

# SPORTS

Here And There

## BARNWELL PRIMES HURRICANES FOR BASKETBALL OPENER

**Sylva Mentor Optimistic; Prospects Look Favorable**

Coach James Barnwell is bearing down on his Golden Hurricane cagers of Sylva High in order to have them ready for their season's opening game Dec. 16 at Cullowhee High.

Eighteen lads and 27 lasses are going through the daily routine of prep drills and scrimmages. With only a week remaining until their opener and with only a week of supervised practice under their belts, the players are working hard to shipshape the crew. Barnwell is a little optimistic in predicting anything about his teams' chances of coping conference crowns. Only time will bear it out, he says.

Heavy losses from last year may cut the effectiveness of the girls squad, however, at this early stage of the game the boys show signs of turning out a quintet capable of repeating their performance of winning the Smoky Mountain crown this year as they did last year.

Girls reporting for the team include: Mary Worley, Ruth Jacobs, Audrey Lane Bryson, Peggy Painter, Jean Howell, Nettie Bradley, Clois Bryson, Patsy Parris, Emily Johnson, Nazz England, Betty Paxton, Jean Harris, Joretta Monteith, Madge Henson, Bobby Nell Ensley, Nell Green, Libby Dillard, Emma J. Messer, Margaret Miller, Bleakadee Parris, Rowena Queen, Lillian Moore, Doris Whitaker, Billie Fincannon, Francis Bryson, Peggy Dean and Betty Revis.

The boys squad roster includes: Jack Cunningham, Clyde Bum-

## CITY LEAGUE PLAY BEGAN LAST NIGHT

Play in the Sylva City Basketball league was initiated last night with games between local teams. Outcomes of the games will be published next week as they were played too late to make this week's edition.

All proceeds will go toward re-lighting the Sylva High gymnasium where the games are being played.

## Byrd And Robinson Make All-So. Small College Team

Greensboro — The Southern Conference Sports Writers Association announced its first annual All-Southern Smaller College football team last Friday.

Art Byrd, Western Carolina Teachers College guard, placed on the first team. Dan Robinson, Catamount tackle, made the second string.

Appalachian placed three men on the first team and unbeaten Wofford put two on the first and three on the second.

The first team: Ends—John Caskey, Appalachian, and Doug Loveday, Wofford.

Tackles — John Odom, Lenoir-Rhyne, and Dewey Riddle, Presbyterian.

Guards—Art Byrd, Western Carolina, and Jim Clary, Wofford. Center—J. C. Honeycutt, Appalachian.

Backs—Lee Spears, Catawba; Garner, Donald Cooper, Bill Gass, Wesley Warren, Verlin Enloe, Charles Cagle, Ernest Bumgarner, Charles Cunningham, Furman Cogdill, Perry Rhodes, Vance Frizzell, Dorsey Moon, Carroll Ashe, Edward Ward, H. R. Snyder, Dick Barkley and James Blanton.

# Optimist Teams Battle To A 6-6 Tie

## ALL THREE SYLVA MEN IN STARTING LINEUP, PLAY OUTSTANDING BALL

**Rain Drenches Fans Throughout Game**  
By Bobby Terrell  
(Herald Sports Editor)

The rains came and the mud flew and the East and West fought to a 6 to 6 deadlock in the second annual Optimist Bowl held in Asheville's Memorial Stadium last Friday afternoon.

## Robbinsville Devils To Play 20 Games

ROBBINSVILLE — The Blue Devil cagers of Robbinsville High are fast-taking form as one of the outstanding Smoky Mountain teams, according to Coach Wallace Hyde.

Eighteen of their 20 scheduled games are conference tilts: The schedule follows: Dec. 14: Cherokee, there; 17: Stecoah, here; 23: Ducktown, here.

Jan. 7: Andrews, here; 11: Nantahala, here; 14: Sylva, there; 18: Hayesville, there; 21: Murphy, here; 24: Bryson City, here; 26: Nantahala, there; 28: Cherokee, here.

Feb. 1, Murphy, there; 4, Bryson City, there; 8, Cullowhee, here; 11, Ducktown, there; 15, Andrews, there; 18, Sylva, here; 22, Cullowhee, there; 25, Hayesville, here.

March 1, Stecoah, here.

Herman Bryson, Appalachian; Lynn Chewning, Hampden-Sydney and Hank Witt, Newberry.

The second team:

Ends—Frank Little, Lenoir-Rhyne and Art Claar, Catawba. Tackles—Dan Robinson, Western Carolina and Arnold Melvin, Elon.

Guards—Art Oley, Randolph Macon, and Andy Kavounis, Wofford.

Center—Ralph Wilson, Catawba. Backs—Bill Lloyd, High Point; Sammy Sewell, Wofford; Bob Prevatte, Wofford; and Jum Lowery, Erskine.

Twenty-two hundred shivering fans set through a steady down-pour watching the All-Star boys from various schools throughout Western N. C. hook horns in a sea of mud that covered them from head to toe and completely obliterated the numbers on the backs of their jerseys making it rough on the boys in the press row.

Most of the plans for Asheville's gala occasion went awry with the rain which set in early Friday morning and continued the rest of the day. The five bands present for the event were forced to cancel their pre-game parade and half-time ceremonies. The Mars Hill College band was delayed in arriving at the game but the Lee H. Edwards, Canton, Hendersonville and Morganton units collaborated to play the Star Spangled Banner just before the kickoff.

The boys in the game were forced to stay on their toes all the way. Due to the miserable playing conditions the slightest slip on the part of either team would have been destructive. The West went to work from the first and midway in the first quarter grabbed a 6 to 0 lead. Taking an East punt on his own 35, Tommy Mitchell (Brevard) moved to the 45 from where he picked up 8 more to the East's 47. Ted Jordon (Robbinsville) smashed through the center of the line and slogged up to the 27 where he was pulled down from the side.

On the next play from scrimmage, Frank Alexander (Murphy) slipped through left tackle, on through the secondary and went over standing up. Alexander attempted to kick the extra point and failed.

Early in the second quarter the East rolled to the West's 8 yard line. Warren Wilson (Lenoir) rifled a pass to Bob Sneed (Blue Ridge) in the endzone, but Mitchell hauled it in for the West and was dropped on the one. Mitchell attempted to kick out, the East blocked the kick and recovered on the 7. Wilson hit the line to the five, but on the next play Jack Cunningham (Sylva) tackle, crashed through the line to throw Jack Goode (Marion) for a six yard loss to the eleven. The Western line bucked up and held for two downs and took over on the 11.

The remainder of the first half was fought in midfield with neither team making much headway. Shortly after the beginning of the second half, the East staged a drive that carried from their own 25 to the endzone. Big Bill Stanley (Marion) did most of the damage in moving the ball to the two yard stripe from where he smashed his way over on third down. An attempted run for the extra point failed and the game remained tied at 6-all until the final whistle.

The West threatened twice during the final quarter, carrying inside the 10 on both occasions. Once they bogged down on the one foot line and lost the ball on downs.

The coaches from both teams commended their players greatly for giving Asheville fans the ball game of their lives. There is no

telling what might have happened had the two power packed elevens met on a dry field.

Head Coach Bill Morris of the Westerners held high praise for the running of Alexander, Jordon and Mitchell, the line backing of Ralph Picklesimer of Murphy and the line play of both Sylva tackles, Cunningham and Clyde Bumgarner, and Jim Golding (Asheville School for Boys), and the two Asheville high guards, Bill Miller and Garrett Edwards. Cunningham and Bumgarner crossed blocked the Eastern Tailback on Alexander's touchdown run as pictured in the Asheville Citizen Saturday morning. Carroll Ashe, the other Sylva man on the squad, kept things under constant control from his right end position.

The coaches and Bowl Committee, downhearted about the rain, were elated over the talent shown by both teams. Despite the inclement weather, the game was far better than the 0-0 deadlock of a year ago.

Lineups:  
Western All-Stars—Ends: Ashe (Sylva), Golding (Asheville School), Smith (Hayesville) and Duyck (Biltmore). Tackles: Bumgarner and Cunningham. (Sylva), Stevenson (Bryson City, Parrish (Franklin) and Roberts (Ben Lippen).

Guards: Miller and Edwards (Asheville), Stevens (Black Mountain), Gambill (Weaverville), and Fisher (Canton).

Centers: George (Andrews), Walsh (Robbinsville) and Picklesimer (Murphy).

Backs: Mitchell (Brevard), Tay-

binville), Alexander (Murphy), Butler (Andrews), Sprinkle (Marshall), Reece (Black Mountain) and Green (Sand Hill).

Scoring touchdown: Alexander. Eastern All-Stars—Ends: Sneed (Blue Ridge), Lawrence (Morganton), Storey (Morganton), Schrum (Lincolnton).

Tackles: Robinson (Marion), Collins (Forest City), Harrison (Boone), Jarrett (Glen Alpine).

Guards: Pennell (Lenoir), Pons (Valdese), Dale (Spruce Pine), Blythe (Hendersonville), Doggett (Forest City).

Centers: Livingston (Blue Ridge), Stamey (Bakersville).

Backs: Gabriel (Lincolnton), Morgan (Hendersonville), Stanley (Marion), Filson (Lenoir), Goode (Marion), Coffey (Morganton), Davidson (Boone), Whittington (Newland), Badgett (North Wilkesboro), and Crenshaw (Crossnore).

Scoring touchdown: Stanley. Officials: Referee—Murphy (Lenoir—Rhyne); Umpire — Griffin (Georgetown); Head Linesman—Patton (WCTC); Field Judge—Lewis (UNC).

## STATISTICS ON THE OPTIMIST BOWL GAME

	EAST	WEST
First down	8	7
Yds. gained rushing	65	106
Passes attempted	7	1
Passes completed	2	1
Yds. gained passing	31	2
Passes inter. by	—	3
Yds. gained interctns	—	9
Punting average	32	31.5
Yds. kicks returned	92	33
Oppo fumbles revd	1	2
Yds. lost by penalties	25	10



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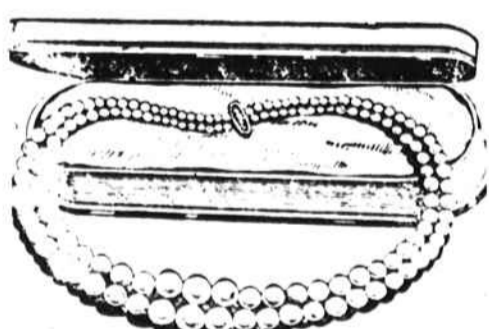


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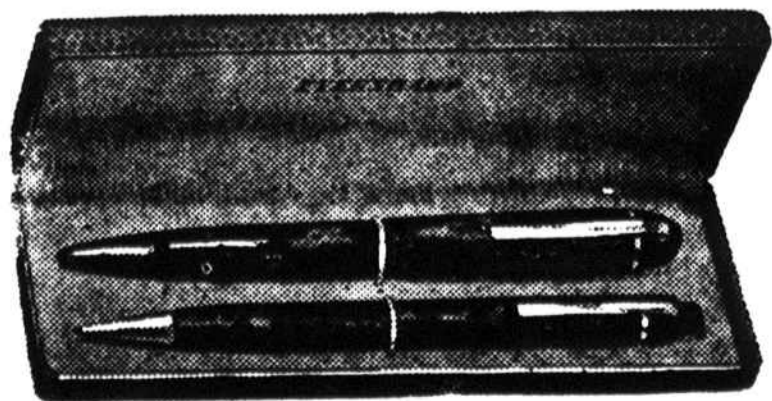
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