

SPORTS

Here And There

Hurricanes Close Season At Hayesville

Barnwellites Out To Avenge Earlier Defeat By Jackets

The Sylva Golden Hurricanes, proud possessors of seven wins out of ten games played to date, will attempt to make it eight this afternoon at Hayesville and, in the meantime, avenge themselves for the 6-0 licking administered to them by Coach Frank Long's Yellow Jackets in their season's opener this fall.

Coach James Barnwell's Hurricanes are primed for the game with a two week's rest under their belts not having played since the Mars Hill game Armistice Day. Barnwell consented to Long to let Bobby Cunningham, the standout star of the Yellow Jacket attack in Sylva who was later, classed as ineligible for conference play, to participate in the game as it will not count on the conference standings. Cunningham did most of the damage in Hayesville's victory over Sylva, scoring the only

touchdown and carrying the ball more than his share.

Today's Thanksgiving classic is expected to be the thriller of the Smoky Mountain loop since the first and second place teams square off.

Earnest Bumgarner, Sylva's rushing fullback, may miss all the action because of a knee injury.

Probable starting lineups:

SYLVA	HAYESVILLE
LE—Fincannon	White
LT—Henry	Anderson
LG—Warren	Crawford
C—Ensley	Palmer
RG—Rhodes	Moore
RT—C. Bumg.	Shelton
RE—Ashe	Alexander
QB—J. Cunn.	Thompson
LH—C. Cunn.	H. Rogers
RH—Dillard	B. Rogers
FB—Gunter	B. Cunningham

Robbinsville And Andrews Tie, 0-0

The Robbinsville Blue Devils and Andrews Wildcats fought thru rain and mud here Friday afternoon to a scoreless tie.

A heavy rain drenched the already wet field all during the second half as both clubs vainly tried to score. Robbinsville threatened first in the second quarter when they slipped and skidded down to the four yard stripe where Andrews bucked up and stopped their attack.

Bob Christy's kicking kept the Wildcats in the ball game. Andrews threatened in the third quarter when they drove downfield and bogged down on the Devil's 10.

The teams were well matched throughout the battle. Andrews had taken a 13-0 game from the Devils at the first of the season.

ONCE OVER

By BOBBY TERRELL

It's the end of the trail for the Sylva Golden Hurricanes this afternoon when they meet the Hayesville Yellow Jackets at Hayesville. It's good to end a season with the same club you started it with. You can see who has improved and how much.

We think Sylva has more than an outside chance of taking the Turkey Day game. They hadn't hit their stride when they met Hayesville in Sylva at the beginning of this season. The Jackets, if you remember, punched over their winning score with less than a minute to go. Since then the Hurricanes have improved to a great extent. Their "T" formation has smoothed out, their running and passing attack has greatly improved, their defenses are tighter.

We'll see if the right team won the Smoky Mountain Conference. If Hayesville beats Sylva we'll be satisfied that the Jackets deserve the title, but if the Hurricanes knock off Hayesville, we'll call the Jackets a very, very lucky team and let it go at that.

Here we go on the subject of moral victories again. Professor John S. Seymour of Western Carolina Teachers college says there is no such thing. We were inclined to agree with him until last Saturday night when we saw the Carson-Newman Eagles take a 14-13 game from the Catamounts of Western Carolina. If ever a team deserved to win a ball game the Cats certainly deserved to take that one. On the scoreboard it showed as an Eagle victory, but in the heart of every player on the field and every person in the stands rested the fact that the Cats had played by far the better game. They pushed the Eagles all over the field.

The statistics favored Western Carolina by a landslide. They outrushed the Eagles 316 yards to 129. That's some margin for a loser. In first downs the Cats led 14 to 4. Through the airways Western Carolina gained 49 yards to Carson-Newman's 21 (most of the game was played on the ground). The big thing that kept the Eagles in the game was their punting average. For seven kicks they averaged 48.1 yards. That's a whale of an average and it's as good as any of the big time football. The Cats averaged only 11.7 for four kicks but they were forced to kick for the corner on three of these.

We'd like to congratulate a couple of fine, hard working men at WCTC for a job well done. Tom Young and Tuck McConnell deserve credit for building the best team ever to take the field in the purple and gold. They worked long, hard hours in mapping strategy, plays, defenses, everything that goes with the job of coaching and their dividends rolled in in the form of seven Catamount victories. Tuck's uncanny ability to scout an opponent kept the Cats on the large end of the score in several games. When the Cats went into a game this year they were well versed on what to expect of the opposing team. That

counts a lot.

Several men on the Catamount squad closed out their college football career Saturday night. Next year the Cats will be without the services of their first four ends, Mace Brown, Max Beam, Bob Tate, and Speck Everhart. Two tackles, Buffalo Humphries and Harry Jaynes, get their sheepskins in the spring. All-Conference guard for the past two years, Clark Pennell, will graduate. In the backfield, Paul Monroe, fullback, Ovie Heavener, wingback, Dewey Whitaker, wingback, and Frank Hardin, kicking specialist, will all be gone via the graduation route. All of these men played major rolls in the Catamount games this year. All lived up to pre-season predictions. All deserve credit for doing things up brown for their alma mater.

We talked with Coaches Bill Swift and Jake Atkinson of the Western Carolina "B" squad about their game with Newberry's "B" in Newberry, S. C. Saturday night. Swift summed up his team's game as a "gallant fight for a lost cause". Newberry Coach Billy Laval evidently figured that part of his varsity needed a slight workout so he demoted them from the "A" squad to the "B" squad for the game. Most of the boys who saw action in the varsity game with the Catamounts also played most of the game against the Baby Cats. D. C. Witt, the passer who did the damage at Cullowhee in Newberry's 12-7 loss to the Cats, did a lot of damage to the Little Cats. We believe in keeping the varsity boys on the big team and letting the underdogs get their chance in the Junior Varsity games.

Northwestern And California Named Rose Bowl Foes

The University of California will meet Northwestern University in the annual Rose Bowl classic at Pasadena, Calif. on New Year's Day, it was announced Monday.

California will represent the Pacific Coast while Northwestern will go in as the best in the Big Nine. Michigan could not repeat since they were in the game last year.

Saturday afternoon Northwestern's Wildcats cleared their way on the Pasadena express by romping over Illinois 20-7, while California was hitting it rough in gathering a slight 7 to 6 edge over Stanford.

The Wildcats won five out of six conference games throughout the season and won their entry into the Bowl by a unanimous vote of Big 9 officials. California rolled up a string of 10 consecutive wins including six in the conference.

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First Paper Bowl Game Seen Success

Canton—Ralph Goforth's committee on arrangements for Canton's first annual Paper Bowl has been busy during the past week attending to details that will furnish a proper setting for the game which is to be played in Canton December 4 between the Waynesville Mountaineers, Blue Ridge conference champions, and the Marion Rippers, winners of the Western conference.

A colorful program of activities along with the football game is promised by Canton Y's Men's Club which is in charge of the event.

The ticket committee has placed ducats on sale in Waynesville, Canton, and Marion and first reports indicate that a better than capacity crowd will attend the game. An extra 1,000 seats have been imported to add to the 4,000 seating capacity of the stadium.

The pre-game and halftime activities committee seems to have hit the entertainment jackpot. At one o'clock on bowl day Jack Justice's Gra-Y Junior Bears, a team of 12-14 year olds who have been undefeated in four games with similar Asheville teams, will play the fast Brevard Midgets, for the benefit of early arrivals at the stadium.

The Waynesville, Marion and Canton high school bands have accepted invitations to perform in the Paper Bowl. They will parade on the field before the game and will put on a special show at intermission.

Two handsome trophies have been procured to be presented to

OPTIMIST BOWL PLANS MOVING ALONG ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE

Charlie Justice Will Be Honored

ASHEVILLE — Optimist Bowl officials are moving forward with plans for their annual Western North Carolina All-Star game at Memorial Stadium on Friday afternoon, December 3, despite the fact that some of the plans went slightly awry.

Joe, Bill and Neil Justice, brothers of the illustrious Charlie, will be unable to attend the game to participate in paying honor to their great brother. Joe's Rollins college football squad will be playing the University of Richmond on the 3rd and Bill's high school team has a game that night. Neil is a member of the Rollins team.

However, plans for pre-game ceremonies and a banquet to honor Charlie after the game are almost complete. They include a parade through Asheville with all of the invited high school bands, players of the two teams, and Charlie and Jack Justice and their father and mother participating.

The Marion and Waynesville teams at the banquet and each member of the two squads will receive a suitable memento of their participation in the Paper Bowl.

General chairman Ralph Goforth, and John Stephens and Henry Michael, officers of the Y's Men's Club, have concentrated on plans for the safety, comfort and convenience of the two teams and the fans. They are confident that, with favorable weather, a capacity crowd will see the game, that the Marion and Waynesville athletic coffers will be considerably enriched, and that they will be able to turn over an appreciable sum to the Champion YMCA for the furtherment of their boys and girls work at Camp Hope on Pigeon River.

At the banquet that night, Justice will be further honored as will Coach Carl Snavelly, Hosea Rodgers and possible Crowell Little, the Asheville boy who is coaching the Carolina freshman squad.

Officials in charge of tickets announced that the sale has far exceeded expectations to date and that they anticipate a record crowd for the game. Tickets will be placed on sale in all towns having a player in the game this week.

Final selection of all players for the All-Eastern and All-Western teams will be made immediately following games on Thanksgiving Day, and the personnel of the two teams will be announced on Friday morning.

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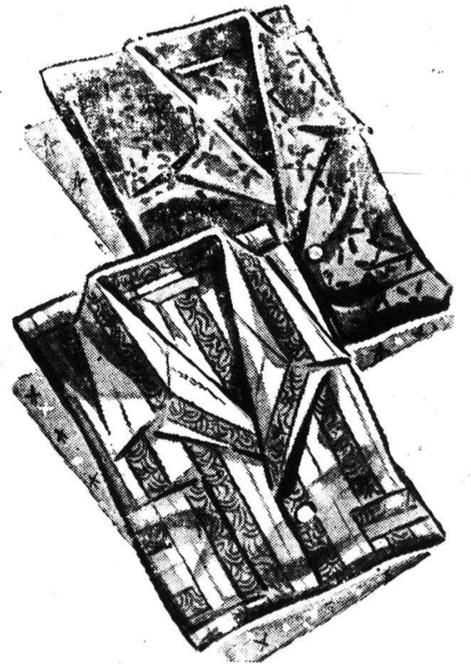
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