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"From the Inside Out"

By Bob Terrell

Friday... the day of decision. Come Friday night about 8 p.m., we'll get a good look at the football talent at Sylva High. We'll see what Coach James Barnwell has in store for some ten teams on the Hurricane schedule. We're not predicting a great year for them, but we, along with some few hundred others, would like to see Sylva High get out of the kinks and do something on the field. We think that that is exactly what will happen this year. Regardless of whether Coach Barnwell puts out an undefeated club in his first year in Sylva, we know that he'll put a hustling bunch of boys on the field.

Sylva and Hayesville should be of equal strength; it will be a good game. From the looks of things, both clubs will go onto the field in a fighting mood. Both clubs will be out to start their season with a bang. Friday night will tell who bangs the loudest.

Seventy men arrived in Cullowhee last Wednesday to open their practice drills in preparation for the 1948 Western Carolina football campaign. Most of them are in excellent condition, Coach Tom Young reports, and are ready to get down to some rugged business. They're really gunning for a good season. With the opening game only a little more than a week off, they also are rushing things.

Things have grown quiet on the heavyweight problem in the boxing world. Perhaps it's only about to burst loose when Ezzard Charles and Joe Baksi tangle November 12th. We'll take Charles, as we said a week ago, to be the future champ until something better comes along.

College Baseball Staffs Should Be Improved

A B. (Happy) Chandler, commissioner of baseball, says that college baseball coaching staffs will have to be improved before they can expect professional outfits to lay off their players until they finish school.

The colleges say they are moving

Georgia Tech Looks Like Power of SEC

Georgia Tech, last year's Orange Bowl winners, looks like the team to beat in the Southeastern Conference as the lid blows off the 1948 football campaign.

All-America Bobby Davis and durable Ralph Slaten are lost at tackles, along with Quarterback Jim Still and halfback George Matthews, but Coach Bobby Dodd is not crying about that. Instead, he is looking for someone to take their places.

Tech is well balanced at end, guard, center and fullback. Thirty returning lettermen will be back to answer Dodd's call.

The passing attack should be rugged again this year, although Still, last year's ace chunker, has turned pro. Several ends including glue fingered Jimmy Castleberry and George Brodnax, are still around to snag those passes.

In Glancing over the Tech outfit, it looks like seven teams of the SEC are in for it as they step to the line to butt heads with the Atlanta boys this fall.

Catamount Jayvees Meet Asheville Maroons Friday

The Western Carolina "B" football squad gets off to an early start tomorrow night when they take on Coach "Plowboy" Farmer's Asheville Maroons in Asheville's Memorial Stadium.

The game originally scheduled between the Maroons and Salisbury high was cancelled due to the fact that the polio ban on Salisbury has not yet been lifted. The Catamount club is expected to furnish as good, if not a better game, than Salisbury would have.

The college team will be made up of boys just out of high school who have had only a week and a half of practice, so the Maroons, being a high school team, will not be at a disadvantage on that account since they have been drilling for several weeks and already have one game under their belts, a 6 to 6 tie with Erwin, Tenn.

Coach Tom Young of Western Carolina says the two should stack up on about an equal basis and to make baseball a major sport. What pro ball wants is college baseball under capable coaching that will develop their players for professionalism.

Heretofore, it has been one of the fifth or sixth football coaches doing the coaching of the baseball team. The college baseball player coming into pro ball did not have the proper fundamentals of the game—and he was too old to learn them in time to make the grade to the big time.

By strengthening their coaching staffs, colleges would improve their own teams and help get their boys ready for a professional career after college. It would greatly improve the ties between colleges and professional baseball.

that the Catamounts will be handled by "B" string coaches Bill Swift of Waynesville and Jake Atkinson of Hamlet. However, he stated that either he or Coach "Tuck" McConnell will be on the Catamount bench throughout the game.

Members of the Catamount freshman squad who will play in the game Friday night and the high schools they played for are as follows:

Ends: Charlie Underwood, Lumberton; Erwin Booth, Greenwood, S. C.; and Kelly Moses, Franklin, Toccoles; E. F. Stewart, Hendersonville; Erwin Green, Cliffside; and Bruce Burleson, Bakersville. Guards: Todd Kimsey, Hiwassee Ga.; and Jim Bergin, Black Mountain. Centers: Buddy Padgett, Hayesville; and Stewart Brown, Lexington. Backs: Tommy Seltzer, Blue Ridge School for Boys at Hendersonville; Paul Rogers, Mooresville; Joe Pressley, Sylva; and Jimmy Johnson, Lexington.

Others making the trip will be Jim Whitaker, Kannapolis fullback; Pete Litaker, Leaksville fullback; and Herbert Dowless, Elizabethtown blocking back.

Pressley is the long distance kicker who averaged around 65 yards per try last year for Sylva. Rogers and Litaker were both outstanding fullbacks in high school and both are veteran ground gainers.

Coach Young stated that his line will average around 170 pounds, while the backfield will average 160.

The Catamount "B" squad schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 10—Asheville high at Asheville.
Sept. 18—Brevard at Brevard.
Oct. 1—Marion High at Marion, C.
9—Asheville-Biltmore at Asheville.
Oct. 23—Blue Ridge at Hendersonville.
Nov. 5—Gardner-Webb at Shelby.
Nov. 13—Brevard at Cullowhee
Nov. 20—Newberry "B" at Newberry, S. C.

Charles Baksi Will Fight Nov. 12

The 20th Century Sporting Club of New York has announced the signing of Ezzard Charles and Joe Baksi for a heavyweight feature fight to be held in Madison Square Garden November 12th.

Both fighters are ranking first-pen of the heavyweight group. This bout may be the start of the campaign to select a successor to Joe Louis' vacated throne. Charles and Baksi are rated as two of the outstanding men to compete for the crown.

Barnwell And Barnwell—Rivals

As if the old football feud between Sylva and Bryson City were not enough, both towns had to go and get two brothers for coaches.

Both Barnwells, James of Sylva and Howard of Bryson City, were members of Catamount football clubs at Western Carolina, and both know enough to find their way around the gridiron.

When November 5th rolls around, we'll get to see the brothers put their teams against each other. The game will be played on Sylva's Mark Watson Field. It will be interesting to see who comes out on top.

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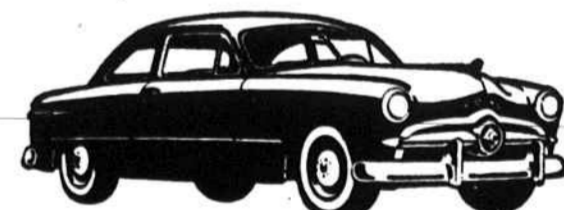
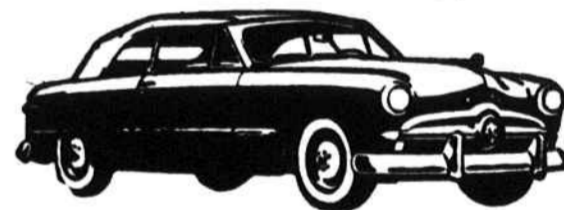
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