

# Haywood Sports Parade Hits Peak During '46

## Mountaineers Win Glory During Football Season With Versatile Eleven

Nutshell Review Shows 11 Wins Out of 11 Games Played in 1946

A nutshell review of the 1946 record of the Waynesville Township High School football season shows the Mountaineers won 11 games of 11 played, averaged 33 points to four of their opponents, giving them a total of 363 for the best season record of any North Carolina high school team this year.

The team was strong in all departments, being well drilled before going on the field and having smart plays called when in action. Passing was a spectacular success, with 76 connections (47 per cent) of 161 attempts, an average of 6.9 completions of 14.6 tosses per game. Points after touchdown were garnered at the rate of 74 per cent—39 out of 53 attempts.

Biggest scoring thrill was at Elizabethton, Tenn. Biggest satisfaction was in beating Canton twice—the second time with three varsity backs on the sideline. Biggest individual honor was taken by Tom Medford, selected All-State

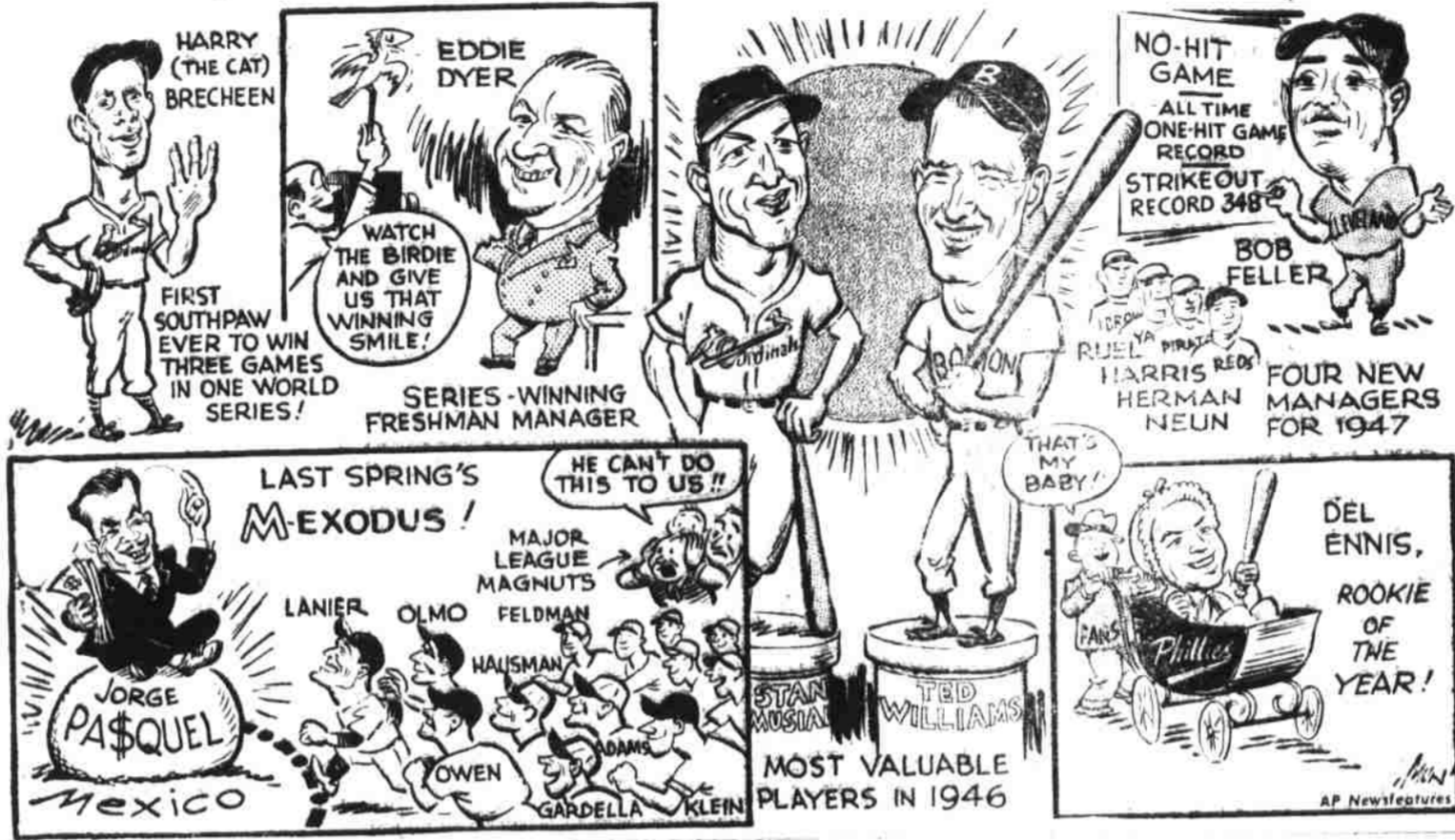
## Tickets Available For Friday Night Victory Banquet

There still are some tickets available for the Victory Banquet to be given Friday night in the Hazelwood school cafeteria in honor of the WTMS Mountaineer football squad. The tickets can be obtained at the Chamber of Commerce office.

The banquet is sponsored by the football fans of Waynesville and Hazelwood, with a committee headed by Ed Sims in charge of arrangements. Awards for outstanding work during the football season, several entertainment novelties, and a big turkey dinner are being arranged, with the banquet to start at 7 p.m.

Biggest loss will be the graduation of practically the whole 1946 varsity squad which will put three coaches Weatherby and Ratcliffe to building a brand new starting team next autumn.

## Memories of The 1946 Big League Season Highlights



## Hazelwood Baseball N Is Industrial Circuit Champ During Past Year

### Blalock Leads Team to Big Season As Loop Is Reorganized

Local followers of baseball saw that sport return to pre-war standing during 1946, when Hazelwood entered the Western North Carolina Industrial league and battled their way to the loop championship.

The league had been disbanded for four years previously due to the shortage of players, but army, navy and marine separation used the months following the end of hostilities to put many a young man out where he could drill with a baseball bat rather than a rifle. Bud Blalock returned from jockeying a plane for Uncle Sam to be made manager of the Hazelwood nine. They started practicing in April, opened their season in May, with games scheduled each Saturday afternoon. With only a two-man pitching staff, Blalock and J. C. Burrell, they began running over everything in sight, being especially strong in the hitting department—which doesn't hurt any baseball team.

Until August they went undefeated, then had a bad afternoon at Ecusta and lost their first match. Later on in the season they dropped a game with Champion Y, which gave them a final record of 18 wins out of 20 games. Enka, Beacon Mills, Green River, Sayles Biltmore, and the league cellarholders, Martel Mills were unable to touch them during the regular season.

Blalock not only was the league's best pitcher (12 wins to one loss), but paced the team in individual batting with a big 377. Sam Lane, a fast-traveling outfielder, was runner-up in batting, with a 360, with the dependable Gordon Wyatt and Elmer Dudley next in the percentage column.

Burrell had a pitching arm that won six of seven games, despite being at the age when most ball players retire, and hit over .314 as well. Bill Milner was another of their batting powers, and probably the smoothest defensive man was Oliver Yount in left field. With Gene and Glenn Wyatt, Stan Henry, Ervin Shook, and the other players on the roster, the team had a well-rounded baseball squad and came out of many tight spots to achieve their exceptional record.

During the post-season playoff Hazelwood went to the final but lost a hard-fought match to Beacon Mills, 6-4, on the latter's field. But it was a great season, nevertheless, and the fans will be quite happy if 1947 turns out as well when the umpire says "Play Ball!"

## Milner Aids Win 20-13 Over North

Charles E. Bill, his colleague football assisting the Bebis in 13 victories over the star selection in the Blue-Gray game Saturday.

Shorty McWilliams on running plays and Harry Ginter toward the south's final buck (Villanova) for the first touchdown, and in the sites of play (Lorraine Penn State) for south catch.

Milner started at right in the Bebis in their fifth series.

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### SPEARHEADING SPORTS

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By ED SPEARS

TOMORROW is New Year's Day when football bursts into its last bloom in the variety of bowls over the warmer regions of the U. S. Since these bowl games could hardly be known as big-time affairs without some notice from pardon the cough, folks! Spearheading, we shall take this opportunity to make public our views on the subject. It seems that down in S. Yorieens there is what they call the Sugar Bowl, where the football teams from the University of North Carolina and the University of Georgia will push each other around the field for a few hours tomorrow afternoon. Most of what we have heard about Georgia concerns their man Trippi while they say that Carolina has a right fair

## Boosters Set Stride During '46 Softball Play Here

W. H. L. Loop Draws Many Entries in Summer-Time Recreation

Softball contributed one of the highlights in local sports during 1946, with nine teams entered in the Waynesville-Hazelwood-Lake Junaluska league to make it the most widely participated in of any

the Vols getting our vote to out-sport the 'Owls, about 13 to 7. UCLA isn't supposed to have too much trouble with Illinois so we'll vote for the California boys and hope to be on a bandwagon. Georgia Tech over St. Mary's at Houston, but this will be close... and Delaware to continue their unbeaten record against Rollins in the Cigar Bowl.

N. C. State's basketball team has lived up to expectations so far this season. Coach Everett Case, who hails from Indiana where good basketball is habitual, took the State quintet into his home territory, and they finished the trip with five wins and one loss. Their big "Dickey" Dickey has been averaging 15 points per game. Carolina's White Phantoms made two appearances in Chicago and lost to both Northwestern and DePaul, while Duke took a jaunt into Florida and finished the pre-holiday schedule undefeated.

QUAIL hunting is almost a thing of the past in Haywood county. The answer to this, according to Rufus Ratcliff, the game warden, is the absence of untouched fields in which the birds can live during the winter months. You can drive around Haywood county, says Rufus, and practically every field you see is used for the cultivation of a field crop, or clover that is cut for hay, or is a pasture land with some livestock feeding on it. This proves that the farmers are getting more use from the land, even though the hunter is going to have to go farther away from home for game birds as the years go by.

## Bethel, W.T.H.S., And Dayton Cage Teams Set Pace In County Circles

Rod And Gun Users Have Big Season

Trout Play Cagey During Summer, But Bear Hunters Make Record Kills

Hunters and fishermen, although seeing the deer season close this past year in Western North Carolina and finding quail stocks very sparse in nearby fields, can look back on 1946 as a pretty good year after all. Some of them can, anyway.

The fishing season got off to a big start in May when 624 followers of Isaac Walton went up the group sport enjoyed during the past year.

Although attendance at games dwindled after the season was started since the league was too strong at the top and weak in the lower division, there were some good scraps, last inning wins, and several upsets to keep up suspense. There were a few engagements with out-of-town teams, and in all games the locals gave a good account of themselves.

The Boosters soon were tagged the "team to beat" after the season began, and the Tannery was the only one to get that honor. Bob Putnam's pitching assisted in 22 of the champs' 23 wins, and the softball twirler struck out 117 batters along the way.

Stan Henry of the Boosters hit .565 during the season, with Robinson of the Tannery second not only in batting (.468) but in pitching, with 10 wins and 5 losses. Unagusta and the Veterans scraped for third place, with the Vets being nosed out by half a game. Dayton won over half its games, while the High School, Pet Dairy and Lions hovered over the Youth Club in the loop cellar.

Canton's American Legion and Champion Y performed in July 4th games with the Boosters and Tannery, and the locals went to Canton later to enter the W.N.C. tourney. One of the best games came at the end of the season, when an All-Star Selection faced the Boosters and were unable to keep them down.

The '46 season developed a lot of players and brought some usable experience and equipment which should make this coming summer a bigger one for the player and fan alike.

## Tournaments Add Interest To Golfing During '46

Prospects For Better Season Lay Ahead For Local Linksmen

One of the best seasons yet was experienced by the Waynesville Country Club, with nice weather offering many extra days to John and Jane Goller and interest in the sport heightened by the return of equipment and an interesting series of tournaments.

Three regular tournaments were begun during the summer that will be annual affairs, and should attract the better golfers visiting in this area each year. It took some good playing to win the initial contests, and competition will grow keener in the years to come.

Under the general guidance of Pro Ray Raynor and the Club management, handicap tourneys were held most every week-end to lead up to the main events at the height of the season. The Women's Invitation tourney was the first played, and Jackie Lewis of Orlando was crowned champion after defeating Edna Lackey of Golden Beach in the final round.

When the men got together to settle the matter of club championship, R. L. Hendricks took a 1-up victory over Aaron Prevost for the title. Shortly afterwards a larger field of players entered the W.C.C. Open meet, and a big following saw the climax duel between D. B. McKenzie of Asheville and Charles Curtis, when Curtis came down the last stretch and sank two birds on the 17th and 18th holes to earn a notch on the tournament loving cup.

Not all that happened was on the serious side, such as when Leslie Coleman drove out in the rough, knocked another ball out and lost his own. All in all 1946 was a good year for the local and visiting golfers, with little doubt that 1947 will be even better.

In Asheville, where they went to the finals, Dayton now is working out the kinks in their schedule, and some lively independent competition in basket-making will get under way come January.

St. John's school, returning to court activity this winter, will re-open the season after Christmas with a tilt Jan. 3 against Cherokee. The other high schools will swing into action the following week, with warm-up days behind and prospects for a lively season before the tournaments arrive.

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