

# Mountaineers Fight To 7-6 Victory Over Betsy

## Messer Gets Touchdown On Pass From Ervin Shook

Waynesville High's fighting Mountaineers used their ability to catch and intercept passes, plus the determination not to give up to a heavier, fast rushing strong driving Betsy eleven, to come from behind in the last few minutes of play and reap the sweetest victory they've tasted this year. The 7-6 win was their fourth straight in the 1946 victory march.

It was Ervin Shook, Waynesville's triple threat quarterback, who tossed a long pass from behind his 42 down to left end Leonard Messer, who settled the ball in his hands amid a swarm of Elizabethton players on the 15 yard line in the right hand corner of the field and fought his way down to the goal line for the touchdown to tie the score.

The first try for extra point went to the left of the goal posts, but when Shook had his second chance due to an offside penalty on Betsy, he sent the winning point clean through the center.

Pat Spurgeon, 180-pound tailback for Elizabethton and his alternate running mates, halfback Robert Fletcher (200 pounds) and reverse taker Shakeep Kasseb were the hardest driving ball carriers faced by Waynesville this year.

For three quarters the two teams battled furiously with numerous penalties stopping their chances to score. A recovered fumble on Waynesville's 35 just before the third period ended set the stage for Elizabethton's touchdown drive. It would have been stopped but for a 15 yard penalty (clipping) that gave them first down on the Mountaineer 18, and four plays later Spurgeon carried the last few yards for the first score of the game in the early part of the fourth period.

A large crowd from here were over to support the Mountaineers and witness as close a game as could be played. The Elizabethton school band, a 75-piece organization comparable with the best in the country, put on a drum rattling show during half-time intermission. The game itself was broadcast over Elizabethton's radio station WBEI.

Waynesville's gridmen turned loose an attack that threatened in the first period. The opening kickoff brought an offside penalty on Elizabethton, and the repeat kick by Messer went to the 37. The Mountaineers held, and Betsy punted to Waynesville's 30. Shook and Lawrence Robinson rolled up two first downs on a series of plays, but a fumble put them back on the 50. Shook kicked to Fletcher on the five, who ran back to the 25, fumbled, and Waynesville recovered on Betsy's 15.

Then came the first penalty on Waynesville, 15 yards for holding. A pass to Messer was good to the 12, but their fourth down pass was no good and the ball went to Elizabethton.

Fletcher tossed to back Fred Ogle, who went to their 40. But Raymond Phillips, Tom Medford, Bob Ferguson and Messer and other linemen piled on the Betsy mail carriers to hold them down, and Fletcher kicked to Shook on the Waynesville 28.

The Mountaineers drove by ground to midfield before the quarter ended, and Shook punted to set the home team back to their 18. A return punt, plus a clipping penalty on Waynesville, gave them the ball on their 30. Then Shook took off around right end to the 50. Betsy lost 13 on penalty, and next play the Mountaineers were set back five on the same. Robinson, Bob Milner and Shook added steady gains until the ball was lost on the 15. Spurgeon brought it back to their 31, then Fletcher passed and Robinson intercepted on the 38 and returned it five yards. A long pass down to Robinson on the six yard stripe was completed, but the play was called back and Waynesville was penalized back to mid field. With a minute left in the quarter, Shook punted, and Betsy started driving, but the half ended with 25 yards yet to go.

Spurgeon returned the second half kickoff, and Bob Ferguson wets out of the game with a bad leg from the tackle. Their line bucks and reverses started clicking, bringing the ball to their 49, where

# Black Bears Upset Forest City 12-0 Friday Night

GAME STATISTICS

	W.	E.
First downs	8	14
Yards, rushing	103	169
Passes attempted	9	12
Passes completed	4	3
Passes Intercepted by	2	0
Yards, passing	63	35
Punts, scrimmage	4	2
Average yards punting	34	17
Penalties on	3	9
Yards lost penalties	90	80

a pass to Treadway took Betsy's ball to Waynesville's 28. Another pass was tried, and Milner gathered it in, settling off from the 25 to the 41. Betsy held, but Shook's stellar punting set them back on their eight. They kicked back, and Shook fumbled on the 35, Elizabethton recovering. Then came the scoring drive.

Spurgeon took it to their 46. Kasseb added five, a penalty gained them 15 more and they had the ball on Waynesville's 22 as the third quarter ended. On first play Betsy was set back to their 37 on penalty, but when their pass receiver was clipped they recovered their loss and got first down on the 18. Their heavyweights started driving and couldn't be stopped, but after Spurgeon scored Glen Murray's kick for the extra point went wild, putting the score 6-0.

This gave the Mountaineers the will to come back. Dick Powers took the kickoff from the 18 to the 37, and on the second play received a pass on Elizabethton's 45. A five-yard penalty on Betsy was countered by a 15 yard one on Waynesville when Shook's receiver was covered and he passed to a linesman. On fourth down he punted to Betsy's 30.

Spurgeon took off around left end to the 48, but the referee penalized next play 15, putting them back to where they had to kick. The punt was picked up on the 48 and returned to the 42.

Then came the biggest thrill of the game, Shook's long pass to Messer, which bounced, then settled in his hands, and he fought down the remaining 15 yards for the tying touchdown. There was much glee on the visiting side of the bleachers when the offside penalty gave Shook his second chance to kick for the extra point, and the crowd went wild as he added the winning conversion—his number 13 for the season.

Starting line-up:

Pos.	Waynesville	Betsy
LT	Messer	Hankins
LG	Medford	Birchfield
C	Phillips	Campbell
RG	Ferguson	Williams
RT	Underwood	Broomer
RE	Caldwell	Jackson
QB	Morrison	Treadway
RB	Shook	Murray
FB	Grahb	Fletcher
	Milner	Ogle
	Robinson	Spurgeon

Substitutes, Waynesville: Minett, Powers, Noland, Brackett, Powers, J. C. Caldwell, Early, Wilson, Atkinson, Sheehan, Owens, Watkins, Ed Robinson and Price; Elizabethton: Potter, Eggers. Scoring touchdowns: Spurgeon (E), Messer (W); extra points: Shook. Officials: Referee, Eaton (E) & Henry; Bartholomew (U. T.), judge, Meltons, (E. & H.) umpire; and Stone (E. & H.) field judge.

**SPEARHEADING**  
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By ED SPEARS

ELIZABETHTON was, as expected, the toughest team Waynesville has run against so far. Despite the statistics of first downs and yards gained in favor of the Betsy eleven, however, those who saw the game know that it was the Mountaineers who offered more scoring threats and who kept the ball down in Elizabethton territory during most of the game. Their two heavyweight backs, Spurgeon and Fletcher, were the hardest men the Mountaineers have had to stop. Spurgeon could blast through the line with tacklers bouncing off him, and push through with three and four men on his back. But no one person can keep that kind of grind up. It really took courage for the Mountaineers to keep charging in and smothering the Betsy ball carriers, but they played their hearts out and did what looked almost impossible.

PENALTIES played a most important part in the game, stopping Waynesville on two occasions when they were set up for scores. One reason for two five-yard losses in the first half was the fact that in Tennessee they play by high school rules, and in North Carolina by collegiate rules—something Coach Weatherly wasn't told until half time. Under regular prep rules you cannot substitute more than two men at a time, and it's the regular practice here to send in as many as you wish.

HOWEVER, when the penalties were all totaled up they show that Betsy suffered about as much as Waynesville. And the fact that the Mountaineers were given a second chance to try for extra point proves that the officials were calling them strict on both sides. Anyway, Waynesville won and it was a thrill-packed game that few will ever forget.

AS the players were loading in the bus to leave the field, a resident (evidently a transplanted Carolinian) came aboard to offer congratulations and have them sing a verse "I'm A Tar Heel Born," which they rendered with satisfaction. He then said, "I don't know who that number 40 is, but he really played a great game." Number 40 happens to be Bob Milner, who more than earned this tribute. Bob is one of the best blocking backs Waynesville has, and as alert a man on defense as there is in the secondary. His pass interceptions have played an important part in stopping more than one opponent this year.

It is a difficult job giving credit to all the players who did well in the game, for every one of the 25 who went over there were stars. Buddy Morrison halted many a sweep around his right flank position, and Hugh Caldwell and David Underwood, though facing heavier linesmen, were in there with all they had. It was the left side of the line, however, that could open more holes for gains, and Tom Medford and Leonard Messer are two players who'll outshine any linesmen we've seen this year. Bob Ferguson got badly bruised or his habit of piling in to every play, but finished the game scrapping hard as ever.

ERVIN SHOOK is one of the sparkplugs of the team in talking up their spirit. He also does quite well in kicking, running, and passing to use a bit of understatement, and the fact that he will be back next year is something everyone is happy about. Lawrence Robinson seems to be the first down getter, but if he isn't on duty Richard Powers, Carol Grahb, Cyril Minett, James Brackett, Milner and Shook can take their turn.

BEFORE the shouting had died down, Edgar Robinson gave out the war cry for this week. "We want Bear meat!" They're preparing a little down at Canton this week, but it's going to be pretty tough eating. Still those Mountaineers are big eaters. Unless hit by a bolt of lightning, we'll see how they make out this Friday.

- Football Scores**
- Waynesville 7, Elizabethton 6.
  - Canton 12, Forest City 0.
  - Asheville School 46, Sand Hill 7.
  - W.C.T.C. 33, Tusculum 6.
  - Tennessee 12, Duke 7.
  - N. C. State 17, Clemson 7.
  - Wake Forest 19, Georgetown 6.
  - Davidson 54, Wofford 0.
  - Carolina 21, Miami 0.
  - Catawba 19, High Point 7.
  - Appalachian 40, Elon 0.
  - Indiana 21, Minnesota 0.
  - Notre Dame 33, Pittsburg 0.
  - Ga. Tech 32, V.M.I. 0.
  - Tulane 27, Florida 13.
  - Mars Hill 7, Presbyterian J. C. O. Army 46, Cornell 21.
  - La. State 13, Miss. St. 6.

**Tailor's Patch**  
The tailor's patch, which is set on fabric with a crochet hook, is almost invisible and can be used for mending men's and women's suits and dresses.

**WHAT?**  
When a man offers you a flabby, dead-fish hand, you can shake it; but what happens when two of that kind meet.—Minneapolis Star.

## Boston Wins 3-2 In Series Opener

Boston took the first World Series game 3-2 Sunday when Rudy York, Red Sox first baseman, smacked out a home run drive of 375 feet into the leftfield bleachers, an overtime 10th inning hit that set them ahead of the St. Louis Cardinals.

## Many Students On Crabtree-Iron Duff Honor Roll

The honor rolls for the second month at the Crabtree-Iron Duff school have been released. They are as follows:  
FIRST GRADE "B"—Jerry Brown, Gerald Kirkpatrick, Annie Franklin, Leroy Jenkins, Hilda Sanford, Janet Smith, Joretta Clark, Carl McCracken, Jane Smith, Robert Clark.  
SECOND GRADE "B"—Richard Trantham, Lorean Overman, Commodore Jolly, Terry McCracken, Stella James, Virginia Trantham, Bobby Jean Haney, Robert Sanford, Sam Burgess.  
THIRD GRADE "A"—Helen Ruth Hill, Boyd Fisher, Spencer McCracken, Tommy Kirkpatrick, George Kirkpatrick.  
THIRD GRADE "B"—Adeline Best, Carolyn Bryson, Annette Ferguson, Elaine Walker, Jimmy Lee Best, Grover Lee Bradshaw, Ernest Hoglen, Rayford Jenkins, Roger McElroy, Robert Thomson, Louise Best, Jean Crawford, Doris Messer, Bobbie Parks.  
FOURTH GRADE "A"—Frances Emma Yates, Frances Sanford.  
FOURTH GRADE "B"—Claudia Sue Crawford, R. A. Gillett, Billy Greene.  
FIFTH GRADE "A"—Sybil Bradshaw.  
FIFTH GRADE "B"—Jewel Ferguson, Bonnie Justice, Jerry Walker, David Tate, Billy Best, Josephine Pressley, Valaree Henderson.  
SEVENTH GRADE "B"—Charles Franklin, Roy Noland, Sue Carolyn Noland, Doris Parks, Doris Rector, Wilma Sanford.  
EIGHTH GRADE "A"—Pearle Clarke, Hilda Faye Massie.  
SEVENTH GRADE "B"—Barbara Ann Best, Lorene Cogdill, Lois McCracken.  
TENTH GRADE "B"—J. M. Crawford, Helen June Bradshaw, Juanita Noland, Marjorie Rector.  
ELEVENTH GRADE "A"—Edith Chambers.  
ELEVENTH GRADE "B"—Pauline Bishop, Lucy Hunter, Naomi Massey, Audrey Sanford.  
TWELFTH GRADE "B"—Susie

## ILLINI SPEARHEAD - - - By Jack Sords



## Waynesville Man Pays Refund In OPA Rent Case

RALEIGH — J. P. Ingle, of Waynesville, has settled an OPA treble damage rent claim for alleged over ceiling charges in the rental of a house located in Asheville by paying a total of \$735.00 in refunds and penalties, the OPA reported this week.

J. Frank Melnis, state OPA rent executive-attorney, said the settlement—which was handled by the Asheville area rent office—was based on total overcharges of \$245 during the seven months period ended September 15, 1946. By

Bryson, Hilda Crawford, Dare Franklin, Reba Kinsland, David Rogers.

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