

SPEARHEADING

SPORTS

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Waynesville and Bethel Will Clash Tonight

Figure Is Fight Fix Probe



SUBPOENAED TO APPEAR before a Grand Jury in New York to tell what, if anything, he knows about an alleged attempt to fix a Madison Square Garden fight, Rocky Graziano (hatless, at left) is shown walking to the District Attorney's office with his Max Epstein. Officials are investigating reports that a Manhattan gambling syndicate, hoping to clean up \$500,000, attempted to frame a fight between Graziano, tough-fisted contender for the world's middle-weight title, and Cowboy Rubea Shank (right), of Denver. (International)

Waynesville has played 11 games, starting their season later than Bethel (due to football), and with their out-of-county competitors lying to the west rather than east. The girls have beaten Crabtree, Fines Creek, and Clyde twice. They lost to Bethel and Canton, and thus far have scored 344 points against 212, or an average of 31.3 to 19.3 per game. The Mountaineers have two victories over Crabtree and Clyde, one over St. John's Sylva, Cullowhee, and Canton, have split two games with Fines Creek and lost their only match with Bethel. Their total score for the season is 415, an average of 27.7 per game, while their opposition has tallied 262 points, or a game average of 20.

THE RECORDS, although they often mean little in determining the winner of a game, give the Bethel girls a decided edge over Waynesville. However the average score per game lies in favor of the Mountaineers over the Blue Demons. Both Waynesville losses came at a time when they were not playing their best ball, and the entire team has been improving considerably the last two weeks. In recent games Bethel's quint beat Canton 44 to 25, and Clyde 18 to 16. Waynesville recently downed Canton 50 to 24, and Clyde 28 to 24. The Blue Demons will have some advantage in playing at home tonight, and will be keyed to play their best game. If they can do it their county record will still be clean, but they may be sure that it will take some excellent basketball to beat the Mountaineers tonight.

Top School Cagers Will Tangle At Bethel High

Blue Demons Will Meet Strongest Challengers of County In Waynesville

Something of more than casual interest to followers of high school sports is the fact that Waynesville high school and Bethel high will play basketball tonight. The place is Bethel, and the time 7:30 p.m.

The game is not recommended to those persons who dislike excitement, for all indications are that the gymnasium will be full of avid followers of both teams intent on seeing some good basketball. Those who have seen the Bethel teams perform previously this season, or most any season since the first hoop was nailed to a tree in the upper Pigeon region, know that young folks in those parts can play the game, and that this year's teams will stack up to the best they've produced.

The girls, with such basket makers as Carlene West, Agnes Pitts, and several others hardly less valuable, have run over everything in sight this year in high school circles. Waynesville, however, also has a well rounded team, with one of the outstanding players in the county in Frances Scates at forward and Peggy Enslay at guard.

Whatever the results may be both games are sure to be good basketball.

Canton Sextet Hands Mars Hill First Cage Loss

Mars Hill Boys Even Bill With Victory Over Black Bears Tuesday Night

Taylor set the stage for Canton's girls to upset the visiting Mars Hill sextet 21 to 11 Tuesday night, scoring 12 points as the Black Bears handed the Madison county team its first loss in 14 games.

The well balanced Mars Hill quint, however, stayed in the unbeaten column by downing the Black Bears 33 to 21.

St. John's Meets Canton High Cage Teams Tonight

Cullowhee Victorious Over Rangers And Rangerettes Monday Night

The Rangers and Rangerettes of St. John's will travel to Canton tonight to meet the Bears on their home court. The doubleheader game will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Canton High School gymnasium. This will mark the second meeting of the cage squads this season.

Female mosquitoes live on blood, males on the nectar of flowers.

Martel Mills Quintet Falls Before Daytonites 48-45 On Monday Night

Western Carolina And Champion Y On Dayton's Home Slate Next Week

Dayton Rubber company victors over Martel Mills 48-45 early this week and slated to play Eastern here Thursday night, has three games on the schedule next week.

Champion Y holds a decision over Dayton and has one of the best combinations in the Industrial League.

CANTON HIGH JUNIORS DEFEAT CANDLER

Canton high's junior varsity, with Paul Smathers and Louis Stephens accounting for most of their points, turned the tide against the Candler high juniors in a basketball game at Canton Friday afternoon.

This will be Coach John McConnell's first engagement with the Catamount reserves. Dayton dropped an earlier tilt with the college varsity team, but Monday's game should be an evenly matched contest with plenty of scoring fireworks.

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WTHS Takes Pair Of Wins At Clyde Tuesday

Mountaineers Come From Behind To Win 28-24 During Final Quarter

Waynesville basketeers took a double victory over Clyde high school Tuesday night at the Clyde gymnasium, the girls winning 32 to 19 after staying safely ahead throughout, while the Mountaineers saw-sawed into the lead during the last four minutes of play to edge ahead 28-24.

McCracken proved to be Waynesville's big gun as the girls out-shot the Clyde sextet, dropping in 16 points, three more than Scates.

Rickey's Feeder Plan Raising Bums To Top

BROOKLYN — Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is building an organization second to none in the major leagues, says Arthur Mann, former baseball writer turned executive.

"Brooklyn is building with youth on the field and young executives on the front office who speak up," says Mann, who believes Rickey is one of the keenest judges of young baseball talent the game has ever known.

"By April 1 Brooklyn will have under its call 1,000 athletes. Of these, 700 players will be retained for 25 minor league teams either owned by Brooklyn or with which we have a working agreement. The other 300 will be free agents."

Rickey can't possibly judge all these players, but has available many who will take care of this important job. They operate under Bob Clements, in charge of the club's minor league operations.

"We have a feeder system," explains Mann. "We call it exactly what it means. When Brooklyn takes a player from, let's say Montreal, we have two players in a lower classification ready to fill the breach. The same principle is used right down the line to Class D clubs."

Where do the beloved Bums get all these players? "Well, the Dodgers have 18 scouts—year round men" Mann reveals. "Then we have 60 bird dogs, fellows who are out on commission looking for good young players. And tryout schools are held from time to time in different parts of the country."

The current Dodger roster fails to show any 20-game winners for the pitching staff, but the young players going to Havana to train with the Brooks have plenty on the ball for 16 of the 22 Dodger farm affiliates of 1946 were in minor league playoffs. And they are talking about Ed Chandler, late of the

Koffenberger Is Rated With Best Of Duke's Stars

DURHAM, N. C. — Down here in the tobacco country, Duke University's indoor stadium has been attracting the largest crowds in Southern basketball history. This is due partly to the great postwar interest in all athletics, but another reason is Edward L. "Big Hooks" Koffenberger, Duke's captain and forward.

There have been some great basketball players in North Carolina courts, such as North Carolina's George Glanack and Horace (Boss) McKinney, and Duke's Bill Werber, but the fans are calling Koffenberger the best all-round player of them all.

Ed is leading the Blue Devils parade with a 13.5 point average. Last season he set an all-time Duke scoring record with 317 points, winning All-Southern honors at center.

But Koffenberger doesn't confine his talents to the offensive game. Hawking his opponent in the man-to-man defense employed by the Blue Devils, Koffenberger has been plenty tight with the points scored against him.

As a floor man they don't come much better. Under the backboard he comes up with plenty of rebounds. And as a playmaker he's hard to beat.

And he's done all right for himself in other sports, too. He was second string end on the Duke football team of 1945 but passed up the gridiron this year to take part in early basketball practice.

As a lacrosse player, Koffenberger is considered one of the most valuable stickmen ever to play at Duke. And he's a better than average man with a tennis racket.

Farmers of the Amish religion often paint hex signs on their barn doors to prevent the evils of witchcraft.



BRANCH RICKEY Texas League, as one of this year's best freshman hurlers.

Games This Week

Friday, Feb. 7 Waynesville at Bethel St. John's at Canton Fines Creek at Crabtree Monday, Feb. 10 W.C.T.C. "B" at Dayton Tuesday, Feb. 11 Sylva at Waynesville St. John's at Cullowhee Bethel at Candler Crabtree at Canton.

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