest, only hunters who have received advance applications will be allowed to hunt on opening day.

Earl Williams, game protector for Haywood County, told The Mountaineer Wednesday that he has been seeing a lot of deer in his work, and said the herd appears to be in good condition.

For three-day wilderness hunts on Middle Prong, Mr. Williams said, hunters can obtain permits starting at noon on Sundays and Wednesdays. These hunts also will be on a non-quota basis, he added.

Hunters who want to hunt on land adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway must apply for permits at the High Bridge checking station on Big East Fork, the game protector explained.

Copies of hunting regulations and maps of hunting areas are available at both checking stations—at High Bridge and above Lake Logan, Mr. Williams said.

On both game refuge land and outside, the limit for deer this season is one per day and two per season, he added.

In Waynesville deer hunters reported that a number of cars already are in line at one of the checking stations. Their owners merely drive them up to the stations and leave them until opening day.

Bowling

HAYWOOD COUNTY LEAGUE RESULTS OF NOV. 5
Haywood Hdwe 3; Welco 0.
Dayton 3; WBC 0.
Charlie's Place 2; Al Marshall's 1.

HIGH TEAM SERIES
Dayton 2685
Charlie's Place 2626
WBC 2593

HIGH TEAM GAMES
Charlie's Place 939
Dayton 937
WBC 934

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES
R. H. Stretcher 551
Jack Belcher 525
Babe Yount 515

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAMES
R. H. Stretcher 224
John Jackson 192
Stevenson 191

TEAM STANDINGS
W L
Dayton 18 6
Charlie's Place 17 7
Al Marshall's 13 11
WBC 11 13
Haywood Hdwe. 10 14
Welco 3 21

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES
E. Gribble 175
Pop Goolsby 169.5
R. H. Stretcher 169.4
M. Rose 165.6
B. Yount 165.08
H. Valentine 165.06
B. Fowler 165.01
J. Riggins 164.8
J. Belcher 164.4
J. Jackson 162.1

WAYNESVILLE WOMEN'S LEAGUE RESULTS OF NOV. 6
Welco Shoe 3; Ro-Search 0.
Friendly Bank 3; Parkway 0.
Howell Motors 2; W.B.C. 1.

HIGH TEAM SERIES
Friendly Bank 2304
Welco Shoe 2299
Howell Motor 2232

HIGH TEAM GAMES
Friendly Bank 814
Howell Motor 813
Welco Shoe 800

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES
Myra Harrell 486
Jean Knight 470
Helen Brown 451

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAMES
Jean Knight 183
Myra Harrell 174
Audrey Wyatt 174
Belle Riley 163

TEAM STANDINGS
W L
Welco Shoe 21 6
Friendly Bank 17 10
Howell Motor 16 11
Ro-Search 10 17
WBC 9 18
Parkway Motors 8 19

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES
J. Knight 143
M. Hamlett 143
A. Wyatt 142
C. Elliott 140
M. Harrell 139
I. Yount 139
L. Carver 137
D. Phillips 136
I. Bowen 134
G. Rogers 131

Mixed Bowling League Starts Play Nov. 23

Play in the Mixed League (men and women) at Waynesville Bowling Center will start Friday, November 23, it has been announced. Several men and women are still needed for teams in the league.

Interested bowlers are asked to contact the manager of the bowling center, or call Mrs. Oliver Yount, GL 6-6070.

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Healthy Fijis

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Dr. Robert Cohen says there are few places in the world that are any healthier than the Fiji islands in the Pacific.

Dr. Cohen is the senior surgeon of the British government medical service in the Fiji islands.

Said Cohen: "In the Fijis, there are very few tropical diseases, no malaria and most people live to a ripe old age. We have many Europeans there who are over 90."

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