

Sports NEWS

CATS OPEN SEASON WITH 62-39 WIN OVER CARSON-NEWMAN EAGLES

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The linups:
WOODMEN (32) WCTC "B" (31):
F—Aikens 10 Williamson—F
C—Bryson 7 Martin 7—F
G—Cagle 4 Pardue 3—C
Rhodes—G
G—Wilson Foster 3—G
Subs:—WOW: Martin 7, Cooper 1; WCTC: Bryson, 2, Scraggs—16, Tilley.

During the last half the Cats tightened up their defense and hogged all the rebounds to push the score more and more until the final whistle found them out front by 62-39.

Both clubs were fast and handled the ball well. The Cats opened up a dazzling style of floor play and passing that kept the Eagles guessing throughout. Coach Tuck McConnell used the two team system, continually alternating his first and second strings until in the last few minutes he put in his third string to finish the ball game, and they finished it going away. During the final 10 minutes the Cats hit 20 consecutive points before the Eagles scored their last five.

In the 7 o'clock preliminary the Sylva Woodmen of the World edged the Catamount Jayvees 32-31. With three minutes to go and the WOW's out front by 29-28 a quick basket by J. C. Aikens gave the Woodmen a three point lead which they retained while James Scraggs of the Cats and Bill Cooper of the WOW's hit free throws. Then

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McGinn, f	7 4 3 18
Fountain, f	3 1 1 7
Williamson, f	0 0 0 0
Tate, f	4 1 1 9
Tomberlin, f	1 0 2 2
Martin, f	0 0 0 0
V. Rhodes, c	4 2 3 10
White, c	0 1 0 1
Pardue, c	0 0 1 0
Pressley, g	5 1 3 11
Lane, g	0 2 0 2
M. Rhodes, g	0 0 0 0
Collins, g	0 1 0 1
Carter, g	0 0 0 0
Gloyne, g	0 0 2 0
Foster, g	0 1 0 1

CAR-NEWMAN	WCTC "B" (31)
Netcher, f	2 2 4 6
Heacker, f	1 0 1 2
Dew, f	0 0 0 0
McCoy, f	0 1 4 11
Allen, f	1 1 0 3
Bean, f	5 0 4 10

Catamounts Subdue Guilford Quint, 50-44 In NSC Game

Tate And McGuinn Lead Locals To First Conference Win

CULLOWHEE—Paced by their two point-happy forwards, Bob Tate and Bob McGuinn, Coach Tuck McConnell's Catamounts of Western Carolina established themselves as one of the top ranking quints in North Carolina Monday night as they outgouted the Guilford Quakers by a 50-44 score in a North State Conference game.

The Quakers held a previous 61-59 victory over the Hanes Hosier five of Winston-Salem who before that had beaten N. C. State's crack quint by three points. That puts the Catamounts in the position of the team to beat in the North State Conference.

The game began like wildfire with the score being tied four different times in the first three minutes. The Cats went ahead with four minutes gone on Bob McGuinn's field goal and were never caught by the desperate Quakers who staged a last half comeback that kept the fans on their feet. Bob Tate literally caught fire in the first half splitting the net from any position to lead the Cats to a 31-17 halftime lead. But the Quakers came back strong from the first of the last half and gradually cut down the Cat lead until with 3 minutes remaining in the game they were trailing by only six points.

Things went hog-wild during the last three minutes as the Cats froze the ball time after time from the fighting Quakers. Then with the final whistle, the 1,500 jubilant fans flowed onto the court to pound the backs of the victorious

WCTC	FG	FT	PF	TP
McGuinn, f	5	2	4	12
Fountain, f	1	0	1	2
Tate, f	6	4	4	16
Tomberlin, f	0	0	2	0
Rhodes, c	3	4	4	10
Pressley, g	2	3	4	7
Lane, g	0	0	2	0
Collins, g	1	1	0	3
Guilford	18	14	21	50

Officials: Munday and Clark.

Cats Drop 70-42 Game To Wofford

SPARTANBURG, S. C. — The Catamounts of Western Carolina Teachers College invaded the Wofford college campus Friday night and were humbled 70-42 by the towering Terriers in a non-conference basketball tilt.

Terrier captain Wally Dean was top man in the scoring bracket with 19 points while his teammate Fred Powers came in with 15.

Featuring two men six-feet six inches tall and several more over six-feet, the Terriers were at the advantage over the Cats all the way. Wofford grabbed the lead with a quick basket and was never overtaken by the Cats. A minute before the half, the Cats pulled up to within one point of the Terriers at 19-20 but quick baskets by Hoffmeister, Powers and Riddle gave the South Carolinians a 26-19 advantage and a basket by Burt Lane of the Cats made the intermission score read 26-21.

Five minutes after the last half began the Terriers pushed their lead to 42-24 and were gone with the wind.

Bob McGuinn was top man for the Cats for the second straight night, scoring 10 points. Veo Rhodes was next with 8.

WCTC (42)	FG	FT	PF	TP
McGuinn, f	5	2	4	12
Fountain, f	1	0	1	2
Tate, f	6	4	4	16
Tomberlin, f	0	0	2	0
Rhodes, c	3	4	4	10
Pressley, g	2	3	4	7
Lane, g	0	0	2	0
Collins, g	1	1	0	3

WOFFORD (70)	FG	FT	PF	TP
F—McGinn 10	0	1	1	1
F—Tate 6	2	3	2	7
C—Rhodes 8	3	0	2	6
G—Pressley 5	0	1	1	1
G—Collins 1	2	3	2	7
Subs: WCTC—Fountain 3, Williamson, Tomberlin, White 3, Lane 4, Carter, Gloyne 2. WOFFORD—Kennedy 4, Taylor, Riddle 4, Hoffmeister 3, Morgan 1, Patton 2, Mabry, Stewart 2, Woodham.	16	12	19	44
Officials—Pruett and Brown.				

Officials: Chambers and Clark.

WESTERN CAROLINA MATMEN FALL TO APPALACHIAN 38-0

A mighty squad of wrestling men from the hills of Boone subdued the fighting grapplers of Western Carolina by a 38-0 count at Cullowhee last Tuesday night as both teams initiated their 1948-49 season.

The Catamounts, mostly new, inexperienced men, were no match for the Appalachian Mountaineers who have won for themselves the name of one of the best in the South during the past few years.

Appalachian won six of the eight matches by falls, one by an injury default and one by points. In one of the most exciting matches of the evening Don Thames, Catamount co-captain in 155 pound class, fell to Appalachian's York in 1:10 of the third period after leading on points throughout the first two periods 8-6. Another hair-raiser came later in the 175 pound class which Bozo Burleson of W. C. lost to Long of Appalachian on points 6-5. Burleson had a 5-4 edge with less than a minute to go and held the advantage over Long, but the sturdy Mountaineer moved like lightning when a Burleson field slipper, pulled out from the bottom and went behind the Catamount for two points which proved to be the winning margin.

The results:
Team Points
App. W.C. 38
121—Waynick, App. pinned
Marco, WC in .45 of the

Team	Won	Lost
Terrill's	1	0
Veil's	1	0
Boodville	1	0
American Legion	0	1
Webster	0	1
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