

Mountaineers Edge Fighting Canton Team, 6 - 0

Womack Scores In Last 20 Seconds

Quarterback Charlie Womack's only yard plunge 20 seconds before the final ended gave Waynesville's Mountaineers a 6-0 victory over a stubborn Canton High School Black Bears.

Four thousand hysterical fans standing in the Black Bear stadium under a full moon in the Indian summer night saw the Mountaineers slip into scoring position in less than 30 seconds after they had spent most of the game stopping the drive of the Canton team deep into their own territory.

Womack's two flat passes to Halfback Bob Davis and George Garrett behind the line of scrimmage set up 33 yards and put the Mountaineers in the Black Bear five.

By five Fullback J. C. Dewesee found the middle for five and a first down on the four, and Womack slipped over the same spot for a touchdown through a horde of Black Bears.

The stubborn Canton line had stopped him just a few inches short the Mountaineers would have had to make another try.

For Canton, the narrow loss in this 40th battle between the two big Haywood County schools was a heartbreaker.

Less than two minutes before the Black Bears had beaten back a Waynesville drive on their two-yard line, taking over after the

Mountaineers had failed to gain more than a yard on three line mauls.

The winning drive covered 57 yards after the gallant goal-line stand, Halfback Bobby Moore, whose sparkling running had helped put the Bears in the shadow of the Waynesville goal line three times before, punted from deep in his own end zone.

It was partially blocked by the hard-charging Mountaineer forward, but spun away to the Mountaineer 43.

Davis ripped off seven yards on the first play, then Womack went through the middle for two more before he was stopped by Canton's hard playing Quarterback Nicky Carter and Halfback Gene Devlin.

Carter on the next play slipped nine yards through the middle for a first down on the Canton 39.

That set the stage for the two Womack passes.

Womack shot the first to Davis, who raced 29 yards around the Canton right end before he was stopped by Moore, the last man in his path to the end zone.

Womack's next one went to Garrett, and again it was Moore, the line defender in front of the goal, who stopped the receiver after an eight-yard gain.

From there on out it was the half game in two plays.

The Black Bears rose up and snared Dewesee when he hit the line on the try for the extra point.

Carter took Buck Atkinson's short kickoff on the Canton 35 and ran it back 14 yards.

That was the last play of the game.

Only once before the final quarter did the Mountaineers threaten seriously. Through much of the first, second and third quarters, the Mountaineer forwards and backs were staging goal-line stands or stopping promising Canton drives.

Waynesville rammed down to the Canton 14 the first time the Mountaineers hauled the ball, but the Canton defense stiffened and the Black Bears took over on downs.

WCTC Stays Unbeaten; Whips ET

Western Carolina's Catamounts extended their perfect record to four straight victories by whipping a stubborn East Tennessee State College eleven, 14-0, Saturday night at Johnson City.

The win, engineered by the Catamounts' powerful fullback Ralph McConnell, and Tailback Pee Wee Hamilton, spoiled the Tennessee's homecoming day program.

McConnell rammed over for both Catamount touchdowns, scoring the first in the opening period and the other in the third frame.

Guard Ralph Clark kicked both conversions.

The Catamounts and Guilford's Quakers, who took an easy 36-12 victory over Randolph-Macon, are the only North State Conference teams with perfect records as the season approaches the halfway mark.

East Carolina's Pirates, who meet Western Carolina's loop leaders in a conference clash next Saturday night at Canton's Black Bear Memorial Stadium, fell before Elon's power, 33-7.

Appalachian State, victim to Guilford and Western Carolina, knocked Lenoir-Rhyne's Bears out of the race, 19-6, last weekend. Western Carolina will meet the Bears October 22 in the Catamounts' final conference test.

Western Carolina, Catawba, and Guilford are still unbeaten in conference play. Catawba has met only one conference opponent, while Guilford and WCTC, sharing the top spot, have come through two with victories.

stopped cold, and on the fourth down he was halted only a half yard from the Mountaineer goal line.

Seconds later, the Bears were again less than 20 yards from a touchdown.

After Davis' punt went out on the Waynesville 38, the Mountaineers drew a 15-yard penalty for a personal foul.

But then Setzer tossed Moore for a two-yard loss, and Moore's next three passes fell incomplete, largely because of Kuykendall's defensive work.

Then the Mountaineers started their second serious threat of the game. They drove the hard way, prying out three to six yards a try.

Davis piked up four yards around right end, with Phillips, one of Canton's many defensive stars, pulling him down from behind as he faced a clear field.

Womack made it a first down on two tries, then Whisenunt gained 11 more on two straight line smashes, carrying the Mountaineers over the midfield stripe into Canton territory for the first time since the opening period.

Davis piked up eight, then Dewesee, in for Whisenunt, drove through the middle for nine more and a first down.

Womack and Dewesee gained four yards between them, then, on the first play of the final period, Womack crashed through for six more yards.

Dewesee, Womack, Garrett, Davis and Whisenunt nibbled the Canton line for short gains that carried them to the Canton 2, where the Bears took over after their brilliant defense.

After seeing Davis carry the ball most of the time in the Mountaineers' three previous games, Waynesville fans were asking Friday night why he so rarely handled it against Canton.

They were also wondering why his punting was far off his 45-yard average for three games.

Davis sprained an ankle on the opening kickoff as he drove in with Mountaineer defenders to stop the return.

From that time until late in the third quarter, he worked on defense.

He recovered steadily through the game with relief from the bench, and was running at full speed in Waynesville's final offensive drives.

It was a bruising battle but a clean one. The officials called only five penalties in all, including two "mutual" assessments against both teams.

One of the penalties against Waynesville was for delaying the game. It came right after the Mountaineers had stopped the first Canton drive on their 3, and amounted to only one and a half yards—half the distance to the goal.

The other was for the personal foul.

Canton lost only 15 yards on penalties, for illegal use of the hands.

The mutual penalties were for off-side or backfield in motion.

The finest lineman on the field was Don Stiles, Canton's acting captain, who played tackle for all but a few minutes of the game. It was at this position that he made the All-Blue Ridge Conference honor team in 1947, playing in the backfield last season.

The whole Canton team, particularly End Johnny Phillips, Stiles, Bobby Moore, Francis Pless, Guard Jim Morgan, Rhymer, Coman, Devlin, Halfback Jim Abbott, and End Larry Scruggs, played alert, heads-up football and a brilliant defense.

Don Higgs, smiling wryly over

LOOMS LARGE IN WORLD SERIES



Taken from a unique angle, this photograph shows Joe DiMaggio, the "Yankee Clipper," looming larger than the Yankee Stadium. Joe was a vital factor in the battle with the Dodgers in the Series.

FOOTBALL SCORES

High School
Waynesville 6, Canton 0.
Greenboro 27, Asheville 12.
Andrews 0, Bryson City 0.
Tryon 13, Rutherfordton-Spartanburg 0.
Lenoir 13, Morganton 0.
Hayesville 13, Murphy 6.
Erwin-Tenn 12, Marion 7.
Hendersonville 44, Wincorff 13.
Sylva 21, Franklin 14.
Sand Hill 34, Ben Lippin 0.
Canton Midgets 19, Morganton Midgets 0.
Billmore 19, Christ School 13.
Brevard 13, A-High School 7.
Riverdale (Ga.) 19, Blue Ridge 0.
College
Western Carolina 14, East Tennessee 0.
North Carolina 23, South Carolina 14.
Davidson 20, N. C. State 14.
Navy 28, Duke 14.
WCTC Jayvees 13, Mars Hill 6.
Georgetown 12, Wake Forest 6.
Tennessee 39, Chattanooga 7.
Mississippi State 7, Clemson 7.
Appalachian 19, Lenoir-Rhyne 6.
Elon 33, East Carolina 7.
Army 21, Michigan 7.
Notre Dame 35, Purdue 12.

The new \$3,000,000 planetarium at Chapel Hill, sixth to be built in America, is the only one in the world located in a village.

WTHS, Canton Bands Give Fine Performances

The Canton and Waynesville Township High School bands maneuvering on the field before the game and between the halves under the full moon Friday night made the 40th meeting of the two schools on the gridiron one of the most colorful of the 27-year-old series.

But even before the two bands sounded the preliminaries to the kickoff, the 4000 fans got a preview of the Canton Black Bears of ten years' from now.

Two teams of Champion YMCA's Gray Junior substitutes took the field about an hour before game time and went through a spirited routine that had all the vigor and enthusiasm, though not the polish, of the later battle.

The opposing teams, coached by Athletic Director Jack Justice of Champion Y and German (Nazi) Miller, Champion softball star, were made up of boys six to 12 years of age and weighing an average 60 pounds each.

The youngsters took their bruises, shook them off, and piled back into the fray, giving a forecast of the teams the Haywood fans will see in the Black Bear Stadium in the not-too-distant future.

After the juniors left the field, the Waynesville and Canton bands appeared to signal the approach of kickoff time.

The musicians from the two schools marched in formation together onto the field with a color guard bearing the nation's flag and the banners of Canton and Waynesville High.

Then, as the crowd rose in a body, they played the National Anthem.

Between the halves, the Waynesville musicians, 70 strong, were given the field first by the host band and marched and played through intricate formations.

They formed a huge moving pinwheel in the middle of the field, then followed it up by marching into the formation of a giant C. The lights went out on the field, and only the tiny red lights on the bandsmen's shoulders, illuminated the "C" as they serenaded the Canton supporters.

Then, after the lights were turned on again, they marched to the opposite side of the field, formed the letters "W H L" and saluted the Waynesville fans.

After they left, the Canton band, led by the school sponsors, marched onto the gridiron.

Wearing corsages were Miss Donna Robeson, sponsor for the Canton High School band, Miss Glenna Warren, sponsor of the Canton football squad, Miss Rose Ann Duckett, sponsor for the Canton student council, and Miss Carolyn McElrath, sponsor for "Bear Tracks," the Canton High School newspaper.

Later, the Canton musicians formed a giant five-string banjo and, as they played "Are You From Dixie," two little drum majorettes went through a series of front and back hand-prints and rolls together.

The band then formed a huge "W" and serenaded the Waynesville spectators just as the teams appeared on the field again.



Grid Winners

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Features Sports Editor

Officially this week-end is regarded in the big one of the football season. That's the baseball season and the World Series are out of the liner on any one big game. There are so

Nine will be the Northwestern-Michigan test, to help end Michigan's reign in the conference, Minnesota is the selection over Ohio State

game in this section pits Tulane, a southern Notre Dame, possibly the No. 1 team in the country. Notre Dame should top the

traditional games but the action seems one-up over Harvard, Penn the victor over Columbia.

features is the North Carolina-Wake Forest North Carolina is the choice in a tight battle, two conference battles. Texas is picked over Methodist, led by Doak Walker, is likely to feature in the far west is the annual California game. Cal is picked and probably will do better last fall.

own. State. G. Washington over VPI. Virginia to beat Wash. & Lee. Georgia Tech over Auburn. Vanderbilt to crush Florida. VMI to rout Richmond.

SOUTHWEST Baylor to trim Texas Tech. TCU to crush Texas Aggies.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN Oregon over Colorado. Utah State over Wyoming.

FAR WEST Washington State to beat Idaho. Idaho State over Montana State. Stanford to trounce Washington. Oregon State over Montana. UCLA to top Santa Clara.

WTHS Juniors To Open Here Wednesday

Waynesville High School's big but inexperienced junior varsity gridlers will open their 1949 season at 3 P. M. Wednesday against the Christ School Juniors at the Waynesville stadium.

Assistant Coaches Carl Ratcliffe and Marshall Teague, who have been drilling the boys since school opened in late August, report that virtually the entire squad is made up of ninth graders who have never played anything more than sand lot football before.

The junior Mountaineers range between 120 and 145 pounds, averaging about 135 each.

The coaching staff expressed satisfaction over the boys' physical proportions, indicating that they make potent material for future Mountaineer regulars.

The spectators at the Wednesday afternoon game may get an idea of who will play in the regular Mountaineers backfield and line a couple of seasons hence.

WANTS BACK IN TRIBE

LANDER, Wyo. (UP)—The great-granddaughter of Sacajawea, Indian woman guide for the Lewis and Clark expedition, has applied for reinstatement to the Shoshone Indian tribe. She is Mrs. Margaret Eastman of Lander, who was on the rolls of the tribe for some years and then was dropped.

The Cherokees of North Carolina do not know what the name of their tribe means. They call themselves "Ani-Yunwiwa" or "real people."

The coach sent the 25 players in uniform through a rough 90-minute scrimmage Friday in an effort to polish up the fundamentals.

After the session, he said the boys were still slow on their blocking and tackling.

These mistakes of inexperience—which are often made by veteran players—the coach hopes will work out in time.

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