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WAYNESVILLE AND CANTON TEAMS CLASH TODAY

Mountaineers Defeat Strong Swannanoa

Weatherby's Boys Start Scoring In Opening Minutes

Intercepted Passes By Mountaineers Enables Them To Cinch Game In Early Periods

On a field that was ideal for football, the Waynesville Mountaineers picked up another game to their credit by defeating the Swannanoa team 13 to 0 on the local field last Friday afternoon with approximately five hundred enthusiastic fans watching the game.

The Mountaineers presented a much improved team over previous games and really settled down to business at the opening kick-off. The long boys were noted for their comeback after the first half, but in this game they began with the first whistle and kept good work up until the last whistle.

There have been several teams that have depended on passing attack to win from the Mountaineers, but to date they have not been able to get their passes to click. Waynesville has actually an airtight defense when it comes to passing as was demonstrated in the game last Friday. The Mountaineers intercepted three passes and picked up several yards on each. Waynesville only passed twice and completed one of the two for ten yards and a first down.

The first tally for the Mountaineers came about in the first period of the game due to one of the intercepted passes that Waynesville made. Reeves, who has been out of the regular line-up since the Canton game due to injury, took a pass intended for one Swannanoa's ends and returned it the forty yard line where Smith, in a reverse, carried the ball the remaining distance to the goal line for the first score. Milner rushed the ball for the extra point.

Waynesville almost made another score in the first period when the ball blocked a punt on the ten-yard line and Collins, Mountaineer guard, took the ball up to the one-foot line in the first quarter ended. On the play which netted the locals their second score of the game. Phillips intercepted the line for the extra point but failed to cross the stripe.

Swannanoa only made one threat at the goal, and that was in the closing

SLANTS ON SPORTS

MARION BRIDGES

The big game of the season on the local gridiron will be played today. Of course most of you can guess what game it is, but for those that only attend or care for one football game WAYNESVILLE PLAYS CANTON at Township Stadium at 2:30 o'clock.

Waynesville came out on the little end of the score in the first game with Canton, but the betting seems to be on more even terms this time.

Cochran, of Canton has attended several of Waynesville's games and is expected to throw opposition into the local boy's paths. It would not surprise me to see

minutes of the second quarter after they had blocked one of Waynesville's punts and recovering the ball on the twenty-yard stripe. The Swannanoa aggregation put on a drive that took them to the ten-yard line where the half blocked their only real chance to score.

In the third quarter Waynesville presented a new play against the visitors that has not been seen before this year on the local field, a wide spread formation that puts the opposing team in a spot as to what to expect. Smith, on a sweeping end run almost crossed the line again for the locals, but was stopped on the four-yard line where Swannanoa held for four downs.

The game ended with the ball in a very peculiar place and a very rare place, the one yard line in Swannanoa's territory.

The line-up:
Waynesville Pos. Swannanoa
Chafin LE Patton
Truitt LT Regan
Davis LG Young
Taylor C Burgess
Collins RG Waincott
A. Hancock RT Childers
Messer RE Brown
Smith QB Maxwell
Milner LH Snyder
Reeves RH Horne
B. Phillips FB McMurray

Officials—Herman, referee; Stretchler, umpire; Davis, head linesman.

Football Pool Racket Is Coining Easy Money

Suckers Ante \$1,500,000 Each Week
Trying to Beat Sure Thing



Suckers are taken for \$1,500,000 each week!

By MAURICE MERRYFIELD
International Illustrated News Writer
NEW YORK—As is true each football season, charges of professionalism are again in the air, some of them probably justified, but a new threat of commercialism has developed in connection with intercollegiate gridiron activities.

This has to do with the amazing and widespread popularity of football pools which are estimated to glean better than \$1,500,000 a week for their backers in United States. Last year was the first season they were played on such a wide scale, but this fall the racket has swept the country and future seasons will probably see it operated even more extensively.

Aside from the fact that it is to be condemned for taking money of countless suckers who are unaware of what "fall guys" they are for playing the pool, it is possible that the racket may grow out of bounds and work to the disadvantage of intercollegiate football's reputation.

Suckers Overlook Odds
In England, for example, the racket has grown to such proportions that it is a big business in itself. By an odd ruling of the British court, it is legal there for operators of the many pools to use the mails, increasing their "take" far above what it would be if the slips were peddled as they now are in United States. The pool was first started by a London newspaper as a promotion contest, but when it caught on in unexpected fashion those who are always on the lookout for "easy money" took over the racket and are reaping the millions now.

To one who stops to figure out the fair odds, the football pool is

obviously a sucker's game. Most of the printed slips list six of the closest games in the country. Players who pick only four games, and select the winners correctly, are paid five for one; those who take a chance in picking five winners get only ten for one, and those who shoot the works and try and pick all six correctly get but 20 to one for their money whereas the correct odds on the three combinations are 18 for one, 32 for one, and 64 for one. In other words, the pool operators pay off less than one-third of what they should when the sucker is lucky enough to win!

"Runners" Get 10 Per Cent
Many of those who peddle the slips for the football pools are the same crowd who operate the policy games. The office boy, janitor, elevator operator, cigar counter clerk and countless others are the "runners" for the pool, getting paid off by collecting 10 per cent of what they take in.

It has often been true in the past when large sums are at stake that there is someone who tries to fix it so it will be a sure thing. Fortunately, there appears little likelihood of such a possibility as far as football is concerned. Pool operators can sit back and let fate take its course, because the chances are slim of their being taken for their bankroll, especially since a tie game counts against the player.

Most objectionable feature of the racket, aside from the money it takes from thousands of suckers—who would probably lose it on some other racket anyway—is the fact that such unsavory things are linked up with the sport of football at all.

many new plays together with several trick plays demonstrated by both teams.

If the Mountaineers play the same kind of ball that they did against Swannanoa last Friday the game will be worth the money to see it. Waynesville got off to a bad start, but are making up for lost games.

The two ends for the Mountaineers—Chafin and Messer—played the best game so far this season together with Hancock as running tackle. John Reeves demonstrated his ability in the back field, both on defense and offense. During the course of the game Reeves intercepted three forward passes and played a jam-up game as right half back. Reeves has not been in the regular line-up since the Canton game where he received a back injury but he will be at his best again for the encounter to-

day with Canton.

When the football season goes out some fans think athletics are dead until the baseball season opens in the summer, but it is not, basketball is yet to come and will start immediately after the football season ends. It has been a great gridiron season and many exciting games have been played by teams from all size schools.

Three times Duke University has almost completed an undefeated season which would have given them a chance to bid for the Rose Bowl game which is played on New Year's Day at Pasadena, Cal., and is played between the eastern champions and the western champions. This year several eastern teams are on the undefeated list while California has the western end in the bag.

The Duke-Pitt game this Saturday is causing no end of comment among

Second Game Of Season Between Teams To Be Here

Mountaineers Out To Overcome Score Of First Game With Black Bears This Year

Today the Waynesville Mountaineers will play their last game of the 1937 schedule at Township Stadium, meeting their ancient rivals and contenders for the Haywood county championship, the Canton Black Bears. The opening kick-off is scheduled at 2:30 o'clock.

For the first time in the history of local football have Waynesville and Canton played two football games in one season, as is the case this year. The first game between the two was taken by the Black Bears by a score of 19 to 6 on Canton's field under the flood lights.

The Canton team has not lost but one game this season and has one of the best teams in Western North Carolina and surely the best team they have had in several years. The last game won from the Mountaineers until this year, was in 1930.

The Mountaineers have improved their playing since the first encounter and are expected to put up a harder fight than in the first game.

Both Waynesville and Canton are expected to attend in large numbers. All business houses in Waynesville will be closed for the game and also for Thanksgiving.

Canton Fails To Take Sylva Game

The Canton Black Bears lost their first game of the season to the strong Sylva team last Thursday by a score of 19-6 before over a thousand cheering fans.

The Canton team had won all of their previous games including one from Waynesville, all of them but one being played on their local field and under the lights.

Sylva completed their schedule without suffering defeat, having tied only one. The Sylva team outplayed Canton in all phases of the game. Flynn, star player for Canton did not get into the game because of illness, this was to some extent a handicap to the Canton squad. It is reported that Flynn will be in condition and will play in the Waynesville-Canton game here Thursday.

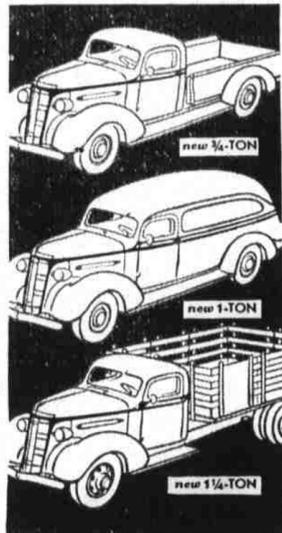
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the local fans. Pitt has not been defeated this season and if they are able to stay on top with the highest score in the Duke game, they will have a fine chance for the Rose Bowl. According to some local fans that have seen the Blue Devils in action, Pitt will not get the bid to play in the Rose Bowl.

To get back to local football. There has been a little boost in the admission charges for the Waynesville-Canton game—(25 and 75c)—so don't fail to put enough money in your pocketbook to take care of your ticket. See you at the game.



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