

Waynesville Gridders Tackle Sylva In Opener

ries Rob Canton Of 2 Stars For Forest City Game

Southern Methodist Ready To Go



MATTY BELL
SMU Coach

Coach Bell, of Southern Methodist, is up to his ears in football forecasts that his team will lose again this fall, but his prediction doesn't usually come true. In that respect, he has led his team to 26 victories against 36 losses in the past 11 years. The contract says that he is not to even listen to an offer from another school. If he ever decides to leave the coaching business, he is to get another job with the University. (Associated Press pictures.)



DON WALKER
SMU All-Star

Waynesville Boys Tabbed For Berths

Catamounts To Open Bid For North State Crown At Asheville Saturday

The Western Carolina Teachers' Catamounts are winding up preparations today for the start of their drive for a North State Conference title they lost last season by a single point.

Tom Young's charges will take the curtain on their campaign Saturday night at Asheville's Memorial Park against Ralph James' potent High Point Panthers.

The Catamounts are loaded with 43 veterans this year, and Young has fully predicted it will be a "hot" first season.

Each season they had another first round that ended by a conversion the night crown. They were crowned by Appalachian State-Mountaineers, the boys who didn't lose a game in the state championship, the much heralded went on to win the state championship.

Some fifteen men from last year's team are back, but 23 are new. One of the new 139-pound full-back, named Pat Wee Hamilton, a point guard from Andrews who has been tabbed a smaller edition of Charlie Justice.

The All-North State Conference team in 1948, a team that was crowned with the back and power offense.

Triple threat Cecil Roberts of Asheville, a sophomore, is scheduled to play in the game. He is also a member of the team.

At the back, the leaders are Dave Whitaker, Mack Bowman, and Bruce Wright.

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Grid Menu Offers Interesting Battles To County Fans

Autumn's second football weekend offers a passed of interesting battles within easy reach of Haywood County fans.

Waynesville Mountaineers make their 1949 debut at Sylva Friday night against the once-tried Golden Hurricane, which emerged from their opener last week with a scoreless tie against Hayesville.

Canton's Black Bears will be gunning for their second victory of the season at the same time. Coach Don Higgs will send his boys against the Forest City Gridders, who he coached last season. The game is at Forest City.

The Bears made Higgs' debut as their new coach a huge success last Friday night by kicking Sand Hill 34-19. Forest City promises a sterner test of Canton's fine running and passing attack.

Hendersonville takes on Kings Mountain at Hendersonville in its second attempt at a victory. Last Friday night, the Hendersonville boys stepped into a Class Double-A competition at Asheville and took a 28-0 pasting from Lee Edwards High, Asheville, meanwhile, enters State of Knoxville, Tenn.

With that experience against a big fast squad and the light thrown on their natural first-game errors, Hendersonville should find Kings Mountain a less formidable foe.

Hot Springs, meanwhile, travels to Marshall.

In the college world, a Western Carolina Teachers' College team that has been tabbed by the experts a potential North State Conference champion tangles with the High Point Panthers at Asheville's Memorial Stadium Saturday night.

It will be the season's opener for both North State clubs.

Elsewhere in the state, Wake Forest's Demon Deacons, sporting a bunch of red hot sophomores like Nub Smith, ex-Fayetteville High flash, bow in with their new T formation against Duquesne of Pittsburgh at Wake Forest Saturday afternoon.

Only other Southern Conference teams in the Carolina slated for action is Clemson's 1948 champion, who open against little Presbyterian at Clemson Saturday, while Furman goes to Georgia to test themselves and the Bulldogs today.

The rest of the big boys will wait another week before showing their new muscles.

The week-end schedule also follows:

FRIDAY
High School
Waynesville at Hayesville
Trenton at Baltimore
Buxton at Sand Hill
Macon at Hickory

SATURDAY
Memphis State at Memphis State
Colorado Mines at Denver
Oregon at St. Mary's
Oregon State at UCLA

SUNDAY
Appalachian vs. Guilford at Winston-Salem
Appalachian B vs. Lees-McRae at Banner Elk

Louis-Rhyme at Erskine
Villanova at Texas A and M
Waynesburg at West Virginia
Duke at Iowa State
TCU at Kansas

North Dakota State at Marquette
McMurry at Tulsa
Mississippi Southern at Kentucky

Randolph-Macon at Richmond
Virginia Tech vs. Quantico, Va.
Marines at Alexandria, Va.
William and Mary at Houston

Texas University
Texas Tech at Texas
Colorado A and M at Colorado College

Utah State at Washington State
Utah at Washington
Wyoming at Idaho State
Santa Clara at California

Williamette at Idaho
South Dakota at Montana
San Jose State at Stanford

Ladino clover seed production in 1949 is the largest on record, with an estimated crop of 2,370,000 pounds of clean seed, as compared with 1,950,000 pounds in 1948 and 312,000 pounds for the average of 1943-47.

Humphries
Ready for capable relief for Constance at center are Ned Noblitt of Marion, Ralph Clark, Buddy Padgett of Hayesville, and Theron Mayfield of Swannanoa.

After the expected bruising struggle with High Point, there will be no rest for Western Carolina.

The Catamounts the next weekend will collide with Appalachian State's defending champions.

And the battle may write an early finish to the race for the 1949 North State Conference title.

Black Bears Will Play In Forest City On Friday Night

By DAN MATTHEWS
Mountaineer Special Sports Writer

Canton's Black Bears concentrated this week on plugging defensive weaknesses that showed up in their Friday night's opener as they polished preparations for the Forest City game at Forest City.

The Black Bears have lost two regulars for the Forest City game. Halfback Neil Rhymmer, running star of the Sand Hill game, was hurt in practice, and Tackle Francis Pless was injured in the opener after playing a fine game.

Coach Don Higgs sent the squad through a light workout Monday and followed with tougher sessions the next two days.

No night work, however, was scheduled for this week prior to game time.

Despite the Black Bears' show of offensive power in their 34-19 victory over Sand Hill, Higgs declared "we have plenty of work to do," particularly on defense.

Indications point to a severe test for Canton tomorrow night.

Higgs' boys will face a veteran squad that their own coach built last season. Forest City split precisely even in the ex-Wake Forest star's first season of high school coaching, winning five, losing five, and tying one.

One of Forest City's victories last season was over Canton, 14-6.

Though they'll be a long way from home, the Black Bears were expected to have a strong rooting section in Forest City.

A good-sized automobile caravan is expected to carry many enthusiastic Canton fans to see the battle.

But tomorrow night, the Canton coach said, his Bears will collide with generally the same boys who played through last season, except they will be a bunch of veterans improved by experience.

The Bears will hold one advantage through having the usually shaky season's opener behind them.

Tomorrow night's contest will be the opener for their opponents.

The game also is expected to be a battle of single-wing formations.

Canton's Carolina variety of single-wing has already proved potent when working behind a smoothly operating forward wall.

Forest City's problem consists merely of stopping an attack that looked surprisingly well coordinated for an opening game.

Coach Higgs sent his boys through a still 40-minute scrimmage Tuesday, trying to iron out the flaws that had been spotlighted Friday night.

This was the only scrimmage scheduled before game time.

He started the tape-recording process yesterday, and today the squad was scheduled for only light work.

The boys also were slated to take time out to watch the birds. It was picture-taking day for the press photographer.

Following Tuesday's scrimmage, the Black Bear coach observed that his boys looked "pretty good."

He had a special word of praise for Morgan Clark, 190-pound senior center, who reported only this week.

Higgs said that Clark, who saw service last year only in jayvee contests, looked good on defense in the head-butting session.

The Black Bears are scheduled to leave by bus from Canton at 2 p.m. tomorrow for Forest City. The head coach said he planned to take about 30 boys on the trip.

He added that he would probably start the same team that made up the starting lineup against Sand Hill last Friday night.

This would be:
Ends—Larry Scruggs and Joe Medlin.
Tackles—Henry Looper, Robert Mann.
Guards—Roy Ingle and Joe Brookshire.
Center—Larue Amos.
Quarterback—Nick Carter.
Left Half—Bobby Moore.
Right Half—Gene Devlin.
Fullback—Sam Coman.

Record Breakers Are These Players

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Three serious-minded members of the La Salle College track squad decided to apply for laboring jobs this summer in order to keep in shape for next season.

But it wasn't until their vacation time was almost completed that Jim Tuppney, Frisby Euell and Clarence Harris really broke all production records as members of the school's maintenance crew.

They were assigned to work on the lengthening and re-finishing of the Explorers' track. With visions of far better speeds on the improved surface to spur them on, they finished the job in about half the time expected.

Their Bats Pushing Bosox To Top



TED WILLIAMS



VERN STEPHENS

These two sluggers of the Boston Red Sox make opposing pitchers shudder when they step up to the plate. Not since Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig tore down fences back-to-back for the Old Yankees has an American League team boasted as potent a boom-boom punch.

Appalachian Drills For Conference Tilt Saturday

(Special to The Mountaineer)

BOONE—Baling weather greeted practice sessions at Boone early this week as the Appalachian State Teachers' College Mountaineers buckled down to the final week of drills prior to starting their North State conference wars off against the Guilford Quakers in Winston-Salem Saturday night.

Coming through the Norfolk Navy Apprentice School game last Saturday with only minor injuries, the Mountaineers have settled down to the task of eliminating the mistakes that cropped up against the Quakers.

The current conference champions did not find it necessary to open their line of tricks against the Quakers, but anticipation of a hard game with the Quakers, the point is, has been a factor since the week.

A pole game will likely be unless he's against the Quakers.

Pete Hill, a quarterback and punter, completed 13 of 25 aerials which accounted for four touchdowns in a 17-0 victory over the Quakers.

A brilliant new broken field runner has been uncovered in Johnny O'Neal, first-team halfback from

YMCA Team To Be Feted Tonight

Champion YMCA's football team, 1949 North Carolina state champion, will be honored at a dinner tomorrow night by the Y's Men's Club of the YMCA.

Members of the squad and their wives will be guests of honor at the event, which will open at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA.

The dinner, also will be a public event, with ticket sales to be held at the door for others who plan to attend.

Among the guests of honor will be Jack Justice, Champion Y physical director, who directed both the western district playoffs and the state tournament held at Canton's Champion Park last month.

The Champion All-Stars finished third in the southeastern regional tournament at St. Petersburg, Fla., after winning their first state crown.

They were edged out of the regional finals by only narrow margins in the double elimination event.

The colorful 1949 event was the first state football tournament ever held in Western North Carolina.

Like the district playoffs, the state tournament was sponsored by the Y's Men's Club.

Capacities crowded filled the Champion Park stands to overflowing from the time the game called "Play ball" in the first game of the event on August 16 until the last out in the Champion-Roanoke Rapids Staters battle, that brought Champion its first state crown.

The All-Stars, rising Pitcher Nazi Miller, perfect support, won, 3-1.

Champion, with a heavy hitting lineup and the finest pitching corps in the South, battled to the top through a field of North Carolina's 11 best football teams.

Officials of the North Carolina Softball Association and privately after reviewing Champion's regular season schedule against the best in the South that the Canton club had done more than any other outfit to promote interstate softball competition.

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By Alan Maver

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