

# Hazelwood Winds Up Season Against Canton



## After The Ball

By SANDY GRADY

### Wanted: Experienced Linemen

When the final whistle blew on the Canton-Waynesville game last Thanksgiving Day, sixteen of Coach C. E. Weatherby's most valued players shucked off their uniforms and said farewell to high school football. Among that sixteen-man battalion were Guards Early and Carwell, Tackle Caldwell, and Center Dan Watkins. Weatherby wasn't exactly happy to see any of his fine 1947 club turn in their uniforms—but this week he's discovering especially how he misses the departed linemen.

Four experienced backfield men—Howard Mehaffey, Bob Davis, Charles Womack and Winston Enslay—have returned to the Mountaineer fold and should be the nucleus of a good Wayneville offense this year. To snag the passes they throw will be Bill Carlton, Gene Yarborough and Bob Owens, all ends with football savvy and backround. That means the Mountaineers' attack may be a potent affair this year, maybe not up to the Block-and-Powers, touchdown force which they had last year, but formidable.

Defensively, the Mountaineers are going to be a question mark.

The problem of Coach Weatherby and Carl Ratcliff is to fill in the shoes of those graduating linemen. The line—from end to end—will be of unknown caliber until they get their first test against Sylva on Sept. 17. Until then, the local coaches will be trying one combination after the other in an attempt to find the strongest forward wall. A large squad of willing candidates are working out on the high school field each afternoon, but four more blockers, like Early, Carwell, Caldwell and Watkins, are going to be hard to pick up.

The center slot is possibly the brightest position in the line. David Price, a husky pivotman who handled the second-string duties behind Watkins last season, heads the list. After him are Tom Boyd and Harold Mills, both of whom could handle the job.

### They'll Be Lighter Than Last Year

Things aren't quite so happy at guard, where Weatherby likes fast, sure-blocking men in his double-wing attack. Aspirants for guard posts are Fred Calhoun, Charles Ray Howe, Al McCracken, Jim Brendle, Lloyd Frazier and John Terrell.

In the tackle positions, the jobs are wide open. Bill Owens, Ed Terrell, Howard Mehaffey, Jim Whitman and Bob Setzer are all scrapping for the starting call. Owens seems to have a bit more weight and experience.

The entire line will be somewhat lighter than last year, Coach Weatherby admits. The backfield will also be a mobile, pony outfit, with none of the starters tipping the scales very high.

The Mountaineers slammed through their first heavy scrimmage Thursday afternoon, described by Weatherby as "really a rough one." This week they will get down to work in earnest, with more head-banging scrimmages and drills on blocking and tackling.

The "vannigans" are also going through stiff practices and Coach Ratcliff says he'll have another full schedule lined up for them this year. Unbeaten last season, Ratcliff may have another tough team in the making on the upper side of the high school field. He won't have the schedule straightened out until the season begins, it will include most of the clubs who were played last year.

### It's Even—Stephen So Far

And down the valley at Canton, the folks are groaning that the Black Bears are looking pretty ragged. Coach C. C. Poindexter, not one to exaggerate, was quoted the other day as saying, "This squad is shorter on talent than any I have coached since I have been at Canton." Of course, Poindexter could have a club which is a mere shadow of his 1947 eleven and still give most foes around here trouble. But—like Weatherby—the boys who made his heart glad last season have all departed, including the red-headed Clyde Miller who sparked the team from tailback, all-conference backs Ted Stiles and Bud Ivester, and a host of others.

But Canton looks evenly-matched against Wayneville on paper so far. Poindexter will have two first-string tackles returning—Don Stiles, an all-conference man, and Bud Whitted. That's a good position to build a team upon. Bob Fisher, a guard; David Allen and John Phillips, backs; Larue Amos, center; and Pat Matthews, another tackle all won letters last year and will be back. Johnny Rhodarmer, ranga all-conference end, is a question mark but may be back in uniform. A couple of surprises turned up in Dwight Sharp and Bill Swafford, who returned from a stint in the service and will come in handy at guards. A couple of young backs in "Snake" Moore and Neil Rhymer could put punch in the backfield.

It's a sure bet that Canton won't have the steam-roller club which ran up the highest scoring total in the state last year—but the Wayneville-Canton battle isn't going to be a runaway for anybody.

Sylva was due to open against Canton Friday night, but that tussle was called off. It would have been a fine yardstick of the Wayneville and Canton teams, since the Mountaineers play Sylva here on the 17th.

And the Asheville Maroons pulled the lid off the season Friday night against Erwin, Tenn.

The Yankees, the Dodgers and the Hazelwood semi-pros hardly get the baseball season underway, and here you are, watching the punt-and-pass boys do their stuff again.

## 'Beat Tarheels and Indians' — Southern Conference Battle Cry

By ROBERT L. MOORE

AP Newsfeatures  
RICHMOND, Va. — The southern conference battlecry this season is the same as a campaign ago: "Beat North Carolina and William and Mary."

North Carolina's Tar Heels and William and Mary's Indians are still the gridiron powers to be reckoned with down here in the land of tobacco, cotton and peanuts. These two clubs may come up with their finest elevens in recent years.

Clayton Carl Snaveley, who coaches North Carolina, has 34 lettermen back. Brightest star among them is Charlie (Choo-Choo) Justice, triple-threat back. Fullback is Snaveley's single wing, Justice will have an abundance of help from Don Hartig, blocking back Johnny Clements, wingback and Horea Rodgers, fullback.

North Carolina has a rugged 10-game schedule, meeting Texas, Georgia, Wake Forest, North Carolina State, Louisiana State, Tennessee, William and Mary, Maryland, Duke and Virginia.

William and Mary, conference defending champions, will be as good as last year, says Head Coach R. N. (Rube) McCray.

The Tribe's chances of repeating rest on the husky shoulders of Jack Cloud, rugged fullback, and Tommy Thompson, center.

The Indians play such teams as Wake Forest, North Carolina, Boston College, North Carolina State and Arkansas.

Darkhorses include Maryland's Terps and Duke's Blue Devils. South Carolina, Wake Forest and North Carolina State could surprise, too.

Maryland stock took a dip when the Terps' halving fullback, Lucien Gambino, leading conference scorer in 1947, was declared ineligible. Maryland Coach Jim

Tatum, blessed with 25 lettermen, claims that "Maryland is quite a long ways from being a great team."

Silent Wallace Wade of Duke will count heavily on half a dozen seasoned aces, including Halfback Fred Folger, Jr., a great punter. Others are Guard Bill Davis, Tackles Al Derogatis and Louis Allen and Quarterback John Montgomery.



CHARLEY JUSTICE  
Carolina Choo-Choo

Five of the 16 squads have new coaches. Bo Rowland takes over at George Washington, H. E. (Red) Smith at Furman, Charley Jackson at Davidson, Karl A. Dicki Esleeck at the University of Richmond and Robert H. McNeish at Virginia Tech.

Two teams—Wake Forest's Deacons and the University of Richmond Spiders—will undergo a face-lifting. Coach D. C. (Pea-head) Walker, who used the single

wing with the Deacons for 11 years, will switch to the T. The Spiders, a T outfit, will operate under Esleeck from the single wing.

Thumbnail sketches of other teams:

Clemson—Bobby Gage, a brilliant back, returns to spark a fine backfield. Bob Martin will provide the power. Frank Gillespie, a guard, anchors the line.

Wake Forest—"Our team is a question mark," says Peahead Walker. But passer Tom Fetzer still causes Walker to smile.

Washington and Lee — Coach Art Lewis thinks he's coming up with the four leaf clover backfield in Brian Bell, Charley Harrington, Mike Boyda and Walt Michaels. His headaches will be at the tackles and center.

North Carolina State — The Wolfpack, as usual will be strong at guard with Charlie Musser and five other aces back.

Davidson—Coach Jamerson has passed Bert Anderson back after completing 24 or 29 tosses in 1947. The Wildcat line will be up to last year's par.

Virginia Tech — Twenty-nine lettermen return. Speed specialist Sterling Wingo will give opposing teams some uneasy moments.

Virginia Military Institute — Passin' Bob Thomason is the Key-dets' big hope. They'll fill the air with Thomason's pitches.

South Carolina—Enright has 31 lettermen back. He says: "We promise to give any team a rough afternoon."

The Citadel — Quinn Decker will build the Hurricane around Halfback Luke Dunfee, Guard Bill Henderson, Tackle Jimm Whelan and End Gene Foxworth.

University of Richmond — Fullback Ed (Sugar) Ralston should have a great year, Coach Esleeck says, "we aren't conceding anything to anybody."

### THAT'S PITCHING

URBANA, Ill. (U.P.)—Hank Mileham, 39-year-old pitcher for an Urbana softball team, has hurled only two games this season. Both were no-hitters, one of them a perfect game—no hits, runs, walks, errors or hit batters.

by 3 to 2. He had an off day. We bunted on him."

The oldtimers turned to Denton True (Cy) Young who was getting a going over by Gomez, the delightful screwball.

"No wonder you won so many games," said Gomez. "Why, when you pitched you stood 55 feet from home plate and you used the same ball three days. Now they use a ball for three pitches, it gets a spot on it and the umpires throw it out."

"Listen, Lefty," retorted Young, "a guy who can go along with a gat. Jimmy Fox hit one of the longest home runs on record off you. Shame on you. When I pitched I never allowed more than one home run a game."

"No wonder," came back Gomez. "Frank Baker here wasn't called Home Run Baker for nothing. He once led the league with 9 homers."

"Why, one time I went 23 innings without anybody getting a hit off me," said Young. "My pitchout was a pitch in. I threw under the batter's chin when I wanted to waste a pitch."

"Talking about throwing at a batter," piped up Earnshaw. "I hit only one batter. I threw at. He was Goose Goslin."

"Goose had been hitting me pretty hard and one day I told him he would learn to respect me. I think I'll teach you up a bit," I told him. "Now Old Moose wouldn't do that to Old Goose," he said. But I did, hit him right in the leg."

"I never threw at a batter's head, either," said Grove. "I used to throw at their feet. I liked to see 'em dance."

"Aw, let's talk about the young fellows," said Gomez to Grove. "Look at Max Baer up here. He's got the best job in baseball coaching. The Naval Academy team at Annapolis. He's been there 11 years. Four more years and they'll make him an admiral."

It was midnight and the chifnest broke up.

"What's the matter, Lefty, getting tired?" asked Young.

"No," shouted Gomez. "It's that pipe you're smoking. I think it puts me to sleep and keeps you awake."

### FOOTBALL BROWNS

#### PACK 'EM IN

CLEVELAND —(AP)—The All-America Conference Champion Cleveland Browns, in the two years since the new pro grid loop was formed, have played before 1,440,819 fans.

The Browns, champs both years, drew 682,455 in 1946 and 758,364 last year. The 1947 total saw 392,760 witness the seven home games of the club, 270,619 the seven visiting tilts, 33,106 exhibition games and 61,879 at the playoff contest against the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium.

### HAVE INDIANS SIGN

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(AP)—The Washington Redskins are the only team in the Eastern Division of the National Football League to hold a decided advantage over western members. Since they joined the loop in 1937, the Redskins have beaten western teams 23 times and lost only 10 times. The next best eastern team is New York, with 16 victories, 13 losses and four ties in inter-sectional play.

The town of Haskell, Ariz., was named for Oklahoma's first governor, Charles N. Haskell (1907-11).

## Big Crowd Due To See Last Game

The '48 baseball season was due to come to a climax for the Hazelwood club Monday afternoon when the local semi-pros tangled with the Canton Independents over in Canton.

Hazelwood was thwarted in its last Industrial League game with the Sayles Bleachery Saturday when driving rains left the WTHS athletic field in a muddy condition. Business manager for the Hazelwood crew, George Bischoff, said that he wasn't sure whether this game would be played at a later date.

The last time that Hazelwood faced the newly-organized Canton team, they swamped the paper towners under a 15-3 score. The Canton club was expected to give them more trouble in the Labor Day battle because of their added experience and coordination.

Manager Jack Smith would probably call on his mount mainstay, Left Jack Ammons, to toss against Canton. Behind Ammons, Smith could throw in Junior Blymer, Lefty Leatherwood or Ab Chme.

Whether the Industrial League would hold playoffs this season is as yet unknown, although Bischoff isn't counting on the Hazelwooders playing in that affair.

### FLEET FORESOME

CHICAGO —(AP)—New coach Ed McKeever of the Chicago Rockets of the All-America football Conference, in attempting to improve on the dismal '47 mark of the club, has selected Angelo Bertelli, Elroy (Crazy) Hirsch, Steve Juzwik and Dewey Packer as his started backfield in the T formation. Bertelli and Hirsch were with the team last season, but Angelo sat out practically all of the campaign with a knee injury.

### PRIZES FOR SHOOTERS

LAS VEGAS —(AP)—A total of \$11,000 in silver trophies, \$1,200 added money in the Governor of Nevada event and over 500 brassards are to be awarded at the 1948 National Skeet Championships to be held here Sept. 16-25. Competing for these prizes will be more than 500 shooters from this hemisphere. Preliminary handicaps events in all gauges will also be held to give average shooters a chance to win prizes.

### THREE CAREERS

## BUCKY WALTERS'

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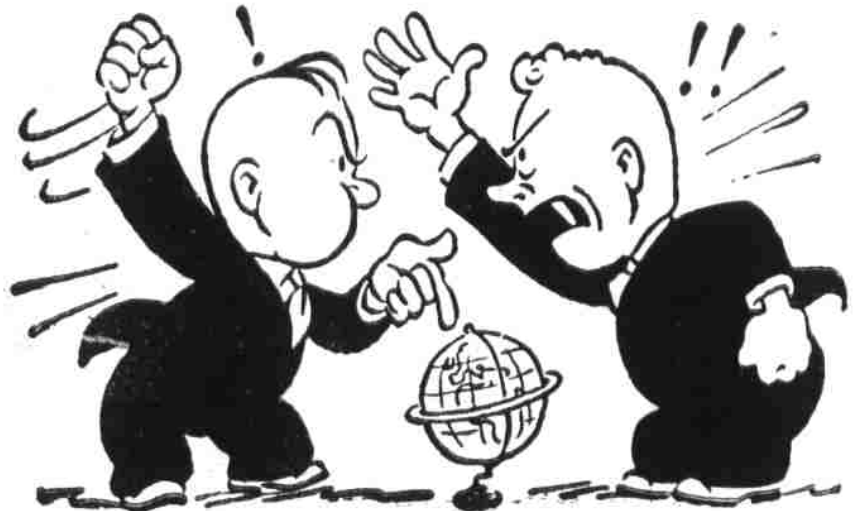
HE'LL FIND PILOTING A TEAM TO A PENNANT HARDER THAN PITCHING 'EM TO ONE—BUCKY LED THE REDS TO FLAGS IN 1939 AND '40 WITH 27 AND 22 WINS RESPECTIVELY!

### By FRANK ECK

AP Newsfeatures Sports Editor

Staying in good physical trim is the first thing a pitcher must do, says Phil Marchildon, Canadian pitching star who won 19 games for the Philadelphia Athletics last season.

"A guy should be in good shape all the time to be a winning pitcher," says Marchildon. "I usually like to get my legs in shape first. Once you do that your arm comes around easy."



## THE WORLD SITUATION...

From what we see in the papers and hear over the radio the foreign situation seems rather uncertain both politically and economically. We are no authority on the foreign situation... but there is one thing we do know about and that is electric service.

The United States has only six per cent of the land area of the world... has only seven per cent of the world population, but it has 46.2% of the electricity in the world. The closest country to that figure is England with 6%, followed by Russia with 5% (estimated).

Not only does the United States have by far the most abundant supply of electricity, but here electric service is dependable, and has never been in serious short supply. In France there is comparatively small use of electricity—their service is distributed in a variety of voltages and interruptions are frequent.

In England, where the electric companies are socialized, there is a serious shortage of electricity and service is undependable.

Other parts of the world are even worse off electrically speaking.

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