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By Bobby Terrell

One of the smoothest pass attacks we have ever seen was displayed at Cullowhee Saturday by the Newberry Indians, and it was made on a field that was wet enough to hamper any team's passing. The passers, D. C. Witt, a Charleston, S. C. junior, and Bobby Horton, a junior from Camden, S. C., had complete control of the wet ball throughout the game. Horton was in long enough to spark a Newberry drive that ended abruptly on the one yard line.

It was Witt who did the damage. He was the nucleus of the Newberry squad. He did all the kicking, all the passing when he was in the game, and more than his share of the running. Cata-mount Coach Tuck McConnell said Witt was one of the best backs he has seen this year. All those who saw the game can back McConnell's statement.

Regardless of how good the Indians were in the air lanes, the Cata-mounts ground attack clicked along on the slippery turf. All told they scampered for 211 yards

through the middle and around the ends.

Out of 39 passes, Witt and Horton completed 16 for 209 yards, and allowed only one interception, that by Hugh Constance, Cata-mount center. The rest of the passes were on the target but were batted down by the Cata-mount defense. At times Newberry had five men downfield on pass plays.

Getting off the Cata-mounts and on Sylva's Hurricanes, we'll give them a deserving plug. They looked plenty good in their 18-0 wallop of Bryson City Friday night. Also playing on a wet field, their attack was not slowed down by the rain, as it has been in past games. They netted 103 yards on the ground and 83 on two completed passes.

Charles Cunningham pulled the best run of the ball game on his 50 yard run after taking a pass from brother Jack from the 29 yard line. Several potential tacklers in a line broken field run.

Sylva's victory assured them of at least second place in the Smoky Mountain conference standings, an honor they well deserve.

Congratulations go to Coach Frank Long and his Hayesville Yellow Jackets in winning the conference championship. After they lost Bobby Cunningham because of his ineligibility, it looked as though they had lost the backbone of their team. Maybe they did, but Coach Long didn't mind. He just made his boys work that much harder and continue to win all games. You can't keep a good team down.

More congratulations. This time to our own coach, James Barnwell, in being named to the coaching staff of the Western team for the annual Optimist Bowl game to be played in Asheville. Barnwell will serve alongside Stewart Farmer of Lee Edwards High of Asheville as assistants to Bill Morris of Sand Hill.

It is an honor which Barnwell justly deserves. He is now in his second year of coaching and his first at Sylva. He took the material that won only one ball game last season, added a few green boys to the roster and built a winning ball club out of it. That took a lot of hard work on the part of Barnwell and the boys. But everything turned out right and the Hurricanes are enjoying their best season since before the war.

Sylva fans are expected to get their fill of football this week-end. Thursday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. the Golden Hurricane makes its

Sylva Hurricane Back On Bandwagon

CHARLES CUNNINGHAM COUNTERS TWICE AS SYLVA DOWNS SWAIN HIGH BY 18-0

Conference Play Ends With 2nd Place Clinched
By Bobby Terrell
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The Sylva Golden Hurricanes fully avenged themselves for the drubbing they received by Bryson City last year by rolling over the same Maroons by the score of 18 to 0 last Friday night on Mark Watson Field before an estimated crowd of 2,000 fans who watched the game through a constant drizzle of rain.

Coach James Barnwell's Hurricanes were not in hot water throughout the game as they kept the Maroons from scoring distance all the way. The victory, Sylva's sixth in nine starts and their fourth in conference play against two conferences defeats, clinched second place in the Smoky Mountain conference standings for them. Their conference play has ended.

Sylva tallied first at the end of the first quarter. Bryson City's Billy DeHart, 235 pound back, punted to Sylva's 35 from where Jack and Charles Cunningham took over about in punching the ball down to the line from where Charles plunged off tackle for the score. An attempted run for the extra point was no good and Sylva led 6-0.

The second quarter passed with no further scoring and no scoring threats from either team. However, in the third quarter, Sylva marked up their second touchdown when a DeHart kick was blocked by Perry Rhodes, Sylva guard, and covered in the endzone by Harold Parris, who played a bang up ball game from left end. Another run for extra point failed and Sylva was out front by 12-0.

The Hurricanes finished their scoring in the last quarter when Jack Cunningham passed to Charles Cunningham from Sylva's 29. "Grease" hauled in the pass on the 50 and went the rest of the way with no interference on a beautiful broken field run. He eluded 3 would-be tacklers by some shifty side stepping as he showed his heels on the last 25 yards of his run. A pass for extra point this time failed to pin out and the game ended at 18-0.

The Bryson City squad was injury-riddled from stem to stern. But they still showed signs of being a dangerous team. They were well trained in fundamentals, blocking and tackling, but they just didn't stop the Sylva attack.

In the last quarter, Coach James Barnwell gave the fans something to get their minds off the rain. He had his linemen playing in the backfield and his backs playing in the line. Wesley Warren, playing fullback instead of guard, pulled off a nice punt return. The tackles, Clyde Bumgarner and Zollie Fincannon were at half-backs, and Perry Rhodes, the other guard, was at tailback. Jack and Charles Cunningham, Earnest Bumgarner, Furman Dillard, Hayes Queen and Bobby Gunter were in the line.

Throughout the game, Sylva's line held Bryson City to a minimum. Big Clyde Bumgarner, Wesley Warren and Perry Rhodes took through time after time to break up plays. Zollie Fincannon filled in well at tackle in place of co-captain Tom Henry. Dennis Taylor punted in a neat job.

Two home stand against mighty States Hill High, and Saturday night the Western Carolina Baby Cata-mounts play host to the Brevard College Torrado on Mark Watson Field at 7:30. Both are expected to be exciting tilts with capacity crowds to watch each. So you'd better come early and get that good seat so you'll be on hand when the action starts.

Hayesville Takes Smoky Mountain Conference

When Sylva lost to Robbinsville two weeks ago, the Hayesville Yellow Jackets were classed as the champions of the Smoky Mountain Conference on the basis of their five conference wins in six games.

Last Friday night the Sylva Hurricanes clinched second place in the standings by pounding Bryson City 18-0.

Coach Frank Long's Yellow Jackets won the conference with their fine play and spirit. There are no outstanding stars in their lineup. Their team is well balanced from stem to stern.

linebacking, and the flanks were under constant control by Harold Parris, Carrol Ashe and Dorsey Moon.

Coach Howard Barnwell admits that he has lost the bulk of his team power through injuries and deficient grades. Still, his boys showed spirit. They fought a valiant fight from the opening whistle to the closing play.

Sylva	Pos	Bryson C.
Parris	LE	Seay
Fincannon	LT	Cope
Warren	LG	Clark
Ennsley	C	Calhoun
Rhodes	RG	R. Hyatt
C. Bumgarner	RT	Stevenson
Ashe	RE	Freeman
J. Cunningham	QB	DeHart
C. Cunningham	LH	Ennsley
Dillard	RH	Lambert
E. Bumgarner	FB	M. Hyatt
Bryson City		0 0 0 0 - 0
Sylva		6 0 6 6 - 18

Scoring Sylva TD's — C. Cunningham 2, Parris.

Bryson City Reserves—Thomas, Arkansas, Watson, Brown, Elliott, Welch, Arg 1

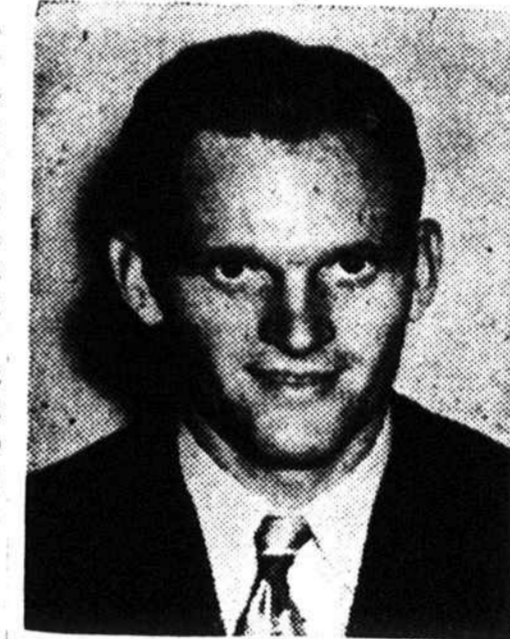
Sylva Reserves—Moon, Frizzell, Extine, Hughes, Crisp, Ward, Dillard, Blanton, Queen, Elders, Monteith, Gunter.

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

STATISTICS ON THE SYLVA - BRYSON CITY GAME	
	Sylva Swain
First Downs	6 8
Yds. Gained Rushing	103 80
Passes Attempted	7 7
Passes Completed	2 3
Yds. Gained pass.	83 41
Passes Intercept. by	2 1
Yds. Gained Pass Inter.	24 20
Punt. Average	37.0 46.2
Yds. Kicks Return.	29 0
Oppo. Fumbles Recov'd	1 1
Yds. lost penalty	45 5

Barnwell Named On Optimist Bowl Staff

SYLVA COACH RECEIVES HIGH HONOR IN FIRST YEAR WITH GOLDEN HURRICANES



The coaching staff for the Western team for the Optimist Bowl game to be played in Asheville's Memorial Stadium was completed Saturday with the appointment of Coach James Barnwell of the Sylva Golden Hurricane to act with Stewart Farmer of Lee H. Edwards High of Asheville as assistants to Head Coach Bill Morris of Sand Hill.

The Optimist Bowl is a charity game with all proceeds going to the Toe River Camp for Crippled Children. It is played by high school seniors from schools throughout Western North Carolina. The best seniors from each school make up the All-Star lineups.

Last year the two teams played to a 0-0 tie in a hard fought game. This year the teams are expected to be as evenly matched as they were last. 12 boys who participated

last year were given college scholarships by coaches who witnessed the tilt.

Barnwell, in receiving the honor to act as one of the Western coaches, is the first Sylva mentor to ever gain the privilege of coaching a post season bowl team. In his first season in Sylva he has rolled up a record that would make any coach feel proud, especially since the Hurricanes won only one game last season.

Sylva's bowl boys will probably be chosen from the four seniors who have played first string ball. They are: Jack Cunningham and Bobby Gunter, backs; and Clyde Bumgarner and Carrol Ashe, linemen. Each school is allowed only two players. Of the four named above, two should make the grade since Sylva has had a good season.

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