

Green Wave Will Play In Bessmer City Friday Night At 7:30

Seeking State Title After Win In East

Team Is Leaving Here Thursday Morning By Bus

Massey Hill Proved Rough and Tough Foe Before Bowing 7 to 6

All roads were leading to Bessmer City today as far as Williamston football fans were concerned. The Green Waves travel to that western town, 7 miles northwest of Gastonia for a game at 7:30 Friday night to determine the Class A championship of the State and many fans plan to go along.

Williamston gets its shot at the State title after having beaten three previously undefeated high school teams in a space of eight days—Plymouth 18-14, Weldon 13-7, and Massey Hill 7-6. This feat gives the Green Wave a record of nine straight after losing

SEE HACK

A group of local men are making an effort to charter a bus to the Williamston-Bessmer City game in Bessmer City Friday night. Quite a few have already signed up but there is room for more and those interested are asked to see Hack Gaylord. It will cost about \$7.10 for the round trip and the bus will leave the local station at 8:00 Friday morning and return immediately after the game. Since the game will likely be over about 9:30 and the passengers can slumber in their seats all should be ready to work again Saturday morning.

Those backing the plan say it is about the best way to see the game as all the problems of getting there and back are on the bus company and a private car cannot be driven there and back for that low cost.

Coach Stuart Maynard used perhaps the smallest number of substitutes in the Massey Hill game of any contest this season as he put only 16 men into action. In this group were Jack Edwards, Lindell Ward, Wallace Warren, David Davis, Billy Spruill, Russell Rogers and Watson McKeel in the backfield, Reginald Coltrain, Gloyd Stewart, Buddy Fussell, Jimmy Myers, Joe Robertson, Norwood Keel, Bobby Goff, Jack Ross and Wilbur Edwards in the line. It was one of the toughest fights the line has had this year and they got less relief than the backfield which this year has a larger number of reserves, considering the number of men required to man the forward wall. Wallace Warren worked in both departments and did a good job at both. Little is known here about Bessmer City except that they run from the split T and hit the center pretty often. One of their strong plays is an end-around and they are reported to spread wide on defense. In the Guilford game they ran the end-around play 10

Jamesville Plays Thursday Night

The Jamesville All-Stars will open the basketball season for this section Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock when they take on a strong team from Plymouth. This will be a non-conference tilt, as the regular season opens Monday, December 4, 1950. The admission will be 25c to everyone.

The starting lineup for Jamesville will be: E. L. Martin and Buddy Gardner at forward, Earl Martin at center, Edward Earl Brown and Henderson Mizelle in the guard slots.

times from left to right and the quarterback, No. 13, never carried the ball at all. They are reported to have at least one good back and an outstanding lineman.

Present plans call for the football team to leave Williamston by chartered bus about 7:30 Thursday morning while an effort is being made by the seniors of the school to charter a bus for Friday and a group of local citizens are trying to get enough together to charter a third bus for the game. Hack Gaylord is head of the group and those interested in going should contact him.

Having scouted Williamston thoroughly, Massey Hill got off to a good start against the Green Wave which had to play its football straight and close until it could determine what the opposition could do, but the Williamston boys held on by sheer will and late in the third period began a drive from 44 yards out that netted the first score of the game and when Jack Edwards kicked the extra point it was the ball game for the rebounding Massey Hill team was rushed on its try for its extra point and it went wide. In coming back, Massey Hill used its passing attack which was strong because of its good receivers rather than because of its good passers.

Both teams had good scoring opportunities but could not cash in. Intercepted passes halted drives for both. The Massey Hill scoring drive traveled 60 yards and was almost entirely on passes as their ground attack had finally been stopped cold and was actually losing yardage as the Green Wave line was charging hard. The score came on a pass from Green to Enloe for 10 yards as he was standing in the corner of the end zone.

SPECIAL

In order that the cheering section for the Williamston Green Wave football team at Bessmer City may be as big and effective as possible, it has been suggested that those local fans planning to attend the State championship game, get in touch with the cheerleaders of the team and arrange to leave Williamston and songs that will be necessary for an organized effort.

The support given the team has certainly been a big help in keeping its morale at a high pitch during these crucial and difficult games.

Wallace Warren scored from 7 yards out on a play similar to the one which beat Plymouth and Weldon. One of the bad moments of the game came after he had scored when a Massey Hill man charged in on him in the end zone and Warren went down with a bad cut over his left eye. He went back into the game, however, and kept the fight going to the finish. It took three stitches to close the wound.

Williamston kicked off to start the game and Massey Hill was offside. Warren kicked over and the Massey Hill boys got the ball back upfield 16 yards to put it in play on their 31. Willis made 2. Sims passed to Enloe but it was no good. Butler tried a pass to Edge which also failed and Averitte kicked out. Spruill ran the ball back to the Williamston 42 where a 15 yard penalty gave Williamston a first down on the Massey Hill 41. Ward picked up 3. Rogers' 2, and Ward 1 before Edwards kicked. Starting on their 19 Bethea picked up 9 and Butler 6 for a first down on the 35. Two running plays netted 8 yards and a pass was good for 7 to move the ball to midfield. Bethea made 2. Averitte's pass failed but Butler passed to Edge for 34 yards to put the ball on the Williamston 14. Butler made 1 but on the next play was thrown by Myers for an 8 yard loss. Butler then passed to Enloe for 6 yards and was short on another pass as the ball went over on downs. Rogers picked up 6 but Williamston drew an off-side penalty of 5. Rogers made 2, then 6 more but Edwards was forced to kick and Bethea returned the ball to the 38 of Williamston where the Massey Hill star hit the line for 5 and Butler passed to Edge for 8 and a first down on the 25. Bethea picked up 2 as the quarter ended. The first play of the second quarter lost a yard and the ensuing pass was intercepted by Watson McKeel who returned the ball upfield for 20 yards to the 38. Edwards was stopped for a 3 yard loss. Rogers made 2 and Warren 5, but it was short of a first down. Edwards picked up 10 yards and Averitte put the ball on the 22 where Bethea and Averitte each picked up three yards before a fumble caused a loss of 6 yards. Everitte kicked and Williamston took over on its 40. Ward gained 2. Warren 6. Ward 1. Warren 2 to put the ball on the Massey Hill 49. Edwards made a beautiful run on a reverse that covered 22 yards and moved the ball to the 27. Warren lost 2 and two consecutive passes failed. Spruill got 3 yards to the left but the ball went over on downs.

Willis lost 2. Bethea picked up 6 and there was no gain on a pass play but a 15 yard penalty on Williamston gave Massey Hill a first down on its own 45. On the next play a pass carried for 42 yards to put the ball around the 13 yard marker of Williamston. One pass was no good but the next one was good for 9 as the half ended.

Opening the second half, Edwards returned Butler's kickoff 20 yards. Warren started from his 30 and picked up 7. Ward lost 4, and Warren added 15 for a first down. A penalty for unnecessary roughness moved the ball to the Massey Hill 36. Edwards failed to gain. Warren got 4. Ward 2, and Warren 3 but the ball went over on downs on the 28. Bethea got 2 and Butler lost 5. Coltrain recovered a fumble and Williamston had the ball again on the 26. Williamston was penalized 5 for taking too much time and Warren was thrown for a 5 yard loss. On the next play Warren's pass was intercepted and Massey Hill took over on its own 19. Green made 1. Bethea lost 4 and then picked up 8 before Averitte kicked out. Starting from the 44 Warren got 7 and then Ward got off a long run that was good for 25 yards

before he was forced out of bounds. Rogers hit for 4, then 1 and on the next play Warren went over for 7 yards and the TD. Edwards made the point good.

Myers kicked off and Bethea returned the ball to his 23 where he picked up a first down on a 10 yard smash. After gaining 8 yards on two plays and failing on a pass attempt, Averitte kicked to the Williamston 20. Rogers made 2. Ward 5 and Warren 4 for a first down on the 16. Ward ran twice for 10 and 12 yards each time and McKeel made 6. Edwards kicked. Taking the ball on his 31 Bethea made 3 but Simmons lost 9. A pass was good for 14 but when the next pass was incomplete the ball went over on downs. Rogers got 3, starting from the Massey Hill 39, then added 6 more but Massey Hill got its chance to start a scoring drive when both Ward and Rogers were held for no gain in their attempts to make the 1 yard needed for a first down. Taking over on their 30, Massey Hill moved for a first down and then began a series of pass plays mixed with an occasional running attempt that moved them right on down and across the line. Determined to block the try for extra point, Williamston's line charged hard and would have blocked the kick had it gone toward the goal posts, but it slithered to one side and was no good.

Massey Hill kicked off and Ward returned for 15 yards. The game ended as Rogers picked up 9 yards.

Williamston gained 174 yards rushing and lost 14. Massey Hill gained 120 rushing but lost 35. In the air Massey Hill picked up 102 yards in completing half of 18 passes. Williamston had 7 first downs to 10 for the opposition.

Kickoffs averaged 45 for Williamston and 50 for Massey Hill and on punts Massey Hill averaged 23 and Williamston 26.7. Williamston returned kicks for an average of 15.6 and Massey Hill got back for an average of 13.3. Penalties totaled 25 yards for Williamston and 35 for Massey Hill.

Goober Belt To Start On Dec. 4

The Goober Belt Basketball league—strong semi-pro loop in this section—will swing into action for the 1950-51 season on next Monday night, December 4. Opening of the schedule was originally set for November 27 but was delayed at the request of the teams.

A season schedule has not been completed but games are scheduled each Monday and Wednesday night with four Saturday tilts also to help complete a 30-game schedule for each team. The Saturday games will be played December 30, January 13, January 27 and

February 24. No game will be played Christmas but entries will be in action January 1.

Teams slated for action are Conway, Woodland, Jamesville, Plymouth, Murfreesboro and Williamston. Eight teams have been represented in previous years, but this year, such towns as Colerain, Windsor, Harrellsville, Lewiston are not represented this year.

Tentative schedule for the first week calls for games Plymouth at Conway, Williamston at Jamesville and Woodland and Murfreesboro on Monday, December 4. On Wednesday night, Conway will play Woodland; Jamesville will journey to Plymouth and Murfreesboro will travel to Williamston.

The season will end March 5

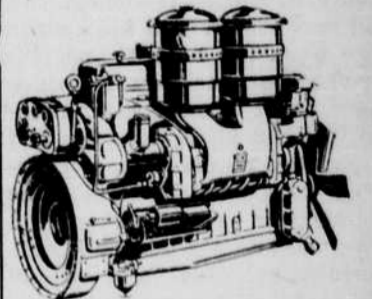
with the tournament to be played March 7, 8, 9, and 10. Site of the tourney will be determined later. The All-Star game will be played February 10 with Woodland the probable site.

Managers of the teams are George Parker, Woodland; Robert Willoughby, Conway; "Red" Duke and Charles Liverman, Murfreesboro; Gilbert Vaughan, Plymouth; Henderson Mizelle, Jamesville and David Carson, Williamston.

League officials are: Stephen Sharp, Harrellsville, president; P. Martin, Ahsokie, vice-president, and Floyd "Dutch" Overton, Ahsokie, statistician.

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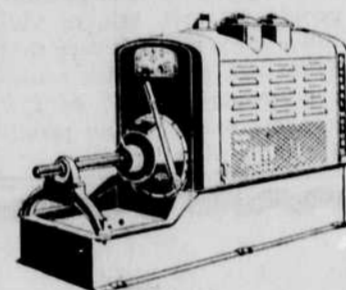
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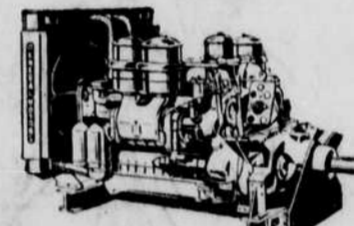
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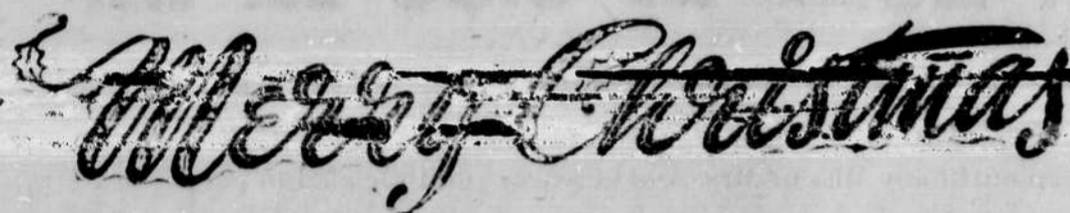
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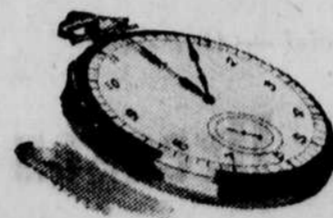
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