

Waynesville Girls Down Clyde For Ninth Straight Win

Bethel Splits Games With Mars Hill

The Mars Hill High basketball team captured an even break with the Blue Demons. The Bethel girls won a 28 to 24 verdict while the Mars Hill boys came back to take a thriller from the Blue Demons by 26 to 24. The games were played before a packed house.

Miss Cook sparked the winning girls with 10 points. Miss Gibbs with nine points set the pace for the Mars Hill lassies.

The boys' game was a real thriller from start to finish and the team were forced to run two overtime periods before Young Mars Hill center hit the hoop for the winning point.

Buckner Phillips and Young starred for the visitors while Bethel son scratched nine points through for the Blue Demons to take some honor in the game.

Bethel (24)	Mars Hill (26)
F. C. Hancock 5	Justice 4
F. Garrett 3	Bender 7
F. Cook 10	Gain 9
G. Buckner 3	Sender 6
G. K. Rhinehart 3	Metcalf 6
G. Z. Rhinehart 4	Gardner 4
Subs: Bethel - Mease, Hyatt	Subs: Mars Hill - Cox, Thom, Shelton

Cage Schedule

Feb. 4
Crabtree at Fines Creek (3rd)
Sylvia at Bethel
Hendersville at Canton

Big Leaguers Remain Busy In Baseball's Off-Season

NEW YORK—If you think big league baseball players take it easy in winter you're very wrong.

Del Egan, slugging right fielder of the Philadelphia Phillies, is working for a Quaker City stock broker. Pitcher Curt Simmons retires high school basketball game in Allentown, Pa., and catcher Charles Becknell works for his father as a Plainfield, N. J., carpenter.

Other Phillies are going to school. Pitcher Lou Poffel is at the University of Illinois. Riche A. Lindsay attending Norfolk, Neb., Junior college with 311 other students and pitcher Russ Meyer, obtained from the Cubs, goes to Western State Teachers College, Macomb, Ill.

Bobby Brown, valuable Yankee utility man at Tulane University seeking a degree in medicine and pitcher Frank Shea is working with a construction firm in the hopes of contracting.

Tommy Cisquello, recently appointed as a coach with the Cincinnati Reds, runs a laundrette service. Newark Manager Biddy Hasselt is a field supervisor with Genesee Freight Lines and enter-

Serious About Hospital Clowning

Schacht Finds Baseball Still Has a Hold On Wounded GIs

By FRANK ECK
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NEW YORK—Baseball still has a marvelous hold on the wounded GIs, says Al Schacht, baseball clown prince who has just returned from a tour of southern hospitals.

"Baseball has nothing to worry about as long as the veterans continue to show their interest," says the funny man who is serious about his hospital visits. "You can't talk football or hockey to these kids but baseball! That gets 'em."

"The spirit of the American kid is remarkable. They never let out a beef. I have yet to hear a boy complain."

During his recent 5,000-mile tour through the south, Schacht visited hospitals in Richmond, Va.; Asheville, N. C.; Atlanta, Augusta 25, and Lake City, Fla. At some hospitals he gave away dollar bills or those fortunate enough to answer his four-stock question.

He asks them their name, home town and weight and tops it off with a baseball question. "I'm no fool," says Al. "But I must be slipping or the GIs are brushing up on their baseball. At one hospital I gave away \$6 and pretty soon everybody wanted up on the stage."

"At another place I visited some mental patients. I thought I was entertaining them and all the while they were ribbing me."

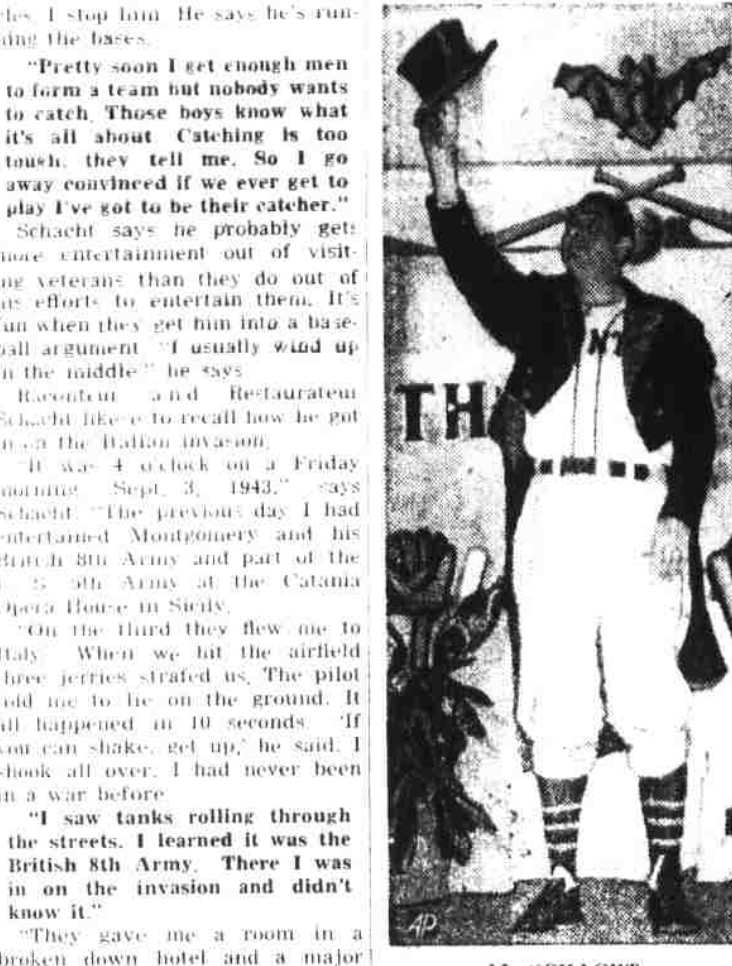
"I walked in and a big fellow recognizes me. He's about six-foot-three and has his feet on the table. 'Hey,' he shouts, 'what's wrong with you?'"

"Not a thing," I said. "I'm here to form a baseball team."

"Look," the fellow says, "those guys aren't interested. But tell me what you want and I'll fix everything. I'm the king here."

"So I say 'OK you're the king but who wants to pitch?'"

"Pretty soon there's a chap winding up without anything in his hand. He's throwing an imaginary baseball. He's my pitcher. Then I see a fellow walking around in cir-



AL SCHACHT
Back From Tour

cles. I stop him. He says he's running the bases."

"Pretty soon I get enough men to form a team but nobody wants to catch. Those boys know what it's all about. Catching is too tough, they tell me. So I go away convinced if we ever get to play I've got to be their catcher."

Schacht says he probably gets more entertainment out of visiting veterans than they do out of his efforts to entertain them. It's fun when they get him into a baseball argument. "I usually wind up in the middle," he says.

Restaurant and Restaurateur Schacht likes to recall how he got into the Italian invasion.

It was 4 o'clock on a Friday morning, Sept. 3, 1943, says Schacht. "The previous day I had entertained Montgomery and his 8888th Central Postal Directory and part of the 8888th Central Postal Directory in Sicily."

"On the third they flew me to Italy. When we hit the airfield three jetties strafed us. The pilot told me to lie on the ground. It all happened in 10 seconds. 'If you can shake, get up,' he said. I shook all over. I had never been in a war before."

"I saw tanks rolling through the streets, I learned it was the British 8th Army. There I was in on the invasion and didn't know it."

"They gave me a room in a broken down hotel and a major told me to grab an hour's sleep. I never got a chance to sleep. Shrapnel was flying all over the town. Part of the hotel balcony went flying through my room."

"I removed a cot from a closet, put it against the door to the room and ran into the closet. When I did that the lock snapped. There I was locked in the closet with the cot against the door of the room. It was almost impossible for anyone to reach me. A major broke down both doors."

"Another time we were aboard ship a half mile off shore. Radar picked up enemy planes and we abandoned ship. I was undressed at the time, ready to take my first shower bath in seven weeks. I spent the next few hours in a sewer."

Schacht is an old hand at entertaining veterans. During the war he visited 275 hospitals in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, New Guinea, the Philippines.

And it's not because the nurses are pretty. "It's the corn in me," says Al, "and the kids love it."

Ward's Take First Place In Bowling

The Waynesville Ten Pin League closed out the first half of play this week with the Ward's Esso team taking first place honors by six games. The Waynesville Bowling Center team maintained its pace to take second place and was followed by the A. C. Lawrence Cutlers in third, Dayton No. 2, Dayton No. 1 and Lions in that order.

This week's rolling was featured by another upset as Ward's team lost its match to Dayton No. 2 by 2 to 1. In the feature match of the week, the Bowling Center beat off a challenge by the Cutlers and came through with a 2 to 1 victory to take second place.

The Dayton No. 2 team turned in team high series of the week with a set of 2692 with the Bowling Center team turning in a 2644 set. The Bowling Center team also turned in high single set of 932 with Dayton No. 2 rolling a 909 set.

In individual honors, Tom Boyd, of the Cutlers turned in high game of the week with a 222 total. He was followed by "Spider" Medford, of Ward's, with a 211 game and Roy Floyd, of W.B.C., with a 201 game.

Boyd also turned in high individual series of the week with a total of 542 pins. He was closely followed by Medford and Brackett, both of Ward's, with 534 sets.



Team	W	L	Pct.
Ward's	34	11	.756
W.B.C.	28	17	.622
Cutsole	25	20	.556
Dayton-2	21	24	.467
Dayton-1	18	27	.400
Lions	9	36	.200

Bears Suffer Setback At Sand Hill

The Sand Hill cagers turned back an invading band of Canton High Black Bears, in both ends of a twinbill Tuesday night. The Sand Hill girls took a close 14 to 13 win while the Sand Hill boys managed to eke out a 46 to 43 triumph.

Miss Thrash hit the hoop for nine points for the winners to take scoring honors of the game. Miss Felt sparked Canton with eight points.

The boys' game was a free-scoring affair with Merrill Sand Hill forward, netting 19 points for scoring honors. John Phillips, Lanky Canton center, was close behind with 15 points.

Girls' lineup:
Sand Hill (14)
F. Thrash (9)
F. Moore (3)
F. Dowdie (1)
G. McElrath
G. Elliott
G. Haden

Subs: Sand Hill - Jackson (1)
Canton - Brookshire, Johnson, Frank

Canton (13)
Felt (8)
Bentfield (4)
McCreary (2)
Ford (2)
Hanes
Parham

Boys' lineup:
Sand Hill (46)
F. Merrill (19)
F. Reece (11)
C. Green (2)
G. Kasselberg (4)
Subs: Sand Hill - Ford, Brown (2), Baily; Canton - Stroup (4), Poindexter (2).

Mountaineer Cagers Are Idle Until Feb. 11

The Waynesville High Mountaineers will be idle until Friday, February 11 when the Bethel Blue Demons invade the Waynesville High gym.

The Mountaineers were forced into the idleness by a scheduled open date and a cancellation of the scheduled twinbill with the Cullowhee High basketballers.

With ten days layoff the Waynesville teams will continue hard practice in order to be at full strength when the Blue Demons journey here. The Waynesville girls will be out to protect their undefeated record and the Waynesville boys to take a victory over one of the ancient rivals of the hardwood.

Cats Defeat Elon Monday Night By 52-47 Score

The Western Carolina Catamounts added another win to their string Monday night when they handed the Elon cagers a 52 to 47 defeat in one of the best games of the year. The score was tied 12 times before the Cats pulled out an front.

The first half was a seasaw battle with the Cats ahead at the half 25 to 24.

Drew, with 11 and Gaither with 10 points paced the losers while Pressley and Fountain hit the hoop for 11 each for the Cats.

Elon (47)	Canton (45)
F. Tate (6)	King (4)
F. Fountain (11)	Coman (4)
C. Rhodes (8)	Phillips (24)
G. McGinn (5)	Moore (4)
G. Carter (5)	G. Murray (15)
Subs: WCTC - Pressley (11), Gloyne, Scruggs (6); Elon - Eanes (4).	Subs: Christ School - Hamsey (5); Canton - Poindexter (6); Wells (3).

BASKETBALL SCORES

Girls
Waynesville 32, Clyde 19
Sand Hill 14, Canton 13
Bethel 28, Mars Hill 21
Sylvia 29, Bryson City 27
Boys
Clyde 31, Waynesville 30
Sand Hill 46, Canton 43
Mars Hill 26, Bethel 24
Sylvia 30, Bryson City 26

Boys Drop Close One-Point Game In Overtime Per

The Waynesville High Mountaineers and Clyde High basketballers split a doubleheader Tuesday night on the Clyde High gym, with the Waynesville lassies clinching up their ninth straight victory and the Clyde boys fighting an uphill battle to down the Mountaineers 31 to 30 in an overtime battle. The capacity crowd was kept on their feet throughout the last minutes of the boys' fracas.

The girls' game started slowly, with the Mountaineers out front at the first quarter three to one. All four shots. The Waynesville team began to rick in the second quarter and rolled up a 14 to 4 lead at the half. From there on out they were never seriously threatened.

The work of the Waynesville guards during the first half was at its best as they held the Clyde forwards to one field goal.

Betty Sheehan continued her sharp-shooting to pace the winners with 16 points, while Miss Fore, Clyde forward, hit the net for 10 to spark the Clyde lassies.

The boys' game was a thriller from the first whistle as the two teams fought back and forth on the court with neither team gaining an advantage. The Mountaineers led eight to six at the end of the first quarter and 13 to 11 at halftime.

The third quarter was the same and the Clyde team stayed close behind and trailed one point at the end of the third quarter. The fireworks really broke loose in the fourth quarter as the Clyde team took the lead and it changed hands several times. Gene Limer sank a foul shot in the closing seconds to send the game into overtime.

In the three-minute overtime period, Bob Davis made good a foul shot to put the Mountaineers ahead and it remained that way until the last minute, when Warren, Clyde center, connected on a hook shot for the winning points.

Bill Sutton, Mountaineer center, took scoring honors for the tilt with 10 points, while Warren, with nine points, sparked the Clyde girls' lineup.

Girls' lineup:
Clyde (31)
F. Haden (6)
F. Stevenson (3)
C. Warren (6)
G. Haynes (2)
G. Spence (3)
Subs: Clyde - Moore, Sheehan, Clark, Grady, Jenkins

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For the Well-Dressed G

New York—Here are two views of the gabardine slacks most of the pro golfers will be wearing on the fairways this spring.

The slacks have numerous special features and will be manufactured in six different colors by Tee-Off Inc.

They are pocketless on the front and sides but have two large patch pockets on the rear. On the left the slacks are pleated three golf ball and on the right rear are pencil holders.

Both pockets are big enough to hold a golf ball, tees, scorecard and cassettes without interfering with your golf swing or bad.



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