

Waynesville Withstands Cyclone With 7-0

Bob Davis Snags Pass For Lone Touchdown

Bob Davis intercepted a fourth-quarter pass and raced 40 yards for the game's only touchdown to help the undefeated Waynesville Mountaineers to a victory over the Elizabethton Team Cyclones Friday night. Fullback Don Whisenhunt's plunge for the extra point made the final score 7-0.

More than 4,000 fans at the Waynesville stadium on Friday apply the clutch after the end of the game in Elizabethton territory, only to be stopped by the Cyclones' hard-charging attack. The game without striking distance of the end zone.

The victory was particularly appropriate for the Cyclones. Between the halves, when the score was 7-0, the game was formally dedicated to Lloyd Kirkpatrick, who had won Waynesville last year's football season by leading his team to a 7-0 victory over the Elizabethton team and come away

Game statistics

	W	E
First Downs	7	7
Net Yds. Rushing	83	49
Forward Passes Attd.	13	11
Forwards Completed	3	4
Net Yds. Forwards	38	40
Forwards Interceptions	3	1
Yds. Handback Intercept	74	7
Kickoff Yds. Yd.	45	40
Kickoff Yds. Returned	10	34
Punts Y.	40-4	49-3
Yds. Punt-Ret.	58	0
Fumbles By	4	3
Opp. Fumbles Recover.	3	3
Yds. Lost Penalties	35	55

only once with a victory over the Cyclones in his five years as treasurer of the Waynesville High School Athletic Association.

Before the opening kickoff and between the halves, the crack Elizabethton and Waynesville High School bands played and paraded through the streets, executed intricate formations, to provide a dazzling display of color to this most colorful game of the season so far.

The crisp air and the starlit skies provided perfect weather for the game.

An off-the-penalty punt by the Mountaineers another touchdown and twice they drove to the Betsy 10-yard stripe.

But a fumble on the Cyclone nine eliminated one chance, and a substitution error squelched the other thrust.

On the first play of the second period, Davis took off around his own right end on a perfectly executed fumble pass and raced 29 yards to the end zone.

But the penalty called it back, and Davis, pursued by the goal after the Cyclones' fumbled pun on a try at the line.

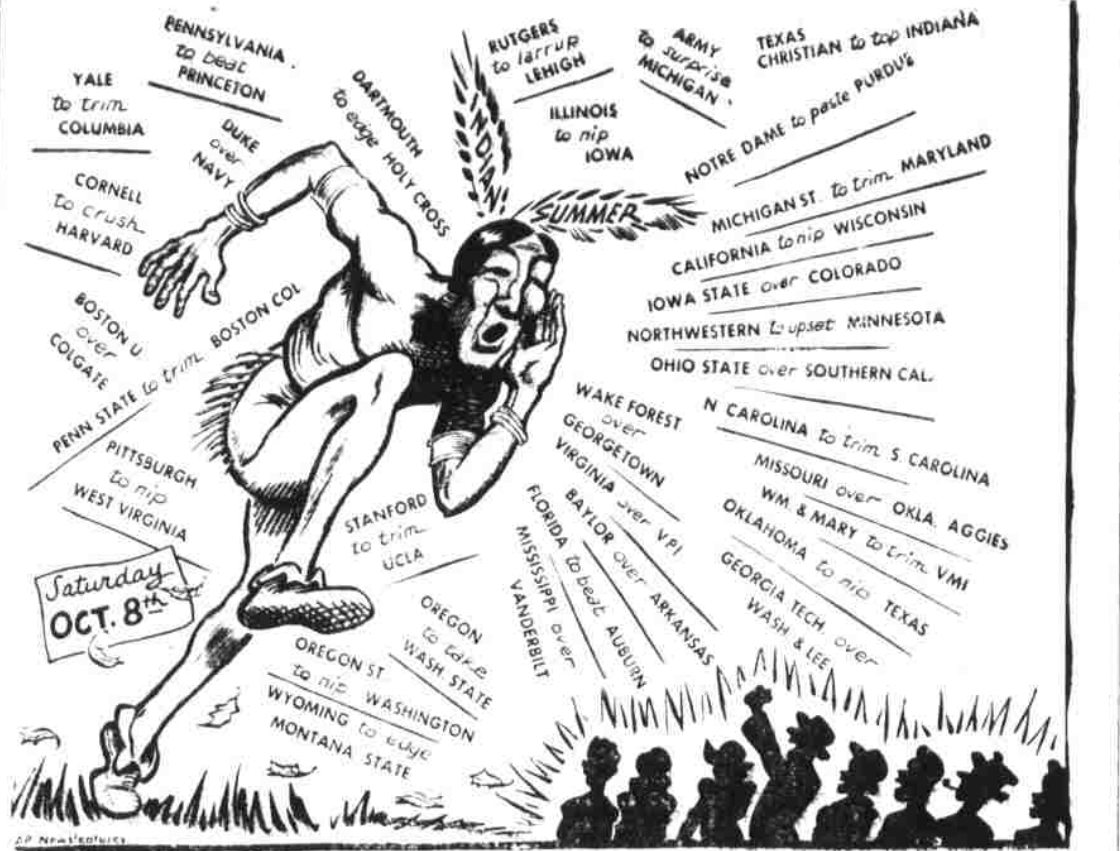
A few minutes later the Mountaineers' punter, a fumbled punt on the Elizabethton 10, left the Cyclones' head in a daze.

Shortly before midnight, Waynesville again drove down into scoring distance, but the passing attack fizzled on the Elizabethton 30.

Waynesville's best big chance came early in the third period when Reserve End Wade Francis,

Heavier Lenior Eleven Crushes Canton 37-0

BATTLE CRY . . . by Mun' and Frank Eck



who played an alert ball game all evening pounced on a fumbled punt on the Elizabethton nine.

But the Mountaineers fumbled on the second down, and the Cyclones recovered to get out of the hole.

The battle scene for all but two brief periods of the entire game was inside the Elizabethton 40-yard line. But the line and the line-backers, led by Jesse Birchfield, Elizabethton's 205-pound fullback, and All-Tennessee state end Buddy Webb, stopped the deadly Mountaineer drives.

Only twice did the Cyclones drive into Mountaineer territory, and then the farthest drive carried only to the Waynesville 38.

Elizabethton, paced by the running of Fullback Al Smithdeal and the punting of Birchfield, took the opening kickoff and drove to a quick first down from the Betsy 34 to the 46.

Then Smithdeal sailed nine yards through the line to the Waynesville 45 for the first of the only two invasions of Mountaineer territory.

But the Mountaineers stopped Smithdeal on both of his tries for the single yard necessary for the first down, and Webb was forced to punt.

The defense was costly, however, for regular Center Tom Boyd was injured when he dropped Smithdeal on the first play of the series and he was sidelined for the rest of the game.

The only other rally into Waynesville territory came in the waning seconds of the game, when the Cyclones drove from their own 28 on Smithdeal's passes to the Waynesville 39.

But Whisenhunt snatched a Cyclone pass on the Waynesville 35 and raced 15 yards through a horde of Elizabethton players to the mid-

field stripe.

That was the final play of the game.

The offensive fireworks threatened constantly all through the game, but spluttered out before they did any damage.

Penalties at crucial moments against both sides helped squelch promising drives.

The game evolved principally into a battle of defenses.

The Mountaineers, with Guards Joe Higgs and Howard McHaffey, Tackles Bob Setzer and Buck Atkinson, and Co-captain Bob Owen at the flank standing out, kept Birchfield's dangerous rushes almost completely under control and bottled up Smithdeal, except on a few rare occasions.

The Cyclone's passing attack, the most effective weapon the losers used, also was stopped in the danger zones by the Mountaineers' aerial defense, which showed improvement over their efforts against Tryon.

Elizabethton, with Smithdeal doing most of the toasting to either Birchfield or Webb, completed four out of 11 attempts for a total gain of 40 yards.

The Mountaineers intercepted three of the aeriels, with Davis grabbing two and Whisenhunt one, running them back a total of 74 yards.

A few of the Cyclone aeriels went wild, and others died when receivers failed to hold them.

One of them was a 29-yard beauty to Webb in the third period, but the star end, three yards ahead of the nearest Waynesville defender, dropped it on the Waynesville 30.

Only three out of the 13 Mountaineer aeriels found receivers for a total gain of 38 yards.

On the ground, the Mountaineers outshined Elizabethton, 83 yards net to 49.

Overanxiously was the major factor in four Waynesville fumbles and the three Elizabethton fumbles. The Cyclones recovered three of the Mountaineers' while the Mountaineers grabbed all three of the Elizabethton fumbles.

Davis' punting average dropped to 40.4 yards per boot, principally because he was kicking from inside Elizabethton territory. His longest effort was a punt that sailed 47 yards from the line of scrimmage. Actually, it travelled 67 yards from the point where he connected.

Webb's punting got Elizabethton out of many holes. He averaged 49.8 yards per try, with his longest going 60 yards.

Though the figures tell much of the tale, the margin of victory lay fundamentally in Waynesville's superior stamina.

The Mountaineers started driving at high speed after their opening kickoff, and kept up the terrific pace without a let-down until the final whistle.

The lighter Cyclones matched it most of the way but showed the signs of the hard pace in the final minutes of the game.

Davis, playing like an all-stater, was stopped often on his line smashes, but was dangerous on his punt returns and interceptions.

On the first Mountaineer running play of the game, he raced 20 yards around end from the Mountaineer 31, coming within inches of breaking into the clear.

It was the Mountaineers' most decisive victory over Elizabethton in the series and the first game in which they showed clear superiority over the Cyclones. The first victory over Elizabethton was a narrow 7-6 squeak by the great undefeated, untied 1948 eleven.

The score also was the reverse of last year's contest when the Mountaineers fell with the aid of costly

Game Colored By Brilliant Play Of Bands

The Elizabethton - Waynesville football game Friday night provided the most colorful attraction of the infant football season.

Just before the kickoff and at intermission, the 100-piece Elizabethton High School band and the 70-piece Waynesville band went through formations and played their stirring marches that thrilled the 4,000 chilled spectators who packed the stadium.

The Elizabethton musicians, directed by Melville Kelly, showed the fans the kind of performance that won them third place in competition with high school bands from each of the 48 states at the Lions International convention in New York last summer.

Matching them in playing and in marching, Waynesville's 70 bandmen, directed by Charles Leiby, gave their finest performance of the season.

The Waynesville musicians performed a civic service when they formed the letters "VOTE" and marched across the field to remind the fans the next day was the day for the election on the hospital bond issue. As they marched, they played, "Any Bonds Today?"

Four students marched up the field bearing a large banner reading: "We need more hospital facilities. Go Vote."

The Elizabethton band formed a huge clover, and played, "I'm looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover."

The Waynesville students made an open formation, then the football players came out of their dressing room and ran single file through the ranks to the benches on the sidelines.

The tumbling performances of the Waynesville drum majorettes and the expert baton-twirling of the Elizabethton girls added to the effectiveness of the bands' performances.

The half-time events came to a solemn climax with the ceremonies dedicating the game to the late Lloyd Kirkpatrick, treasurer of the Waynesville High School Athletic Association for five years.

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Black Bears Of Canton Put Up Hard Fight

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Canton Black Bears, fighting pluckily and with dogged persistence until the end, suffered defeat at the hands of the heavy Lenior team before an immense crowd in Memorial Stadium Friday night.

Not only did the Bear Cats outweigh the Pigeon river players but it looked like substitutions were made by the scores in the visiting lineup and fresh talent hardly had time for a good warmup when another shift would be made.

As a result Canton was overbalanced in poundage and after the first quarter it looked to the fans as though they were outplayed too.

Local fans had expected at least one touchdown but one chance for a score was timed out by the half.

On the field during preliminary practice the Lenior team looked

	Canton	Lenior
First downs	13	15
Passes attempted	22	8
Passes completed	6	5
Yds. gained by p's	107	180
Passes intercepted	0	5
Penalties (yds.)	10	5

Touchdowns for Lenior were made, one each by Doug Holcomb, Nick Laney, Eddie Potat, Ben Eller, Rabbit Sherrill and Fred McLain. Ned Pennell kicked one extra point.

like a powerful aggregation of players well deserving the reputation that puts them at the top of the Western Class A conference this year.

Before half a dozen plays had been run off it looked like Coach Higgs' eleven would have very little chance.

Coach Preston Mull seemed determined to run up as good a score as possible at the expense of the lighter opponents and the final score, 37 to 0, showed one or two markers for every quarter.

Canton took a little consolation from the fact that thirteen first downs were racked up against 15 of Lenior.

At the end of the first half Canton was down in Lenior territory and close enough to pay dirt to go over in one more play when the whistle blew and the half and the only Black Bear threat ended simultaneously.

That was about all the playing the Black Bears did in an offensive way that attracted any attention. The rest of the four periods were spent blocking and dragging down the rampaging victors.

Dough Holcomb provided a good deal of the sparkle during the whole game. He ran twenty yards for a touchdown in the first quarter and soon after the play passed to Nick Laney setting up another seventy yard play to a score.

At the end of a fifty yard drive in the second quarter Fullback B. Sherrill plunged four yards for a score.

The third quarter saw Ned Pennell, quarter-back throw a 20 yard pass to Ben Eller, end, who ran for fifty yards to another score.

Two long steady drives down the field marked the fourth quarter. One of them was for 75 yards and the other for over sixty yards. Eddie Potat carried the ball across for one score and Bob Clark for the other.

The Canton High school band under the leadership of Edwin Troutman put on a colorful demonstration during the half time period as well as playing the salute to the colors just before the kickoff.

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Bethel Grid Team Gets Rough Work

Bethel High School's gridgers went through their first scrimmage Friday afternoon as they continued preparation for their first season.

Coach T. J. Johnson sent his 25 hopefuls through a session that lasted an hour and a half on the Bethel field.

The first week of contact work ended with two on the "slightly-injured" list.

In the Friday afternoon drill, Bethel unveiled a fleet halfback named Bob Fore, and a fullback named Buddy McDowell.

Fore scored twice on 30-yard dashes through the line, and McDowell ripped off many large gains with his end sweeps.

After the drill, Coach Johnson also praised the defensive work of Guard D. B. Gibson and tackle Jerry Gibson.

In his critique, however, he described the blocking as "poor."

Practice will continue this week, with another scrimmage scheduled for Friday.

At the same time, he indicated that games so far have been arranged with Cherokee, the Waynesville High School Jayvees, and Candler.

Bethel will meet Cherokee twice, with games set for October 18 and 24. However, the places and other details have not yet been definitely fixed for these and other games.

Indications also are that the Canton Jayvees will be on the schedule.

The Candler game will wind up Bethel's first season.

The coach also said that three boys dropped off the squad but that he had a "long waiting list" for the extra uniforms.

He explained that the squad was limited in size by the number of uniforms. When boys drop out, those on the waiting list get their uniforms.

In the case of the injured players, other boys on the list will use their equipment until they can return to practice.

Catamounts Win Third Straight

Western Carolina kept their perfect record clean last Saturday by rolling over Tusculum College, 20-0, at Greeneville, Tenn., for their third straight victory of the season.

After a slow start through a scoreless first period, the Catamounts, with Pee Wee Hamilton, Joe Hunt, and Dewey Whitaker leading the way, drove 42 yards for their first touchdown. Hunt went over on a spinner from the one in the second period.

A few minutes later, Hamilton connected with an aerial to Whitaker for 40 yards and Whitaker was stopped on the Tusculum 10 to set up the next touchdown.

Hunt used a spinner again to go all the way to the end zone.

Clark made the first two placements good for the extra points.

After the Western Carolina reserves were held scoreless in the third period, Hershey Higgs set up the final Catamount touchdown a few minutes before the game ended with a 27-yard dash to the Tusculum eight-yard line. Then he went around end for the score.

The Catamount line, with Captain and Center Hugh Constance and Tackle Pinball Allison, both of Waynesville, among the standouts, held the Tusculum backs to 19 yards on the ground and aided the Catamount ball carriers to a net 315 yards rushing.

The Catamounts remained at the top of the North State Conference, standings, though the Tusculum encounter was a non-league affair.

Catawba, 14-0 victim of Wofford in a non-conference clash; undefeated Lenoir-Rhyne, 27-13 winner over Erskine; and Guilford are the chief rivals for the Catamounts in the loop race.

Elon was virtually knocked out of title contention Friday night when the Christians fell 14-0 before Appalachian State.

East Carolina lost 21-7 to Hampden-Sydney in another non-conference engagement over the weekend.

The Catamounts meet East Tennessee next Saturday at Johnson City.

The Champion end zone for one of them on a 66-yard dash with an aerial from Rattler. This was the longest run of the game.

The Champion Gray-Y midgets meet Morgantown next Thursday at Canton.

Bud Arkansas scored both touchdowns for the losers, going into

Esso, Lawrence Keen In First-Place Deeds

Last Tuesday night's team broke a three-way tie for first place in the standings of the Wayneville Ten Pin League, ending with Esso and A. C. Lawrence and a deadlock for the top position.

Lawrence, Ward, and Dayton No. 2 came out on top in the two-out-of-three-game series in the second night of play in the indoor season at the Waynesville Bowling Center.

Ward's whipped Waynesville Bowling Center's team Dayton No. 2 overcame Dayton No. 1 and Lawrence defeated Life Insurance all by two games to one.

Ward's and Lawrence have records of four wins against two losses each.

Dayton No. 1 and Dayton No. 2 are tied for third with a 3-3 record, and Life Insurance and Waynesville Bowling Center trail in a tie for last place with two wins and four losses each.

Cochrane of Ward's took individual honors with a 533-point total for three games, and a best-game score of 206. Presley of Lawrence was runner-up in the total for all games with 500, while Fowler of Dayton No. 2 had a second-best game score of 202.

Ward's took team honors for the night with a grand total of 2,743 and a high team game of 977.

Tuesday night's league schedule: Dayton No. 1 vs. Ward's Esso; A. C. Lawrence vs. Dayton No. 2; Life Insurance vs. WBC.

The standings:

Team	W	L	Per
Ward's Esso	4	2	667
A. C. Lawrence	4	2	667
Dayton No. 1	3	3	500
Dayton No. 2	3	3	500
Life Insurance	2	4	333
WBC	2	4	333