

# SPEARHEADING WITH SPORTS

By ED SPEARS

BASKETBALL tournament for 4-H Club boys and girls is in the makings. Bill Robinson, assistant county agent, is going to the various clubs to find what week will be the best for this, and hopes to get a goodly number of boys and girls teams entered. Play will be during afternoons at the Waynesville Armory. Trophies have already been ordered. Only club members, of course, will be eligible on the teams, which assures a lot of the youngsters a chance to compete with friends from other schools. The county also has in mind holding a softball tournament during the summer.

**OUR PREDICTION**, a few weeks back, that the Waynesville girls would go the rest of the way undefeated made without knowing that Peggy Ensley had been Mrs. Bud Sheehan and would leave the team. Peggy that can't be replaced. . . We don't make any exception of Bethel downing the WTHS girls, other than the fact that they played better ball. . . As for the Blue Devils, although weak on reserves, they are about on par with last season's quintet, strong in all positions now and Trull have the best shot in the county.

IT WAS NO surprise that State's adept Wolfpack defeated the Blue Devils, but that 81-42 score was better than the most anyone could expect. One way the game could have been reported was that State scored more points in one half than the White Phants were able to tally in the whole game.

COMPARING the scores of the high school teams in the state, Canton and Bethel Boys have been averaging approximately 38 points each, while Waynesville has averaged 25. Bethel, in the eight scores we have, has the best defense, having allowed an average of 24 per cent to their opponents, while Canton foes have made 29 per cent. . . The Canton girls have an average score of 33 to their opponents' 21. Bethel has been scoring better, and Waynesville seven ahead of their opponents. . . It is the wins and losses that count most, but the scoring ability helps give an indication of a team's quality.

AFTER OLYMPIC games are now going on, with the American countries, as usual, carrying off top honors. It is now a recognized Olympics event, although competition with Americans is fairly limited since the sport is not played outside the United States. However, selection of the U.S. basketball team will provide the top tournament prize; bringing together the winner and runner-up in a tournament, the winner of the Madison Square Garden tournament, the winner of the NIBF tournament at Kansas City, the winner of the National AAU meet at Denver, and the National YMCA champion. Considered one of the best contenders for the honor of being America's Olympic basketball team is the Phillips 66 Oilers.

THE RECORD. Baseball's World Series dates back to 1903 when Boston of the American League defeated Pittsburgh of the National in five out of eight games. American teams have won 26 of the 45 series played. . . which have been decided in seven or less games. The last series have gone the limit. Always a ripe plum for the players, the 1947 world champs netted \$5,330 each for their efforts, while the Bums pocketed \$4,081 each. Biggest crowd in the 1942 series when the winning Cardinals drew \$100,000 in five days of labor. . . A record turnout of 339,763 fans walked through the turnstiles last October.

## Is Anxious To Take Third Sack

**TOM SHRIVER** of the New York Yankees is anxious to take the third sack of the Brooklyn Dodgers. . .



**NEW BROOKLYN** Dodger Billy Cox samples some cookie batter prepared by his wife. . .

## Polo Not Up To Par, Says Smith



**CECIL SMITH**, the Texan who became one of history's greatest polo players and still is a 10-goal man after 23 years in the game, says polo today has not yet revived from the war years. . .

# Bethel Wins Pair Over Waynesville

**Blue Clads Pull Ahead In Opening Periods And Stay In Front**

Bethel marked up a pair of victories over Waynesville at the Blue Demon gym Tuesday night, the girls winning 37 to 28 and the boys by a 44-28 count. . .

Bethel was 10 markers ahead at the half and managed to stay safely in the lead in the final quarters, although Cogdill and Phillips were matching the home team in points. . .

The home quint soon returned to form, however, and stayed off the Waynesville starters as they joined in the scoring. Bill Trull notched up 13 points while spending most of his time catching rebounds and setting up shots for his mates. . .

**Girls Lineup**  
Pos. Bethel (37) Waynesville (28)  
F Clarke (4) Phillips (8)  
F Farmer (18) McCracken (7)  
F Blalock (14) Cogdill (11)  
G Cook  
G Singleton Sheehan  
G Bumgarner Wyatt  
Subs: Bethel, Mease; Waynesville, Noland 2, Medford.

**Boys Lineup**  
Pos. Bethel (44) Waynesville (28)  
F Long (9) Powers (9)  
F Layton (4) Caswell (4)  
C Trull (18) Yarbofough  
G B. Wells (9) Shook (8)  
G Gibson (4) Gibson (1)  
Subs: Bethel, Wells, Matious, Henderson, Murry, Deaver, Chason; Waynesville, Matney, Boyd, Burgin, Mehaffey 2, Sutton 6.

## Big Name Bands Boost Basketball Attendance

**DETROIT (UP)** — Basketball served piping hot with a side-dish of big name band music has caught the fancy of Detroit fans. . .

# Gold Medal Play Will Be Biggest Meet Ever

**Many Entries Are Expected For February 23-28 Event At Canton High**

The largest high school basketball tournament ever staged in Western North Carolina will be rolled off on the boards of the Canton high gym during the week of February 23-28 when both the boys' and girls' divisions of the 13th annual WNC Gold Medal Invitational tourney will be played concurrently. . .

Plans for this mammoth cage event are going forward rapidly under the supervision of Coach C. C. Poindexter, and extra seating capacity is being installed in the gym to care for the anticipated overflow crowds. . .

Last year 23 boys' teams and 13 girls' teams competed in the Gold Medal tournaments here and this year, with entries already pouring in, a much greater number is expected to participate. . .

The Bethel high teams captured both Gold Medal championships last year and will defend their titles at this meet. Canton placed second and Robinsville third in the girls' division last year, while Waynesville was second and Canton third in the boys' division. . .

Coach Poindexter has announced that Feb. 13 will be the deadline for entering the tournament, and urges that all coaches return their entry blanks by that date. . .

## Canton Wins Twin Bill Tuesday Over Sylva High Cagers

A jammed house witnessed Canton high's cage teams take a doubleheader over Sylva Tuesday night at Canton, both teams winning by 10-point margins. . .

**Girls Lineup**  
Pos. Canton (33) Sylva (23)  
F Hendrix (25) Eates (9)  
F Ingle (1) McClure (6)  
F Griffin (7) H. Ward (8)  
G Robinson Fisher  
G B. Tatham Bryson  
G N. Tatham Queen  
Subs: Canton, M. Haynie, F. Barham, Ford, Woodruff, Hardin, A. Haynie, E. Parham, Sylva, Justice, Ward.

**Boys Lineup**  
Pos. Canton (39) Sylva (29)  
F Smathers (11) Cagle (3)  
F Phillips (9) Baumgarner (2)  
C M. Stiles (6) Evans (3)  
G Stephens (2) Ward (4)  
G D. Stiles (1) Cunningham (11)  
Subs: Canton, King 6, Kelley, Riggins, Miller 4, Loftin; Sylva, Pressley 2, Jones 4, Warren.

## Cullowhee Quint Wins 41-33 Over Buchanan's

The Cullowhee All-Stars gained a 41 to 33 victory over the Buchanan's Sport Shop quint here Monday night, James scored 14 points for the winners, and Gardner hit 10 counters for the Waynesville team. . .

**Boys Lineup**  
Pos. Clyde (28) All-Stars (24)  
F Hardin (5) Brooks (14)  
F Warren (1) Green (2)  
C Lingo (10) Jolly (5)  
G Graham (2) L. Morgan (4)  
G C. Morgan (7) McClure  
Subs: Clyde high, Sizemore 3, Spencer; All-Stars, Boiden.

## Clyde High Teams Down All-Stars

The Clyde high boys and girls annexed both ends of a twin bill over Clyde All-Star teams Tuesday night, the girls winning 33 to 13 and the boys downing the All-Stars 26 to 24. . .

**Girls Lineup**  
Pos. Clyde (33) All-Stars (13)  
F Stacey (14) Stevenson  
F Evans (6) Winfrey (6)  
F Fish (7) Harris (6)  
G D. Medford Y. Collins  
G L. Collins Jones  
G Smith W. Medford  
Subs: Clyde high, Sizemore 4; All-Stars, L. Mann, K. Medford, M. Mann 2.

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The average brass contains about 70 per cent copper and 30 per cent zinc although other brasses are made with different proportions.

# Four Haywood Teams To See Action Tonight

## REVIEW OF YEAR IN SPORTS NOVEMBER



UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN WON THE BIG NINE TITLE AND THE RIGHT TO PLAY IN THE ROSE BOWL  
THE GREAT RACE HORSE MAN-O-WAR DIED  
ZACK TAYLOR WAS NAMED MANAGER OF THE ST. LOUIS BROWNS  
THE U.S. GOLF TEAM BEAT THE BRITISH FOR THE RIDER CUP  
FERVENT WON THE PINKIGOO SPECIAL

## WTHS At Cullowhee, Sylva At Bethel, Clyde To Meet Canton Tonight

Bethel high will be host tonight to Sylva, Clyde plays at Canton, and Waynesville journeys to Cullowhee in the week-end basketball bill. All games will be return engagements. . .

The Waynesville girls collected an easy win in their previous meeting with Cullowhee, while the boys suffered one of their six defeats at the hands of the Jackson county five. . .

Bethel defeated both Sylva teams when they met earlier this season, and will be favored to repeat on their home court. Sylva boasts one of the strongest quints in this section and the highlight game will offer plenty of action for fans. . .

Erroneously announced on this page as scheduled for Tuesday night, the Clyde-Canton fracas takes place tonight at Canton. The home teams, winners in the first encounter, again are favored to defeat Clyde, but the visitors have warmed up with a pair of victories over all-star squads and will not allow any letdown on Canton's part. . .

With only two weeks left after tonight in regular season play, the Canton boys and Bethel girls are leaders in county play; neither having been defeated.  
**MONDAY NIGHT**  
The Bethel high teams will invade Candler for a double bill on Monday night, February 9. Candler was one of the Bethel victims when the schools met early this week.

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