

Sports NEWS



CATAMOUNTS MEET EAST TENNESSEE STATE IN HOMECOMING GAME SAT. NIGHT

Young Men In Good Shape After Game With Tusculum

With two victories and one defeat under their belts, the Western Carolina Catamounts will try to make it three and one Saturday night when they take the field against the reportedly strong East Tennessee State eleven.

A great homecoming crowd is expected to fill the new Memorial Stadium to see the fireworks. East Tennessee is a passing club with

several good passers and receivers to show off against the Catamounts.

Despite their 37-6 win over Tusculum, the Catamounts are still stinging from their one-point 14-13 loss to Appalachian two weeks ago, and it's a good bet that they will try to take part of that sting out of their systems against the Tennessee boys.

STATISTICS ON THE WESTERN CAROLINA - TUSCULUM GAME

	W.C.	TUS.
First Downs	13	12
Yds. Gained Rushing	248	74
Passes Attempted	10	20
Passes Completed	5	9
Yds Gained Passing	111	173
Passes Intercepted by	3	2
Yards Runback Inteptns	94	19
Punting Av. rage	29.3	34.0
Yards Kicks Returned	19	0
Oppo Fumbles Rec	2	1
Yards lost Penalties	50	25

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Catamounts Humble Tusculum, 37-6

FIRST HOME GAME OF SEASON PROVES TO BE EXCITING AS THE CATS GO WILD

Victory Took Part Of Sting Out Of Last Week's Loss

Coach Tom Young played every available reserve on the bench in an effort to give the Tusculum college Pioneers of Greenville, Tenn. a fair chance but even the reserves helped in the scoring as the Western Carolina Catamounts rolled to a 37-6 victory over their Tennessee opponents Saturday night in their first home game and their first in their new stadium.

The game started out with Tusculum gaining three first downs in the first quarter while the Catamounts got only one, but, minutes before the first quarter ended, the Catamounts began their scoring. With first and ten on the Catamounts' 36 yard line, Tusculum quarterback Dale Mowery fired a pass intended for halfback Bill Caton, but Hugh Constance, Catamount center, charged the ball, intercepted it on the 25 and, aided by the downfield blocking of Buffalo Humphries and Ovie Heavener, ran 75 yards into the endzone standing up. Frank Hardin's kick for extra point was no good.

The Catamounts rolled to two more markers in the second quarter. The first was set up when Humphries and Constance covered a Tusculum fumble on Tusculum's 46. Harry Duke and Paul Monroe swept the ends and hit the line four times to drive the ball to the 21, from where a double reverse—Monroe to Duke to Dewey Whitaker—netted the touchdown with Whitaker scoring on the 21 yard jaunt. Hardin converted—his only one out of six tries—for a 13-0 lead.

Paul Monroe intercepted a Tusculum pass on W.C.'s 40 and returned it to Tusculum's 41 from where Cecil Roberts passed to Bob Tate who was brought down on the 6-inch line. Monroe plunged thru enter for the score and a 19-0 lead which held until halftime.

Two more Western Carolina markers came four plays apart in the third period with Roberts scoring from the five on the first and Tee Wee Hamilton passing 25 yards to Ovie Heavener in the end one for the other.

With reserves playing all the last quarter, Jay Hooper, freshman from Robbinsville pulled off a 63 yard run for a Catamount touchdown that was called back because Hooper stepped out of bounds on W.C.'s 46. However, with a 19 yard run by Paul Rogers and a 15 yard penalty against Tusculum to help out, Hooper got banging at the line until the Catamounts had the ball on the 21 from where Hooper went across for the final Cat tally.

Tusculum did most of their damage passing, completing 9 out of 20 for 173 yards. Their only score came on a 61-yard pass play from Bill Caton to end Harold Wycoff.

On the ground the Cats were not to be stopped as they racked up 248 yards rushing to Tusculum's 74.

Buffalo Humphries proved to be the man in the Catamount line who did most of the damage. He had plenty of help from Hugh Constance, Art Byrd, Clark Pennell, Dan Robinson and others.

Bill Caton carried most of the burden of the Tusculum attack.

West. Car.	Pos	Tusculum
Brown	LE	Maines
Humphries	LT	Harold
Byrd	LG	Hankins
Constance	C	Bingham
Pennell	RG	Whitehaw
Robinson	RT	Norton
B am	RE	Wycoff
Arrington	QB	B. Caton
Caperila	LH	Shoun
Heavener	RH	King
Monroe	FB	Young
Tusculum		0 0 0 6 - 6
West. Car.		6 13 12 6 - 37

Scoring W.C. TD's: Constance, Whitaker, Monroe, Heavener, Roberts, Hooper. Point After: Hardin (1).

Scoring Tusculum TD: Wycoff. W.C. Reserves: Everhart, Tate, Neal, Coffee, Harris, Noblitt, Jaynes, Thomas, Clark, Ilderton, Nims, Feimster, Allison, S. Brown, Etheridge, Duke, Hamilton, Roberts, Hooper, Whitaker, Winchester, Rogers, Arney, Clayton, Hardin.

Tusculum Reserves: Mowery, Newman, R. Caton, Walker, Burgholtz, Sheeler, Shea, Rathosis, Hague, Poritzky, Blake, Pyle, Nichols, Wulff, Leslie, Smitty.

Officials: Ref.—Austin; Ump.—Thomas; HL—Wilbanks; FJ—Craft.



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The Cat-Call

HUGH CONSTANCE

There's a story behind Hugh Constance's touchdown run of 75 yards on his pass interception Saturday night. In his first year with the Cats (1946) Hugh intercepted an opponents' pass during one game and returned it just a few yards short of the goal line. He was mad because he didn't run it on across for a score despite the fact that he was splattered by some six or eight players. After the game, Constance remarked that if he ever got his hands on another pass he wouldn't stop short of pay dirt for love or money.

The rest of the 1946 season rolled by and the plucky peppercor center played heads up ball all the way—waiting for a chance to cross the double line with the ball tucked under his arm. But his chance didn't come.

"Oh well," Hugh remarked. "Wait till next year. I'm bound to get hold of one then." Next year came (1947) and the Catamounts went through ten rough ball games—and Constance went through ten rough ball games, without intercepting a single pass.

At the end of the season, Constance remembered his boast and said again, "Wait till next year. I know I'll get one then." And sure enough, after playing sixty minutes of the first two games without an interception, Constance's chance came. In the first quarter of the Tusculum game Saturday night Tusculum's quarterback Dale Mowery fired a pass from the Catamounts' 36 yard line intended for halfback Bill Caton.

But the pass did not reach Caton. Constance raced back, jumped high into the air on the 25 and speared the pass. He landed running—and when he stopped the goal line was behind him and most of the players were 75 yards back up the field scratching their heads. Constance had fulfilled his boast. He had waited two years to intercept that pass, and when he caught it he was determined to go.

He was aided by Ovie Heavener who knocked a Tusculum man out

of the play on the 40 and by big Buffalo Humphries who blocked two would-be tacklers out of the way on Tusculum's 35.

The Catamount center is a patient one. Two years of waiting. But at the end of two years, he had the pleasure of running the ball again, and nothing could have laid him back.



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