



HISTORY'S BEST SEASON IN MAKING FOR CATS

CULLOWHEE—With three games remaining on their schedule, the Catamounts of Western Carolina stand a chance of ending this season with the best football record in the history of their school.

Under the guidance of head coach Tom Young and assistant Tuck McConnell, who does a great job of scouting opponents, the Cats have won five of their seven games played to date. They have totaled 143 points against 45 for their opposition. On the ground they have chalked up 1271 yards rushing to their opponents' 572, and in first downs the Cats are ahead 69 to 58. In their 7-6 loss to Maryville Saturday night at Cullowhee they marked 12 first and ten's to the Scotties' five.

In the North State conference, the Cats are assured of no less than third place with a 3-1 won-lost record. The Youngmen sport the best defensive record in the loop with only 20 points scored against

them in league play. They have finished their conference play.

In the passing department the Cats, judging from previous performances, would do better if they would stick to pass interceptions. Completing 17 out of 54 aeriels, the Cat flankmen have made them good for 293 yards, yet they have totaled 360 yards on 15 interceptions—67 yards more on their opponents' passes than on their own.

A general rundown on total statistics for their seven games looks like this:

| | WCTC | OPP |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| First down | 69 | 58 |
| Yds gained rushing | 1271 | 572 |
| Passes attempt | 54 | 98 |
| Passes completed | 17 | 38 |
| Yds gained passing | 233 | 646 |
| Passes int. rec. by | 15 | 10 |
| Yds g ined pass inter. | 360 | 66 |
| Punting aver. | 31.9 (43 kicks) | Opp. 33.9 (45kicks) |
| Yrds kicks returned | 232 | 398 |
| Opponents' fumbles rec. | 13 | 8 |
| Yrds lost by penalty | 255 | 190 |

The Cat-Call

Catamount Captain Leads The Way

Nestled far up in the hills of the great Smokies, in the peaceful valley of Cullowhee, strange things are happening on the Western Carolina Teachers college campus.

Football is beginning to boom. The Catamounts are on the prod, blazing a fiery trail down the gridiron to football glory. Many Catamount players are grasping for Conference honors, but out of the smoke of the battle and rising above them all comes Arthur Byrd the 165 lb. guard of Marion, N. C. who is making a stab not only for All North State Conference honors, but is also vying for a position on the mythical Little All American eleven as well. For the past 3 years, Byrd has been throwing his magic, razzle-dazzle football skill at Catamount opponents with all the zeal and finesse of a true star.

Coches Tom Armstrong of Tusculum College, Preacher Roberts of East Tennessee State, and Jim Johnson of Eastern Carolina who have sent their teams against the fury of the Catamounts this season to come out on the short ends of some very long scores, all comment that they have never seen a better guard than this 165 lb. package of capital named Byrd.

Byrd is the spark of the Catamount defense. Time after time the line goes through the offensive to defend to toss their heads back in defense. He plays the fifth man in the opponent's backfield for most of the game. He not only is the spark of the defense, but is very probably the best blocker in the forward wall. He is by far the greatest downfield blocker. His unusual amount of speed in pulling from the line aids him immensely in this venture. He can pull out of the line and be down field before any of his mates and throws a block that is nothing short of devastating.

Catamount head Coach Tom Young in his twenty years of coaching, having seen the biggest and the smallest says Byrd is the finest guard he has ever seen on the gridiron and had the privilege of coaching.

Recently Arthur has acquired the name of "Bip-Bip" Byrd. Line Coach Tuck McConnell hung the moniker on him for his short, choppy quick steps he takes in pulling from the line. Tuck is high in his praise of the Little All American candidate, and believes as does Coach Young that he is one

of the finest lads he has ever coached.

One of the big reasons "Bip-Bip" has become an idol at the hill in his rare ability to build up team spirit and hold it on a sharp level. He is also a lad that is easily coached and a great leader on the field at all times. His leadership abilities won for him the unanimous vote of his team mates for the captaincy of the 48 eleven. An honor he justly deserved. His leadership abilities do not stop with his football chores. He is a very popular student on the campus and a leader in campus activities.

Sandy Saddler Upsets Pep For Feather Crown

New York — Sandy Saddler, a spindly-legged Harlem Negro, scored a stunning fistic upset here Friday night when he knocked out Willie Pep of Hartford, Conn., to win the world featherweight championship in 2:58 of the fourth round at Madison Square Garden.

Pep, a 1 to 3 favorite who never before had been knocked out in 136 previous fights, went down for the 111 count from a murderous left hook thrown by the lean graduate of the New York police Athletic club.

CATAMOUNTS CLOSE HOME SEASON SATURDAY NIGHT

The Western Carolina Catamounts close out their home season Saturday night when they meet the powerful Newberry college eleven from Newberry, S. C. in Cullowhee's Memorial Stadium at 7:30 p. m.

Fresh from their 7-6 loss to Maryville last Saturday before a home crowd of some 2,000 fans, the Cats will put everything they have on the line in an attempt to get back on the bandwagon.

Coach Tom Young will stop at nothing to win the game. The Catamounts still have a chance to post their best season in the history of the school and everyhing points to a killer-diller ball game.

Coach Tuck McConnell who scouted Newberry last Saturday, says they have a good ball club that will give the Catamounts as hard a battle as did Maryville.

Most of the Catamount strength will return to action after a week layoff because of injuries. Fullback Joe Hunt and Tackle Buffalo Humphries head the list of injured men who will be back in action.

The demand for various fruits during 1949 will be about the same as for the current year.

Scotties Drop Catamounts For 7 To 6 Loss

POWERFUL TENNESSEE CLUB TAKES ADVANTAGE OF INJURIES TO THROW YOUNGMEN FOR SECOND LOSS OF SEASON

Western Carolina's bowl dreams were shattered into submission Saturday night when the Maryville college Scotties edged the injury-riddled Catamounts by a single point 7-6.

Trailing by 7-0 late in the fourth period, the Cats staged a desperate drive that carried from Maryville's 33 to the endzone. Boyce Winchester and Cecil Roberts hit the line and swept the ends to push the pigskin down to the four-yard-stripe from where Roberts circled tight end for the touchdown. Frank Hard'n's kick for extra point was blocked by Maryville end Bob Kery.

The Scotties, after traveling across the Smokies from their Maryville, Tennessee campus, took advantage of several Catamount fumbles to keep Tom Young's boys in the cold throughout the game. Their hard-driving backs punched away at the disabled Catamount line all the way. It was late in the second period when Maryville struck pay dirt. Their marker was set up on a pass interception on their 40 by Bob Neff, who returned the interception to the Cats' 36. Allan Law, wingback who played on the 1945 University of Tennessee Rose Bowl team, swept left end on a reverse for 13 yards to the 23. From there Neff passed to D. M. Miller on the two, then Henry Marriman, fullback, plunged through left guard for the score. Guard Charles Andes booted the game-winning extra point.

Fullback Paul Rogers and tailbacks Pee Wee Hamilton and Cecil Roberts staged a Catamount drive in the third period that carried the ball from Cullowhee's 30 all the way to the Maryville 9, only to bog down and lose the ball on downs.

Both teams threatened consistently, driving deep into opponents' territory, but failing to score.

With tackles Buffalo Humphries and Harry Jaynes out of action the burden of the tackle slots fell on Big Dan Robinson and Pinball Allison, and both showed good form. Clark Pennell played a good game from right guard but it was team captain Arthur Byrd, running from the other guard, who sparked the Cat line. Time after time Byrd crashed through to throw the shifty Maryville backs for losses. Center Hugh Constance and blocking back Jack Arrington looked good on defense as did end, Vace Brown. But the Cats didn't have the needed punch to win. They didn't click like the Catamount powerhouse of previous years.

Yet, the statistics went in their favor. They rolled up 12 first downs to Maryville's 5 and made 142 yards on the ground to the Scotties' 91. In the passing department neither team was up to par, with the Cats completing only one out of 11 for 13 yards and Maryville connecting only 2 out of 8 for 21 yards.

| Pos. | WCTC | Maryville |
|--------------|-----------|------------|
| LE—Brown | | Miller |
| LT—Allison | | Rock |
| LG—Byrd | | Willocks |
| C—Constance | | Archer |
| RG—Pennell | | Rutherford |
| RT—Robinson | | Kluth |
| RE—Beam | | Davis |
| QB—Arrington | | Fogarty |
| LH—Roberts | | Neff |
| RH—Whitaker | | Law |
| FB—McConnell | | Merriman |
| Maryville | 0 7 0 0-7 | |
| WCTC | 0 0 0 0-6 | |

| WCTC | Maryv. |
|------------------------|-----------|
| First downs | 12 5 |
| Yds gained rushing | 142 91 |
| Passes attempted | 11 8 |
| Passes completed | 1 2 |
| Yds gained passing | 13 21 |
| Passes inc. ptd. by | 1 3 |
| Yds gained intercepts. | 1 33 |
| Punting average | 25.7 27.1 |
| Yds kicks returned | 19 25 |
| Oppon fumbles recvd | 0 1 |
| Yrds lost penalties | 5 30 |

City Basketball League To Be Formed

Plans for a city basketball league are now underway for a 1948-49 season. There will be a meeting, of all

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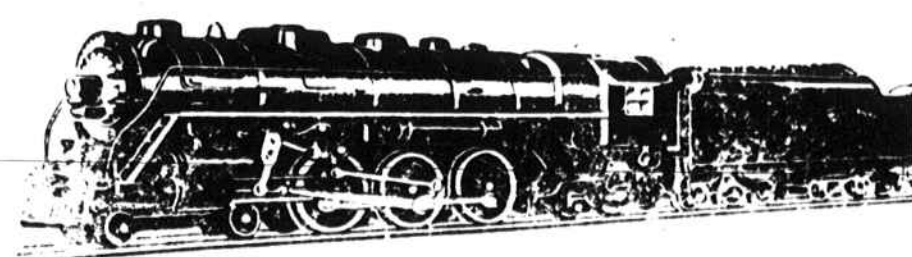
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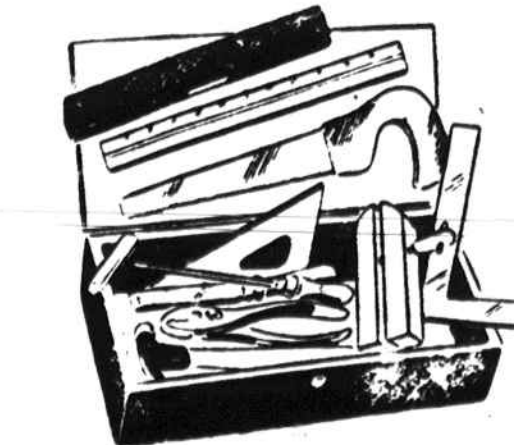
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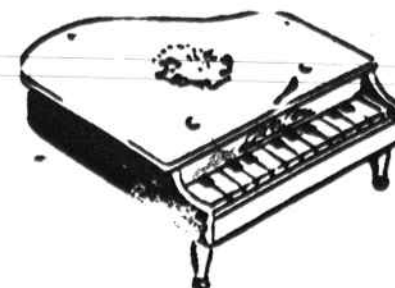
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