

Sylva Meets Hayesville In Opener Tomorrow Night

SQUAD READY TO TAKE FIELD UNDER GUIDANCE OF NEW COACH

Bryson City Football Team Practicing With Coach Howard Barnwell

Howard Barnwell, newly appointed head coach of Swain High in Bryson City, admits that he should have a fair team to shove into the gridiron wars this fall. Among the 25 candidates for the squad, Barnwell has seven lettermen from the 1947 season.

The team has been working out for the past two weeks under Barnwell and assistant coach Bill Ensliey. Rougher work is the order of the day from now on until the opening of the season. The first full length scrimmage is scheduled for this week.

Coach Barnwell is seeking an opponent for a game Friday, Sept. 17, which will be the opening date on his schedule.

Swain high will depend more on speed than power this year with a light team that will average only about 155 pounds to the man. Possibilities for the first string are good, but an ample number of experienced reserves will be needed.

Returning lettermen are Ed Watson, end; Ray Stevenson, tackle; Jim Sherrill, guard; Wallace Robinson, Mac Hyatt and Billy DeHart, backs and Coy Calhoun, center.

Other candidates include: Jim Ensliey, Harold Lambert, Billy

Lions Club Sponsoring Game: Tickets On Advance Sale By Members

By BOBBY TERRELL
(Herald Sports Editor)

A hefty squad of Sylva Golden Hurricanes are all set to take the field tomorrow (Friday) night, to meet Hayesville High in the season opening game for both teams. The kickoff is slated for 8 p. m. at Mark Watson Field.

Adult tickets for the game have been on advance sale during the past week by members of the Lions Club, the organization spons-

oring the game. Student tickets may be obtained from members of the team. All tickets sold at the gate will be adult ducats, so all school children are requested to get their tickets early.

Coach James Barnwell will field a squad consisting of 16 lettermen plus a number of non-lettermen. With almost a full month of practice under their belts, the Sylva boys are in good condition and ready to make a showing for themselves.

The first night scrimmage was held last Friday with the most stress being put upon the players' getting accustomed to the lights. In their offensive and defensive work, the team looked good. Several men showed outstanding abilities for great hunks of both offensive and defensive work. Among them were: ends, Zollie Fincannon, Carrol Ashe and Harold Parris; tackles, Tom Henry, Clyde and Ernest Bumgarner and Clarence Frizell; guards, Perry Rhodes and Wesley Warren; center, Dennis Ensliey; and backs, Kent Hoyle, Jack and Charles Cunningham, David Long, Bobby Gunter, Furman Dillard, Hayes Queen, and Roy Elders.

This last week of practice was devoted in the main to smoothing out the plays, formation, and all.

Only one man has been lost from the squad through injury so far.

Guard Thornton Cabe, a good sized fellow who was making an impression in the drills, was taken from the squad with a jaw injury last week.

Barnwell's starting lineup is indefinite, pending on who wins out in the struggle for positions this week.

The Hurricane schedule is complete with the exception of two

open dates. It follows:
Sept. 10—Hayesville, here.
Sept. 17—Waynesville, there.
Sept. 24—Murphy, here.
Oct. 1—Open.
Oct. 8—Open.
Oct. 15—Franklin, here.
Oct. 22—Andrews, here.
Oct. 29—Robbinsville, there.
Nov. 5—Bryson City, here.
Nov. 12—Mars Hill, here.

CATAMOUNTS WILL BE ON PROWL, DANGEROUS, SAY COACHES

Veteran Club Looks Good In Opening Drills

For the first time in three years, Coach Tom Young looks upon his Western Carolina Catamounts, and is deeply pleased with what he sees. He has a heavy bunch of seasoned veterans who really mean business and who have sent out the storm warning to all conferences foes.

Since Wednesday, September 1 Coaches Young, Tuck McConnell, Bill Swift and Jake Atkinson have been drilling their charges twice daily and will continue to do so through this week. They are getting ready in a fast manner for the High Point game only a little over a week off, and for Appalachian the next week.

Coach Young stated that the majority of his boys reported for practice in good condition. During their first week they went through two full scrimmages.

The three ace Catamount tackles, Dan Robinson of Marion, Bufalo Humphries of Cherryville and Harry Jaynes of Waynesville, are looking exceptionally well. They are all in the running for All-Conference honors.

Probably the biggest name around the Catamount circles is little Arthur Byrd of Marion. The 165 guard who will be digging for Little All-America honors this year, is already up to his seasonal form. Two vastly improved full-backs are Joe Hunt of North Wilkesboro and Ralph McConnell of Andrews. Both should prove to be dangerous to all foes this season.

Coach Young is in no way hurting for tailbacks. This position will be well filled by Pee Wee Hamilton of Andrews, Al Caperilla of Norristown, Pa., Harry Duke of Andover, Mass., and Charley West of Weaverville. Duke is showing exceptional ability in the art of kicking.

To name other men who will



TOM YOUNG, veteran mentor of the Western Carolina Catamounts, looks forward to his best season in three years at Cullowhee.

undoubtedly prove scourges to opponents, there are Jack Arrington and Lawrence Arney, both of whom are quarterbacking like the veterans they are. There is All-Conference guard Clark Pennell who has lost all his excess weight and is down to fighting form. At the flanks will be Max Beam and Mace Brown. Brown is showing special ability in pass snagging. Hugh Constance is the only veteran center on the roster. A newcomer to the scene, Boyce Winchester of Brevard, is pushing very hard for the starting position at wingback.

Coaches Bill Swift and Jake Atkinson are pushing their Jayvee squad for their September 18th opener at Brevard college. Most of the Jayvee boys will be from the freshman roster.

Men looking good on the "B" team are: James Whitaker of Kannapolis, Paul Rogers of Mooresville, Jim Bergin of Black Mountain, Buddy Padgett and Todd Kimsey of Hayesville, Joe Pressley of Speedwell, Milton Litaker of Leaksville, Kelly Moses of Franklin, Raymond Payne of Granite Falls, Jim Johnson of Lexington, and Cecil Roberts, star Asheville-Biltmore player of Asheville.

Smoky Mt. Conference Adopts State Rules

Coaches representing the seven schools in the Smoky Mountain Conference met September 2nd at Robbinsville in an attempt to get the conference into closer working order.

The State High School Athletic Association rules and regulations were adopted unanimously. The conference plans to carry out these rules to the fullest. Age limits and such will be enforced.

Members of the conference are Sylva, Bryson City, Murphy, Andrews, Robbinsville, Franklin and Hayesville. Howard Barnwell, head coach at Bryson City, was elected secretary of the organization. No other officers were elected.

The next meeting is scheduled for Andrews on September 15th

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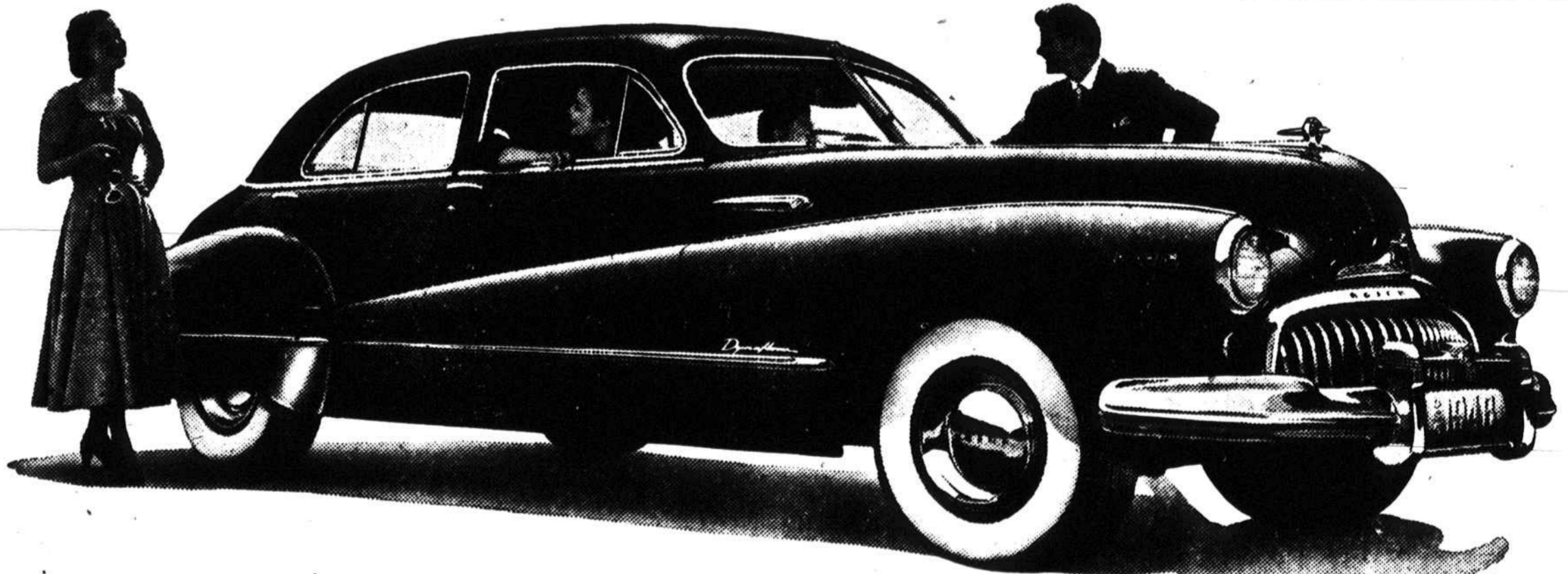
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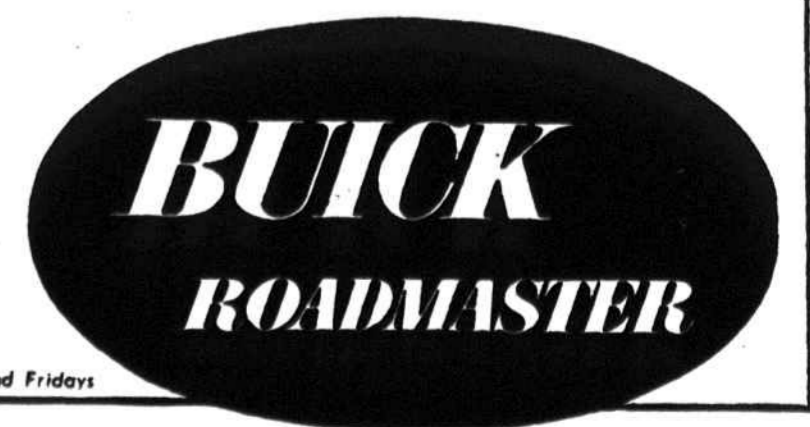
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