

Mountaineers Facing Tough Scrap At Canton

Speed And Power Give Canton Win Over Blues

Black Bears Komp 26-6 Victory Against Weakened Asheville School

Black Bears of Canton high school defeated Asheville School 26-6 in a football game at the latter's gridiron last afternoon, with their offensive carriers operating at an unusually efficient level.

Coach Arbogast's Blues were the services of several players due to inability, the Bears were more powerful than usual in such a one-sided victory.

Powered by "Hoot" Ward, they resulted in a safe touchdown for Canton. Ward and "Speedy" Stamey kicked 25 yards on kicks for two more touchdowns. Ivester scooped a yard of the air and raced for one score, and capped off the drive with a five-yard dash for the final marker. Ivester made their lone touchdown quarter on a 45-yard run.

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Blitzed Briton Takes to Football

By LEE LINDER
AP Newsfeatures

SHARON HILL, Pa.—There may be a little bit of England on the undefeated Sharon Hill High School football team—but the heart of Eric Peter Buckland now belongs to America.

Blame it on football, perhaps, or the friendly influence of U. S. youth. The 18-year-old British-born fullback isn't sure what makes him want to be an American. He was evacuated from his British home in 1940 during the Nazi "blitz"—returning to his family in Teddington, 10 miles outside of London, last year.

But five years in the U. S. had changed Eric.

"My mother couldn't understand until she saw how much I missed America and then she let me come back," explains Eric, youngest son of nine children.

"The British boys don't care much for football," says Eric. "A hard-charging fullback, the five-foot-ten, 162-pound youth handles the punting assignment and placekicks the extra points for the Sharon Hill eleven. Eric has tallied three touchdowns, converted 14 extra points.

He lives here with the William J. Charles family. The Charleses sponsored him when he was an evacuee.



ERIC BUCKLAND
American at Heart

Quail, Rabbit Season To Open Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving is a big day for the hunter—for Thursday the 28th brings the opening of seasons for quail and rabbit.

Quail and rabbit hunters will find new bag limits in effect this season. The daily limit for quail has been reduced from 10 to eight, with a season limit of 150. There

Sportsmen Gather For Annual Day Of Thanks

By JIM BECKER
AP Newsfeatures Sports Writer

THANKSGIVING DAY 1946.

Scene: Large table, heaped with holiday goodies. Mentors of various sports are grouped about the table, some clad in grid togs, others in baseball suits, some shivering in basketball and hockey men, plus fight managers and their charges.

Earl Blaik, Army football coach and toastmaster speaks:

"Boys, we are gathered together on this sentimental holiday to give thanks for the bountiful blessings heaped upon the sports world during the year just concluded." (Waves hand over table indicating two golden brown turkeys labelled "Blanchard" and "Davis.")

There are mutterings in the audience such as "he can afford to talk."

Honor guest Eddie Dyer, manager of the World Champion St. Louise Cards, rises, calms the audience and then bows his head. He intones:

"I give thanks for Harry (The Cat) Brecheen, first southpaw ever to win three World Series games."

Joe Cronin interrupts: "I can hardly agree to that but I offer rather dubious thanks for Ted Williams. He may be the greatest problem child in baseball but how he hits!"

Blaik calls on fellow football coaches to speak. They rise.

Jimmy Phalen of St. Mary's: "Thanks for Herman Wedemeyer."

Frank Leahy of Notre Dame: "And for Johnny Lujack and George Connor."

George Munger of Penn: "Don't forget Tony Minisi."

Tom Hamilton of Navy: "I'm trying to forget him."

Blaik: "We have two bashful

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Bethel Meets Clyde On Home Court Tonight After Fines Creek Wins

Clyde high's basketball team will meet the strong Bethel high combinations on the latter's court tonight starting at 7:30 o'clock. Clyde has defeated Leicester in past games this season.

Bethel showed promise of powerful teams with their one-sided victories over Fines Creek on Friday night. The boys, paced by their high-scoring forward, Billy Wells, outshot the visitors 45 to 20, while the Bethel girls took a 51-30 decision over Fines Creek.

The all-senior boys quintet kept both of the Fines Creek forwards, Robert Russell and H. Greene, from making a score. Wells, their 5-foot, 6-inch, 120-pound sharp shooter, accounted for 22 points himself; and the five Bethel substitutes all gave a good account of themselves as well.

West and Pitts were high scorers as the girls took their game, with Ruth Woody shining on the Fines Creek offense.

Box scores for the games:

Boys' Game

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Although subject to additions, the Fines Creek basketball schedule for this year is as follows:

Cullowhee—Home, Dec. 6.
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Waynesville—Home, Dec. 13.
Bethel—Home, Dec. 19.
Crabtree—Home, Jan. 10.
Cherokee—There, Jan. 14.
Cherokee—Home, Jan. 17.
Clyde—Home, Jan. 21.
Clyde—There, Jan. 24.
Canton—Home, Jan. 28.
Waynesville—There, Jan. 31.
Crabtree—There, Feb. 7.
Canton—There, Feb. 18.

The Fines Creek teams have wins over Spring Creek in a pair of games played November 19. The boys won 27 to 6, and the girls 30 to 19.

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All-America End Candidates For 1946

By FRANK ECK
AP Newsfeature Sports Editor

There's a merry battle on for All-America end positions and two of the outstanding flankers in the country are Hubert Bechtol of the University of Texas and Burr Baldwin of the University of California at Los Angeles. Both play left end. Incidentally, so does a Mr. Barney Poole of Army.

Bechtol is seeking one of the two end positions on The Associated Press All-America for the third time. He made the last two teams.

Hub, one of the best pass catchers in the southwest, is a 20-year-old senior from Lubbock, Texas, stands one inch over six feet and tips the beam at 190.

Baldwin is more matured, having returned to UCLA after service in the Army. He is 24, comes from Bakersfield, Calif., and is six-foot-one. Baldwin, a senior, has won two other football letters playing for the Bruins.

BURR BALDWIN
UCLA's Veteran End

HUBERT BECHTOL
Texas' All-America End



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