

Hurricane Grows; Sweeps Over Franklin, 41-6

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By Bob Terrell

Hats off to one of the best coaches ever to field a football team at dear old Sylva High. By that we mean Coach James Barnwell. He's doing a magnificent job with the players and most of all, he's winning ball games. It's been a long time since a Sylva team won four straight ball games and this 1948 version of the Golden Hurricanes has done just that and still have a whole of a chance to run that streak through several more games.

Some critics said the T formation wouldn't go in Sylva, but they've changed their minds after seeing Sylva run over four teams with it. At first the critics said it takes a quarterback to run a T and that Barney didn't have one. But it's turning out that Jack Cunningham and Roy Elders are doing a bang-up job behind the pivot man. So far, Cunningham has scored a total of 44 points and has had a hand in every Sylva touchdown this season with the exception of two scored Friday night. "Lard" has either run them himself, hand-

ed off for them or passed for them. The only two that he was not involved in was when Elders handed off to Furman Dillard for one in the last quarter and when Kent Hoyle intercepted the pass and ran it back 60 yards to score Friday night.

It looks as if though Barnwell has found a place kicking specialist in Charles Cunningham. "Grease" booted three out of four Friday night and was as surprising about it as anyone on the field. They say practice makes perfect and Charles has been practicing his kicking at home.

There's no reason why the Hurricanes shouldn't keep on winning. They've certainly turned up with a contender for the conference championship. If they continue to play ball as they played for the last four games, they may wind things up with their first Smoky Mountain conference championship in years, possibly in history.

So much for the Hurricanes, now let's take a look at Cullowhee Catamounts. Coach Tom Young's boys really patted one on Eastern Carolina last Friday night. 39-0 is a big score to run up in any ball game. But it hurts most when a team's reserves play the greater part of the game and still beat you out bad. Coach Young played mostly his reserve strength thruout the last three quarters of the game, and when the lowest string on the club keeps scoring, there isn't much that can be done.

The game, despite the overwhelming score, cost Western Carolina a great deal. By that we mean that Al Capella, the Catamount's flashy tailback, was taken from the game with a dislocated knee and may be out of action for the remainder of the season. Capella was a valuable cog in Coach Young's machine. He had speed,

PANTHERS PROVE TO BE NO MATCH AGAINST SYLVA ONSLAUGHT AS HURRICANES TAKE FOURTH STRAIGHT

Barnwellites Gain 259 Yards Rushing

By BOBBY TERRELL
(Herald Sports Editor)

The Sylva Golden Hurricane, rapidly spreading a destructive trail throughout Western North Carolina, unleashed its fury on the Franklin Panthers here Friday night and swept them off their feet by the score of 41-6. A capacity crowd filled Mark Watson Field to see Coach James Barnwell's touchdown minded Hurricanes take their fourth straight win, their most impressive one since before the war.

Not since Waynesville handed them a 19-0 defeat on September 17 have the Hurricanes tasted defeat. Only two touchdowns have been scored against them since that night while they have pounded over 15 times.

Sylva was in trouble at no time

in the game Friday night. They scored every time they took possession of the ball but two when Franklin's backs intercepted passes. Sylva did not have to kick throughout the game.

The fireworks started just after the opening kickoff when Ernest Bumgarner ran the ball back to Sylva's 48 yard line. A pass, Jack Cunningham to his brother, Chas. was good for 7 yards but on the next play the Hurricanes received a 15 yard penalty which set the ball back on their own 40. Jack Cunningham, running from punt formation, reeled off a 42 yard run which set the ball on Franklin's 18. Ernest Bumgarner hit the line three times for gains of 11, 6 and one yard which netted the first TD of the game. Jack Cunningham sneaked the extra point.

Franklin's Huggins took Sylva's kickoff on his goal line and ran it back to the 38 where he fumbled on the next play and Wesley Warren recovered for the Hurricanes. Jack Cunningham tossed two incomplete passes, then handed off to Ken Hoyle who raced off tackle to the 14. An offside penalty against Franklin placed the ball on the nine from where Jack Cunningham pulled a quarterback sneak from T formation for the second touchdown. Hoyle took a handoff for the extra point and a 14-0 lead.

The second quarter was scoreless until minutes before the half when Sylva staged an 85 yard drive following Lewis Welch's punt which went out of bounds on

Sylva's 15. In 11 plays the Hurricanes drove the ball over with Jack Cunningham chalking up the touchdown on a 12 yard run. Charles Cunningham booted his first of three extra points through the uprights for a 21-0 lead which ended the first half.

Sylva marked one more TD in the third period when Charles Cunningham topped off a 62 drive by going over from the one on a handoff. Charles kicked the extra point for a 28-0 lead.

Then came the action filled fourth quarter. Early in the quarter Sylva's Furman Dillard plunged over from the one following a sustained drive from the 50 and Chas. kicked his third point.

With Sylva's reserves playing the largest part of the quarter, Franklin's Huggins took the kickoff on his goal line and returned it to the 18. Franklin marched steadily downfield rolling up their only 6 first downs of the game and 70 of their 83 yards on the ground. Frank Henry swept off tackle for the six for the touchdown. Henry missed the try for point-after.

Shortly before the game ended, Sylva's Kent Hoyle intercepted a Franklin pass on Sylva's 40 and ran it the 60 yards to the end zone leaving three would-be tacklers 15 yards behind. Charles Cunningham missed the extra point and the game ended with Sylva leading 41-6.

Charles Cunningham was as surprised as anyone at his kicking ability, but another fellow who deserves credit for his kicking is Ernest Bumgarner who planted all of Sylva's kickoffs on the Franklin goal line.

The line play of tackles Tom Henry and Clyde Bumgarner and guard Wesley Warren was out-

standing. They had plenty of help from Dennis Ensley and Perry Rhodes. Zollie Fincannon proved to be Franklin's chief scourge from the flanks.

The lineups:

SYLVA	POS	FRANKLIN
Fincannon	LE	Norton
Henry	LT	Brown
Warren	LG	Johnson
Ensley	C	Alsup
Rhodes	RG	Penland
C. Bumgarner	RT	Parris
Ashe	RE	Petillo
J. Cunningham	QB	Archer
C. Cunningham	LH	Henry
Hoyle	RH	Huggins
E. Bumgarner	FB	Thomas

Franklin 0 0 0 6-8
Sylva 14 7 7 13-41

Scoring Sylva TD's: J. Cunningham 2, C. Cunningham, E. Bumgarner, Dillard, Hoyle. Points After: C. Cunningham 3 (placement), J. Cunningham, Hoyle.

Scoring Franklin TD: Henry.

Sylva Subs: Queen, Dillard, Elders, Crisp, Parris, Ward, Hughes, Monteith, Gunter, Blanton, Moon, Extine, Frizell, Hold n.

Franklin Subs: Wilson, Mason, Jones, Leach, Lessig, Welch, White.

Officials: Referee, Brown (WCTC), Umpire, Olson (WCTC), Head Linesman: Collins (WCTC), Field Judge: McGinn (WCTC).

Statistics on the Sylva-Franklin game.

Sylva	Frank.
First Downs	11 6
Yards gained rushing	259 83
Passes attempted	9 4
Passes completed	1 1
Yds. gained passing	15 1
Passes intercepted by	1 2
Yds. gained pass inter.	60 8
Punting average	0 36
Yds. kicks returned	12 0
Opponents fumbles rec	1 0
Yds. lost penalty	40 25

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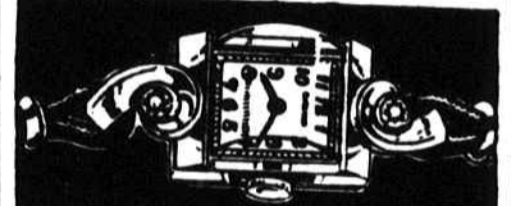
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Robbinsville Snags Copper Hill 47-0

Robbinsville—With fullback Ted Jordan accounting for five of their seven touchdowns, the Robbinsville high eleven blasted a badly outclassed Copper Hill, Tennessee eleven by the count of 47-0 here Friday night.

Jordan turned in scoring jaunts of 40, 25 and 20 yards and took passes from Buck Atkinson for two more.

Spider Cook and Atkinson scored the other two Robbinsville markers.

In first downs Robbinsville excelled 13 to 1, and in yards gained on the ground they had an edge of 324 yards to 58 for the visitors.

Power and was one of the best breakaway runners on the squad. Capella's loss will undoubtedly hurt him as far as his future football days are concerned.

Yet, you cannot completely overshadow one man's glory with another's misfortune. The ECTC game was a fullback's dream. Every Western Carolina touchdown was scored by a fullback. Paul Monroe tallied three times, Joe Hunt twice and Paul Rogers once. Frank Hardin, who ran at fullback in 1945 for the Cats and later specialized in kicking, booted the extra points.

We know the Cats had a field day—let's hope they have another at Lenoir-Rhyne Saturday night.

Bryson City Tops Hayesville 12-6

The Bryson City Maroon Devils, sparked by Mack Hyatt, who scored both of their touchdowns, rolled to a 12-6 win over the Hayesville Yellow Jackets here Friday night in a Smoky Mountain loop contest.

Bryson City's first tally came in the second period when end Charles Woodard blocked a Hayesville punt and recovered it on the Yellow Jackets' 30. The Maroons pushed the ball down to the nine yard stripe from where Hyatt swept off tackle for the score. The try for extra point was no good.

Hayesville came back following the kickoff and their backs punched the ball down to the one-yard-line from where Buster Rogers plowed over.

Bryson City's winning marker came in the third period climaxing a 50 yard drive when Hyatt reeled off the last 18 yards to score standing up.

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