

Sports NEWS

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As basketball takes the reins of the sporting sled from the hands of King Football, the attention of sports fans throughout the countryside is focused up on the various cage teams of the area. But before we turn to the inside sport, let us talk a little more about football. Our subject—"The Optimist Bowl".

Hurricanes have spread their name throughout. All three Hurricanes who participated in the bowl classic made a name for themselves. Clyde Bumgarner played the complete game from right tackle and did a very nice job of it. Jack Cunningham played all the game with the exception of four minutes when he was

sidelined with a sprained ankle and Carrol Ashe held down right end for all but three plays.

Sylva football supporters should be proud of the fact that three men made the squad, and still prouder that they all gained starting berths and played as much as they did. All three played vital roles in thwarting off those terrific Eastern drives.

It seems that the Asheville and Sylva schools monopolized the Western line. Both guards and an end hailed from schools in Asheville, while both tackles and the other end were from Sylva. The center, Richard George from Andrews, proved to represent the only other school in the starting line.

It is reported that the bowl this year was a complete success despite the rugged weather. All 50 players who composed both teams conducted themselves as gentlemen during their week's stay and received the compliments of all concerned. The Optimist Bowl is here to stay. It will be one of Asheville's most gala events thru years to come. We consider it a very good thing. It gives a lot of boys a chance to go to college who would never have had the opportunity otherwise. It promotes clean living and wholesome play, and most of all, the proceeds go to help needy children. What more could one ask for than that?

On Monday and Tuesday afternoons of this week we had a gathering at Coach James Barnwell's Sylva High basketball prospects. Although Barnwell is a bit optimistic about his teams' chances for the coming season, we saw what looked to be several nice prospects on both the boys and the girls clubs. Working in teams both squads showed signs of potential power in the making. We will refrain from mentioning any party's name as yet, but after Barnwell cuts his teams to traveling size one can more readily

Catamount Cagers Open Season

FACE ROUGH CARSON-NEWMAN QUINT AT CULLOWHEE TONIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK

Veteran Squad Primed For Eagles; Tate, McGuinn Ready

Cullowhee — Coach Tuck McConnell's Western Carolina Basketeers blow the lid off their 1948-49 cage season tonight at Cullowhee when they meet the Carson-Newman Eagles of Jefferson City, Tennessee at 8 p.m.

Although they have had only a few weeks of practice, the Catamounts loom as one of the greater North State powers. The height of their starting eleven averages only five feet, eleven inches, but this factor is somewhat sidlined by their speed, aggressiveness, and the records compiled by Catamount quints during the past two seasons when the team was no more than an inch taller than it is now.

Coach McConnell believes his men, most of whom are veterans from last year, will be hard to handle. Only one man was lost from last year's squad, Howard Barnhorst, whom most people considered as the backbone of the

make predictions as to their outcome in the Smoky Mountain Conference.

Clinging to the subject of football for a while longer, we see Tuck McConnell's Catamounts of Western Carolina take the floor tonight at Cullowhee in a revengeful mood. Their opposition, the Carson-Newman Eagles of Jefferson City, Tenn., will undoubtedly make things as hot as possible in an attempt to rack up another victory over the Cats. However, the Catmount will be remembering the 14-13 licking the Eagles handed to the football Cats in Morristown, Tenn., three weeks ago and will be out to partially avenge that little matter. At any rate, the hair will fly, the baskets will ring and the scoreboard will roll as the Cats initiate their 1948-49 season in Breese gym.

Cat team.

The starting lineup for tonight's game runs like this: Forwards—Co-captains Bob Tate and Bob McGuinn. Both were among the top five scorers in the conference last year and both stand a good chance of repeating again. Center—Veo Rhodes, the most improved ball player on the team. He lacks the height of most college centers, but he makes up for this by constantly staying on the ball. Guards—Max Collins, taking Barnhorst's place, he has sharpened his eye considerably since last year, and Clyde Pressley, a hometown Cullowheeian who saved the Cats in more than one game last season.

Behind the first five, McConnell has a string of veteran replacements in Val White, Joe Fountain, Janes Scruggs, Burt Lane, Benny Pryor, Artis Carter, and Don Tomberlin.

Three outstanding freshmen are giving an account for themselves. J. E. Pardue, 6-5 center from Yadkinville who handles himself left-handed, Buddy Foster, 5-9 of Granite Quarry, and Robert Williamson, 5-11 of Raleigh, are all looking like veterans.

Other freshman products who may push some of the varsity boys for positions include: James Martin, Huntsville, Ala.; Bob Morgan, Biltmore; Bob Sluder, Leicester; Tommy Farrar, Apex; Max Rhodes, Arden; Bill Trentham, Gatlinburg, Tenn.; Johnny Gloyne, Cherokee; Kelly Moses, Franklin; Tommy Young, Monroe; Jim Evans, Sylva; O. V. Cagle, Clifton Taylor, and Darrell Tilley, all of Cullowhee; Bill Glance, Leicester; Hugh Sizemore, Arden; Joe Sherrill, Bryson City; James Wike, East La Porte; Walter Dockery, Hiwassee Dam; and William Procter, Glen Alpine.

The schedule runs as follows: December, 9—Carson-Newman at Cullowhee, 10—Wofford at Wofford, S. C.

Mountaineers Take Marion In Paper Bowl

Canton—The Waynesville Mountaineers came back to wallop the Marion Rippers 19-14 in the first Paper Bowl here Saturday before 4,500 spectators.

The Mountaineers came back of a 14-6 deficit to chalk up two touchdowns in the fourth period and win walking away. Waynesville blocked a Marion punt early in the first period and covered on the 32. After a drive carried to the one, Howard Limer circled left end for the score.

Marion came back in the second to take the lead. A nine-yard pass from Kirkland to John Goode in the endzone and the perfect boot for extra point by Bill Stanley put the Rippers ahead 7-6.

A recovered fumble by Green on the eight in the third period set up Marions next score. Goode broke through to the one from where Stanley smashed it over and added the point after for a 14-6 lead.

Winston Ensley bulled over from the 11 for Waynesville's next TD after Davis had passed his way from the Mountaineer 20. The extra point failed and Marion was still out front by 14-12.

Then came Waynesville's break. Sutton booted a long kickoff which

- 13—Guilford at Cullowhee.
- 15—Maryville at Maryville, Tenn. January:
- 5-6—Lenoir-Rhyne at Hickory.
- 8—North Georgia at Cullowhee.
- 11—Appalachian at Cullowhee.
- 13—East Tenn. State at Cullowhee.
- 15—Newberry at Cullowhee.
- 21—Piedmont at Cullowhee.
- 22—Georgia State at Cullowhee.
- 28-29—High Point at High Point.
- 31—Elon at Cullowhee.
- February:
- 1—Elon at Cullowhee.
- 4-5—Atlantic Christian at Wilson.
- 7-8—E.C.T.C. at Cullowhee.
- 11—Maryville at Cullowhee.
- 12—East Tenn. S at Johnson City, Tennessee.
- 14—Carson-Newman at Jefferson City, Tennessee.
- 17—Appalachian at Boone.

Bryson City Cagers Open Season

The Swain High cagers of Bryson City under the direction of Coach Howard Barnwell opened their season Tuesday afternoon against the Stecoah high boys and girls of Graham County.

Bryson City's schedule follows: Dec. 7, Stecoah, here; 10, Andrews, here; 4, Nantahala, here; 17, Cherokee, here; 18, Cullowhee, here.

Jan. 4, Stecoah, here; 7, Murphy, here; 11, Cherokee, there; 15, Sylva, here; 18, Franklin, there; 21, Nantahala, here; 24, Robbinsville, there; 28, Andrews, here.

Feb. 1, Sylva, there; 4, Robbinsville, here; 8, Murphy, there; 11, Cullowhee, here; 15, Hayesville, here; 18, Franklin, here. To be scheduled: Hayesville, there.

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Robinson fumbled on the 31 and Charles Howell covered for Waynesville. Ensley and Yarborough advanced the ball to the 19 from where Womack passed to Sutton in the endzone for the ball game. Ensley drove through for the point after and the 1948 Paper Bowl champions were the Waynesville Mountaineers.

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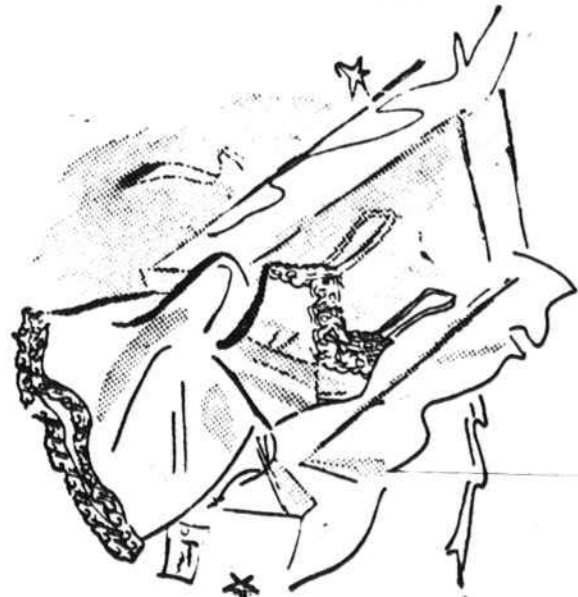
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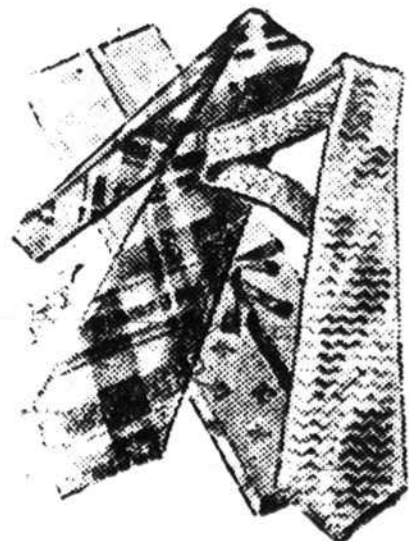
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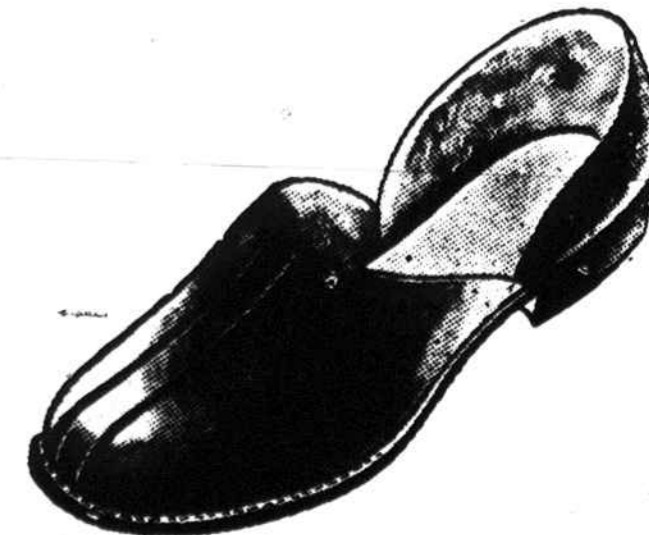
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