

Bulldogs Crush Sylva's Hornets 26 To 0 Friday

Coaches Yow and Raper's touch-down-happy Bulldogs invaded Sylva last Friday and drubbed the host gridders under the lights 26 to 0 at the Sylva high school athletic field. The Bulldogs scored in all periods and held a constant command of the game from the opening kick off to the final gun.

The Murphy gridsmen lost the toss and kicked to the Hornets who took the ball on their own 20 and returned it to the 25 yard line. The first play, a sleeper pass, caught the Bulldogs napping and rolled the Hornets into Murphy territory and rested the pigskin on the forty yard marker. At that point, after one pass attempt and two smashes, the host team kicked to the Murphy 20 where it was downed.

Three power plunges by Davidson and an off tackle ramble by Hughes rolled the ball to the Bulldog 45, where Brendle, on an end run, accounted for the Black and Gold's first touchdown. The attempt for extra point was no good. The Bulldogs' kickoff was short and the Hornets carried back to their own 40 yard line. Two off tackle drives clicked off a first down as the quarter ended. A basketball pass over center was

good for five yards and a stall on the Murphy 45 proved to be the last threat the Hornets could muster for the rest of the game. The Hornets punt was grounded on the Murphy 20. A series of line power plays by Hughes and Davidson and an end run by Brendle drove the ball to the hosts' 20 yard line. Alexander ambled over for the second counter and Brendle's placement was good for a 13 to 0 lead. Murphy kicked to the Sylva 19 and the kick off was returned to the 15, where the runner was swarmed and smothered by hustling Bulldogs. Again, the Hornet offensive failed to function and they were forced to punt. The kick was taken by Brendle at midfield and returned to the Sylva 30. Davidson and Hughes carried to the 15 where their touchdown march was halted by halftime.

Beginning the second half, Murphy received and Hughes took the kick off on the 19 and returned kick to the 30 yard line. Another drive carried the Bulldogs to the Sylva 40, where the Hornets line held and a Bulldogs' attempt to make four on the fourth down-collapsed. Sylva's first down hopes fell after two line plays and a pass attempt netted no gain.

Anderson, who had replaced Brendle, took the Sylva kick, and on a nice runback, romped to the Sylva 30 yard marker. Two line plays rolled the ball to the forty where Davidson crashed over for the third Bulldog touchdown

Brendle's kick was good and the Bulldogs lunged further ahead with the heavy end of a 20 to 0 count.

The Murphy kick off was returned from the 30 to the 40 as the third period ended. Play resumed as Sylva slanted another basketball pass over center and rolled to midfield. A fumble, which was recovered by Burch, gave the Bulldogs possession of the ball and halted the Sylva attack. Two off-tackle plays and a pass netted 6 yards and another fourth down and four attempts fell short of its mark. Sylva grid-ders took to the air but the three tries were not completed. The punt, taken by Brendle on the Murphy 30, was returned to mid-field. Davidson and Brendle, sparking another march, rambled to the Sylva 20. A Hornet penalty for fighting placed the ball on the 5. Hughes crashed through for the final tally and set the count at 26 to 0. The point was not good.

Murphy, again kicked off. Hampton's boot was low and tipped a Hornet guard. Hampton recovered and the Bulldogs took over on the Sylva forty yard line. It was but a few plays until Davidson broke into the open but stumbled over his own interference on the 12 as the final gun sounded.

Davidson and Hughes sparked the Bulldog assault in the back-field, while Burch's defensive work was outstanding in the line. The greatest weaknesses are definitely at the tackle positions since the injury of Dalrymple, who is expected to be back in the starting line-up within two weeks. Charging, tackling and blocking are also among the stresser points for the scrimmage sessions in preparing for the Hayesville encounter Friday.

It was reported, that the Hayesville gridsmen had definitely improved since defeating Sylva by two touchdowns, and speculating with past performances, and considering the fact that the Bulldogs will be playing on the Hayesville Athletic field, it is believed that both elevens will enter the game on an even basis. The contest should prove to be one of the closest grid battles of the Murphy schedule.

It was also announced, the Bulldogs may make the trip in the bus as last week's transportation problems did not prove to be adequate for all members of the squad and staff.

Game time for the Murphy Bulldogs-Hayesville encounter has been scheduled for 3 p. m.

Mountaineers Win Over Aragon Mills In Final Games

The Murphy Mountaineers dropped the final curtain on the 1947 baseball season last Sunday afternoon by trouncing the Aragon Mills nine 17 to 3 before a capacity attendance at the Murphy athletic field. Saturday, under the lights, the Mountaineers managed to edge out the same Georgia club in nip-and-tuck set-to 8 to 7. While last Thursday night, the Mountaineers blasted the Hayesville nine 14 to 5. These victories gave the Murphy batsmen 31 wins out of 45 games of the season. They lost 13 decisions and tied one contest at 11 to 11 in the 11th inning with Aragon Mills. That contest was called because of rain.

With Smith stopping Griffin's fireballs behind the plate for the Mountaineers, Murphy started the Sunday's slugging spree with Troutman's walk in the last of the second inning. He stole second and Smith singled. The bases were beginning to be loaded when Fowler slammed a round-tripper over the heads of the outfielders. Hemphill's triple rocketed the count to 5 to 0. In the last of the third, Crawford dusted the second homer and sent Cole and Troutman across the plate and boasted the count to 8 runs for the Mountaineers. Smith, getting base by a pitched ball was driven around the circuit when Cornelius clouted a third homer. Griffin scored on Hemphill's double and Hemphill rambled in on Fowler's single. Again in the sixth, Crawford leaped into a triple that drove in Cole and Troutman and the score rested at 15 to 0.

Aragon Mills' first score came in the first of the seventh Hicks crossed the plate on Parker's driver that was errored. Pannell scored on Kenny's double and Parker came in on a fielder's choice.

In the last of the eighth, Beaver's tripled and was driven in by Cole's single. Crawford rapped another lengthy drive for a triple and Troutman crossed the plate for the Mountaineer's final score and

the seventeenth run of the afternoon.

Murphy accounted for 17 hits and 17 runs, while the visitors collected only 3 runs from their ten hit.

Manager David King, announced he was being host to the Murphy Baseball Club at a Thursday night dinner at the Cherokee Cafe, where the players and their families will officially close the 1947 baseball season.

Individual player's records for the 1947 schedule were given as follows:

Name	ab	r	Pct.
Cole	146	60	.411
Fowler	183	64	.350
Crawford	200	68	.340
Easler	71	24	.338
Cornelius	51	17	.333
Kirkland	187	55	.299
Jones	137	44	.280
Palmer	184	51	.277
S. Hunt	51	14	.275
Hemphill	117	32	.274
Beavers	53	14	.264
Hughes	44	7	.163
Powell	25	2	.080

River Hill

Misses Lorent and Irene Williamson had as their dinner guest Sunday Miss Opal Allen.

Several people from here attended the singing at Liberty Sunday.

Lester Williamson was the guest of Lester Hamby of Patrick Sunday.

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Mrs. Loretta Williamson spent Sunday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Martha Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Payne of Liberty visited Mrs. Payne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Greely Murphy.

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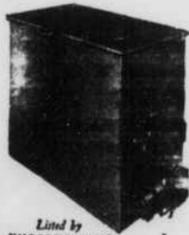
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Unaka

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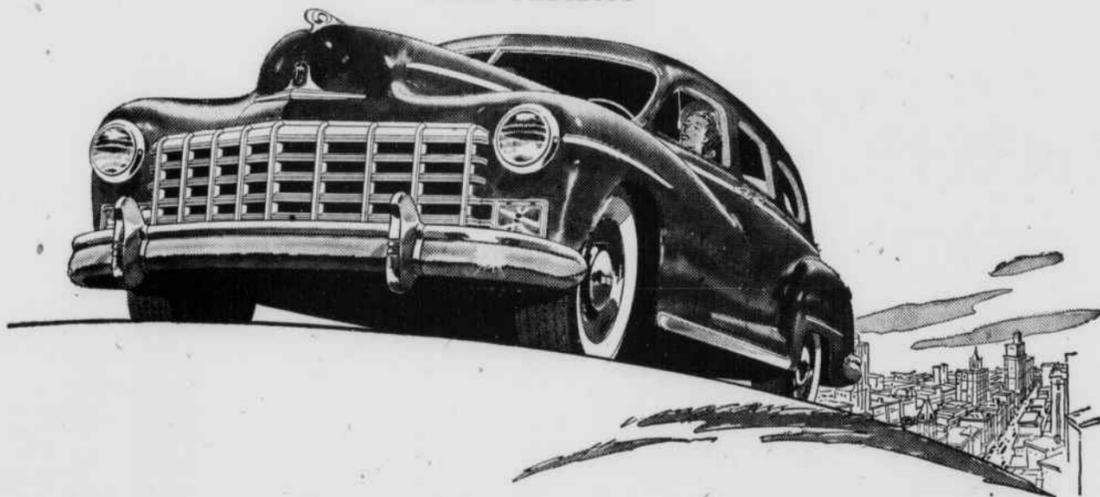
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