

# Bethel Girls Re-Capture Title At Enka

By Jack Sords

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## Canton Six Nosed Out In Thriller

Lee Edwards Quint Captures Boys Crown With Win Over Black Bears

The Bethel high girls added a second post-season laurel to their record Saturday night by annexing the third annual American Enka Corporation tourney crown, sharing the honor with Lee Edwards' team of Asheville as both gained final victories over Canton.

Still undefeated after completing their regular season and competing in the Gold Medal and Enka tournaments, the Bethel sextet (the week 1) one of the favorites in the Asheville district "tournament of champions" being reeled off on the Asheville city auditorium floor. They and the Bethel high boys co-champs in the Gold Medal event are Haywood county's sole entries in the Asheville tourney.

Canton staged an uphill fight down to the last whistle in the girls' final at Enka, when Betty Clark's lay-up basket wrote the winning score of 23-21. In the boys' final, the Maroons of Asheville high put their telling blows in during the first half for a 32-19 lead, and although the Black Bears fought them on even terms the remainder of the game to dish out plenty of thrill to the overflow crowd, it ended with Lee Edwards leading 56 points to Canton's 45.

Bethel, holder of the Enka title in 1946, never was safely ahead of the Canton Bearets, defending champs of 1947. The opening period ended with Bethel leading 3-2, but a halftime it was tied at 8-8. Bethel was in front 16-15 at the end of the third quarter, but in the third-period final period the lead changed hands five times. With 40 seconds of game time left, Sara Hendrix sank a two-pointer to tie the score at 21-all. Seconds later Clark connected with her lay-up to put Bethel ahead. With time running out, Hendrix took a shot at the basket, it dropping off the outside as the whistle blew.

Asheville defeated Leicester 51-20 in the semi-finals, while Canton narrowly edged past the Sand Hill quint 18-17 Friday night. Bethel's girls overcame Sand Hill 32-28, and Canton eliminated Leicester 29-22 to advance three Haywood and one Buncombe county team to the final. Thursday the Canton girls won over Waynesville 20-14 in a quarter-finals game.

Barney Gradman, Lee Edwards guard, was the standout for the winning five, tallying 18 points in the win over Canton. Johnny Phillips, with 16, was the leading performer for the Bears.

**Boys**  
Lee Edwards (56) Canton (45)  
F—Shaver (3) J. Smathers (8)  
F—Lance (5) Phillips (16)  
C—Robinson (15) M. Stiles (10)  
G—Gradman (18) Miller (7)  
G—Bryant (15) D. Stiles (4)  
Subs: Lee Edwards, Ashe, Holland, Smith, Dooley, Canton, Kelly, Reagan, Stephens.

**SEMI-FINALS**  
**Girls**  
Bethel (32) Sand Hill (28)  
F—Clark (12) R. Jackson (15)  
F—Farmer (11) Moore (6)  
F—Blalock (9) Dowdle (3)  
G—Cook (7) Wallen (4)  
G—Bumgarner (6) Pace (4)  
G—Singleton (4) McElrath (4)  
Subs: Sand Hill, Thrash 4, Brooks.

**Boys**  
Lee Edwards (51) Val. Spgs. (31)  
F—Shaver (14) Pressley (14)  
F—Lance (5) Johnson (3)  
C—Robinson (5) Israel (2)  
G—Gradman (9) Rhodes (4)  
G—Bryant (4) M. Hare (6)  
Subs: Lee Edwards, Ashe 4, Holland, Smith 2, Dooley, Knighten 2, Valley Springs, Sisk, L. Hare.

**Girls**  
Canton (29) Leicester (22)  
F—Hendrix (12) Caldwell (6)  
F—Parham (2) Penland (5)  
F—Griffin (13) Sharpe (11)  
G—Robinson (4) Gillespie (4)  
G—Reno (4) Sluder (4)  
G—B. Latham (4) Ponder (4)  
Subs: Canton, Ingle 2, Ford, Harding, Haney, Leicester, Shook, Brown.

## Reds, Building Mound Crew Around Blackwell, May Be 'Surprise' Team

By FRANK ECK  
AP Newsfeatures Sports Editor

TAMPA, Fla.—On paper, the Cincinnati Reds are one of the most improved teams in the National League this spring.

After talking with Manager Johnny Neun it is simple to deduct that he has his sights set on the first division. The Reds finished fifth last season, 21 games back of the Brooklyn Dodgers and eight behind the fourth place New York Giants.

With the talent on hand at Plant Field here the Reds could be the big surprise of a wide-open National League flag chase.

Neun is a changed man. This time last spring it was difficult to get him to talk. He was new to the league and was taking his first whack at running a big league team. Now the former Yankee coach is only too glad to tell the numerous baseball writers in Florida just what is on his mind.

"My big job is the pitching staff," says Neun. "Of course, we all know what Ewell Blackwell can do."

Blacky is only 25 and may go on to become a great pitcher over the years. The six-six 190-pounder with the buggy whip arm won 22 games and lost eight to lead both leagues last season. He appears in great shape despite losing 10 pounds following an attack of influenza.

"The rest of the pitching staff is potentially good," says Neun. "We believe Tommy Hughes, obtained when we dealt Bert Haas to the Phillies, will help. So will Howard Fox, 27, and a 19-game winner for Syracuse, Ed Frautt. Everett Lively and Kent Patterson did not have the durability last season although they pitched seasonally in spots. They may develop."

"Then there's Johnny Vander Meer, Buckey Walters, Ken Ruffenberger and Harry Gumbert, one of the best relief pitchers in the league."

Neun plans to carry 10 or 11 pitchers. Others who have a good



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chance of sticking are Herman Wehmeier, 15-game Syracuse winner, Walker Cress, 15-game winner at New Orleans, and John Hetki, a spot hurler who often relieves.

Neun is practically set on his opening day infield. The big question is second base where Bobby Adams, 26, and Benny Zientara, 28, are engaged in battle.

Tom Stallcup is being counted on for the shortstop post left vacant by Eddie Miller's trade to the Phils.

Third base belongs to Grady Hatton who has hit 271 and 281 in his two seasons with the Reds, his only two years in organized ball. First base is Babe Young's. Obtained from the Giants last June, Young hit 283 in 95 games,

hitting 14 homers and batting in 79 runs.

The big improvement in the Reds is in the outfield.

"This time a year ago I didn't know what Frankie Baumholtz could do. Now I know he's my right fielder. He hit 283 as a freshman and he's one of the top three rookies in the league."

Neun figures on the veteran Augie Galan and Hank Sauer for left field. They bat from opposite sides of the plate.

Center field may fall to Johnny Wyrostek, late of the Phils, although Neun is also trying Clyde Vollmer, Marvin Rickett, ex-Cub, and Bob Usher.

The Reds are set in catching with Ray Lamano as No. 1 and Ray Mueller behind him.

## Blalock To Join Air Corps Monday And Leave Vacancy As Hazelwood Manager

Piloted Baseball Club To Industrial Loop Titles

Tom (Bud) Blalock is leaving Sunday to report the following day to McDill Field at Tampa, Fla., as a first lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.

Blalock served three and one-half years during the war, with action in the Mediterranean theater assigned to the 98th Heavy Bomb Group, and expected to be assigned to a similar outfit after completing active service.

Following his discharge in the autumn of 1945, he helped reorganize the Hazelwood baseball team and managed it to the W.N.C.U. Industrial League championship in 1946 and 1947. Bud was the team arm in the Hazelwood pitching staff and one of the league leaders in hitting, and his return to the area leaves a big vacancy for the club to fill.

Infielder Elmer Dudley, who likewise has carried a big stick in the team's hitting department, is mentioned as likely to take over the field manager-ship of the team, working with George Blackall, business manager.

Blalock has sold the Coffee Shop in Hazelwood to T. L. Franklin following the recent receipt of orders to return to the army. His family will remain here until he is stationed definitely after which they will join him.

Penn State's 1-2 Punch



AP Newsfeatures

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—Penn State's track team boasts this powerful distance duo for the Olympic year outdoor track campaign ahead. Gerald Karver, right, is the nation's top collegiate mile and Horace Ashenfelter holds top ranking among the two-milers. Both won ICA titles.

## Carol Grahl Given Athletic Award At Emporia College

Carol Grahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Grahl of Waynesville, was initiated into the "E" club, the organization of students who have qualified for an athletic letter at the College of Emporia, Emporia, Kan., last week at Mason gymnasium on the college campus. Initiation services were conducted by the vice president, Arnold Wullschlegler, sophomore.

Grahl, a freshman, lettered in football last fall and is majoring in science. He is a member of the men's glee club and the capella choir.

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**PEARHEADING WITH SPORTS**  
By ED SPEARS

HAYWOOD-JACKSON Foxhunters Association a leather for its cap in landing the State Bench in July. The two-county group showed to handle the state show capably by staging very events of its own the past two years. Last year was held at the East Waynesville school where the many shade trees tend to make a more sound for the canine entrants and their owners. The officers here last week, however, are more seeing that seats are provided for the large spectators looked for July 5, so it is likely that the athletic field will be sought. The show, which should help swell the crowd attending the annual Day celebration here.

THIS TIME of the year, so Tom Davis tells us, throughout the country begin to prepare their field trials and bench show circuit. The in this area will be the Southeastern at Cleveland in early April. H. P. Richards will judge the show, and Jack West of Clyde will be the field sportsmen of the South look forward to the and Hound Show, of which the 21st edition April 21 with Johnson Harris of Versville, the hounds.

BEING made by the Haywood-Jackson Association an even bigger show this year than last place annually on the last Saturday in August services of John H. Allen of Iuka, Miss., have Allen is the most popular judge in the country. ary to arrange for his services many months in as served as president of the National Foxhunt- served times, and has been president of the ce it was organized. Last year he judged the and many of the state affairs, including Illi- nipi, South Carolina, North Carolina and others.

STATE is recognized as one of the leading fox- states, and Carolina hounds have won the U. S. hound classic of open competition every year in run. . . I. T. Wilkinson of Concord, secre- N. C. hunters, has some of the best Walker the state and has a long collection of blue rib- them up.

CAROLINA has two Bethel high schools, and em to be producers of good basketball teams. Haywood county's Bethel is the Pitt county depth, which last week played in the NCHSAA and at Chapel Hill and defeated Cullowhee 45-27 and match. Coach George Latham has coached for the past nine seasons, during which time seven Pitt county titles. . . Sylva was one of class A teams in the NCHSAA meet, and was niston in the opening round.

**Up With Sports Events Through The Columns Of MOUNTAINEER**

## Clyde Wins 4-H Tourney Opener

**Boys**  
Canton (18) Sand Hill (17)  
F—J. Smathers (4) Merrill (11)  
F—Phillips (3) Connor (6)  
C—M. Stiles (4) Green (2)  
G—Miller (4) Jenkins (2)  
G—D. Stiles (3) Jackson (6)  
Subs: Canton, Stephens, Sand Hill, Gaddy, Taylor.

**QUARTER-FINALS**  
**Girls**  
Leicester 38, Mars Hill 31,  
Canton 20, Waynesville 14,  
Sand Hill 28, Barnardsville 17,  
Bethel 34, Black Mountain 12.

**Boys**  
Canton 21, Swannanoa 20,  
Lee Edwards 54, Oakley 43,  
Valley Springs 38, Bethel 37,  
Sand Hill 36, Candler 27.

**BOX SCORES—BOYS**  
Pos. Canton (21) Swannanoa (20)  
F. J. Smathers (8) Stahla (2)  
F. Phillips (4) McMahan (5)  
C. M. Stiles (4) Sides (9)  
G. Miller (4) Tipton (4)  
G. D. Stiles (3) McClure (4)  
Subs: Canton, Stevens 2, Swannanoa, Goselin.

**SEMI-FINALS**  
**Pos. V. Springs (38) Bethel (37)**  
F. R. Pressley (10) Deaver (7)  
F. Johnson (2) Gibson (2)  
C. Israel (13) Trull (23)  
G. Sisk (2) Long (4)  
G. M. Hare (9) Wells (4)  
Subs: Valley Springs, T. Hare, Rhodes 2, Bethel, Laymon 4, Mainous, Stevenson, Murray.

**GIRLS**  
Pos. Canton (20) Waynesville (14)  
F. Hendrix (7) Phillips (10)  
F. Parham (2) McCracken (3)  
F. Griffin (11) Cogdill (1)  
G. Robinson (4) Francis (1)  
G. Reno (4) Noland (1)  
G. B. Tatham (4) Wyatt (1)  
Subs: Canton, N. Tatham, Ford Ruckley, Waynesville, Medford.

**Pos. Bethel (31) B. Mountain (12)**  
F. Clarke (9) Gilliam (12)  
F. Farmer (12) Morrow (2)  
F. Blalock (5) Gouge (1)  
G. Cook (4) Burnette (1)  
G. Bumgarner (4) McDougale (1)  
G. Singleton (4) Fortune (1)  
Subs: Bethel, Wells, Trull, C. Rhinehart, Henson, K. Rhinehart, Black Mountain, Stafford 2, Slagle 7, Norton, Jones, Padgett.

Benjamin Franklin is credited with the invention of bifocal glasses.

## First Round Games Continue Today, Wednesday At Local Armory

LATE FLASH—The Crabtree girls defeated Waynesville by a 46-8 score, and Waynesville's boys won by a single point over the Crabtree team in yesterday's last game.

The Junior 4-H club basketball tournament got under way yesterday afternoon at the Waynesville Armory, with the Clyde boys and girls winning over Beaverdam teams at the opening games and were fired Waynesville and Crabtree were squared off against each other as the Mountaineer went to press.

First round games continue today and Wednesday. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the Patton and North Canton boys get together, followed by the girls of the same schools and Bethel plays Pennsylvania Avenue afterwards.

The Wednesday schedule brings out the Hazelwood and Morning Star teams. East Waynesville and Fines Creek. On Thursday the winners will engage in quarter-finals games, after which the teams will take over the Waynesville high gymnasium Friday afternoon for the semi-finals and championship battle Saturday.

Clyde had little trouble in over-

coming Beaverdam. Limbo was the pace setter, with 10 counters as the boys won 28-6, and Jones sparked the girls—also with 10 points to a 25-6 victory.

The tournament is being managed by Joe Cline, assistant county agent, and member of Buchanan's team are serving as officials.

**GIRLS LINEUP**  
Clyde (25) Beaverdam (6)  
F. Jones (10) Best (4)  
F. Medford (7) Robinson (2)  
F. Woods (6) Jones (1)  
G. Allen (6) Lollis (1)  
G. Sanford (6) Paxton (1)  
G. Rogers (6) Cape (1)  
Subs: Clyde, Gance 2, Medford, Carver, Fowler, Cole, Farley, Osborne, Green, Beaverdam, Pierce, Barton, Haney, Yates.

**BOYS' LINEUP**  
Pos. Clyde (28) Beaverdam (6)  
F. Stevenson (9) E. Gibson (3)  
F. Jackson (6) Langford (1)  
C. Limbo (10) H. H. H. (1)  
G. Chambers (6) McIntyre (1)  
G. Buchanan (6) Limer (1)  
Subs: Clyde—Shuler, J. McClure, Carver, Evans, Beaverdam—Robinson, Johnson.

**BEARCATS WIN STATE CLASS 'A' CROWN**  
The Hendersonville Bears, cage champs of the Blue Ridge conference, won the State Class A championship in the NCHSAA tournament last week at Chapel Hill, defeating Kinson 46-44 in the finals Saturday night.

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