

Fines Creek Girls Capture Asheville Tournament Crown

Edge Nantahala, 35-30, In Finals Saturday Night

A few hours before the Fines Creek girls went into the finals of the Asheville Tournament of Champions Saturday night, one of the teachers at the school declared: "We'll win this one. Nantahala plays the same kind of ball we do. It will be a tough one, but we'll win it."

"Valley Springs would have been tougher. They play a different kind of basketball."

That was the morning after Nantahala had upset the Buncombe County champion Valley Springs girls, who were favored to take the tournament crown; and after the Fines Creek girls had squeezed by tough Mars Hill.

On Saturday night, the smooth-passing Haywood County ladies made the teacher's forecast correct. They brought home their second and championship of the season, exactly seven nights after they had picked up the Mars Hill High School Tournament trophy.

As teacher said, winning the Asheville event was a tough job; the final—Fines Creek 35, Nantahala 30.

The hard-playing Nantahala girls held Edith Rathbone to 11 points; about a half dozen under her season's average.

But Regina Ferguson scored 17. Betty Joe Russell a half dozen to provide the rest of the scoring punch.

Regina's total gave her individual honors for the championship game.

The two teams through the entire game gave the fans an idea of the sort of basketball they play in the Smokies.

For the first four minutes of the ball game, they were in and out of a deadlock.

Then Fines Creek gained a three-point lead, and that is about the way it went the rest of the contest.

A minute before intermission the Nantahala girls pulled up to 15-14. But then Fines Creek widened the gap again to hold a 29-14 advantage when the horn blew ending the first half.

After intermission, the girls picked up right where they left off and started matching points again.

Nantahala closed it to 33-30 three minutes from the end, but then Merrill Ferguson and Miss Rathbone led it with a pair of perfect charity tosses.

Fundamentally, the Fines Creek girls had no stars. From the standpoint of individual scoring, it was Regina. But if it hadn't been her it would have been someone else.

Merrill played her customary role of chief reserve forward with her customary finesse, and Fines Creek's starting guard trio—Christine and Frona Ledford, and Cernie Ferguson—played virtually a flawless game.

After breezing through their first game of the tournament, Mrs. Margaret Carpenter's girls had to earn their second trophy the hard way.

The Mars Hill girls succumbed to the Fines Creek efficiency only after four full quarters and an overtime period, 46-42.

As a matter of fact, only a quick basket by Regina less than 30 seconds from the end of the regulation period saved the Haywood County girls for greater things.

It was tied up at 38-38 with that 30 seconds to go when Mars Hill's Evelyn Fender sank a field goal.

But then Regina came through just in time to tie it up at 40-40 and send the game into the title-saving extra session.

Carol Ponder put Mars Hill ahead again with a field goal right after the overtime ended.

But then Edith Rathbone tied it up with one shot from the floor and then put the Fines Creek girls ahead to stay with another seconds after that.

Regina clinched it with a good

Waynesville Girls To Defend Enka Title

Locals To Meet Flat Creek In First Test Tuesday

Waynesville's girls will open defense of their Enka Invitational basketball title Tuesday afternoon at the Enka gym.

The lady Mountaineers, who've so far successfully defended two of the three championships they won last year, will play their first-round game against the Flat Creek girls.

The contest is scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m., opening the second day of play.

The Waynesville girls and the Canton boys are seeded first in their respective divisions.

The Black Bears, winners of the Canton Gold Medal Tournament and runners-up for the Blue Ridge Conference crown, will play Crabtree at 4:30 p.m. Monday, the opening day of the Enka event.

The Waynesville boys will make their first bid for the Enka title Tuesday afternoon against Edneyville at 4:30 o'clock.

The strong Clyde girls and the Barnardsville Sextet will open the tournament in their contest at 1:30 p.m. Monday.

The powerful Mars Hill boys face Clyde's quintet in the second game.

After that, the Flat Rock Girls meet the Mars Hill sextet, Black Mountain and Biltmore tangle in another girls' game, the Candler boys play Valley Springs, the Sand Hill girls meet Crabtree, and the Black Mountain boys play Grace, in that order.

The Black Mountain-Biltmore game will be the first of the Monday evening contests.

Other first-round games set for

Junior 4-H Tourney To Open Today

Haywood County's Junior 4-H Clubbers will start competing this afternoon in their 1950 basketball tournament.

The Waynesville Junior 4-H girls will meet the Canton Junior sextet at 2 P. M. to open the event which will be staged in the gym of the Champion YMCA.

The Fines Creek girls and the North Canton boys will be the defending champions.

But neither will have any resemblance to the 1949 teams that took the title.

Like the rest of the teams in the event, virtually every first stringer will be a newcomer, since the boys and girls who played the 1949 event have gone into their school's senior clubs.

The Junior Clubbers are made up of elementary grade students.

The boys' competition will open at 3 P. M. Monday in the contest between the Waynesville and Canton quintets.

The quarterfinals are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, with the semifinals set for Saturday night.

The championship contests will be reeled off on Monday afternoon, starting at 3 o'clock.

The pairings, announced by Assistant County Agent Joe Cline, county 4-H Club work leader, are as follows:

MONDAY
 2 P. M.—Waynesville vs Canton (girls)
 3 P. M.—Waynesville vs Canton (boys)
 4 P. M.—East Waynesville vs Morning Star (girls)
 5 P. M.—East Waynesville vs Morning Star (boys)

TUESDAY
 2 P. M. and 3 P. M.—Lake Junaluska vs Cruso, girls' game first, boys' next
 4 P. M. and 5 P. M.—Patton vs Fines Creek (girls first)
WEDNESDAY
 2 P. M. and 3 P. M.—Penn Ave. vs Clyde (girls first)
 4 P. M. and 5 P. M.—Bethel vs North Canton (girls first)

THURSDAY
 2 P. M. and 3 P. M.—Beaverdam vs Crabtree (girls first)
 4 P. M.—Quarterfinals; winner Waynesville-Canton girls vs winner E. Waynesville-Morning Star.
 5 P. M.—Quarterfinals—Boys' winners from same groups.

FRIDAY
 2 P. M.—Quarterfinals—winner Junaluska-Cruso girls vs winner Patton-Fines Creek girls.
 3 P. M.—Winners boys' in same groups.
 4 P. M.—winner Penn. Ave.—Clyde girls vs winner Bethel—N. Canton.
 5 P. M.—boys' winners in same groups.

SATURDAY
 Semifinals games at 2, 3, 4, and 5 P. M.
 Monday, March 20—Finals, 2 P. M. and 3 P. M.

North Carolinians With Red Sox



Tom Wright (left), an outfielder, and Bob Gillespie, a pitcher, both Boston Red Sox rookies, watch teammates practice in spring camp at Sarasota, Fla. Wright, who lives in Shelby, had a .368 batting average last season with the Louisville Colohels and won the batting title in the American Association. Gillespie lives in Winston-Salem. A right hander, he won 17 games and lost 13 last year with Sacramento in the Pacific Coast League. (AP Photo.)

600 Trout Put In Streams As Stocking Job Starts

Game officials and members of the Haywood County Wildlife Club yesterday morning quietly started preparing for the opening of the trout season April 15.

Seven clubmen, with County Game and Fish Protector C. W. Ormand and Deputy Warden Williams of Canton, put 500 new trout ranging from seven to 12 inches in Haywood's streams.

This morning, 300 more springling in galvanized iron barrels left Tom Campbell's Gulf Service Station on their way to the streams.

By the end of the day, 500 others will have joined them.

Ormand said the fish which will be put out today and those sent out yesterday will be "evenly distributed through all of the county's streams."

By the time the trout season opens, the streams will be stocked with up to 3,000 trout.

The game officials, assisted by the club members, will re-stock the streams again in July, which will be roughly the half-way mark of the season.

Threatening weather prevented the start of this re-stocking job from being greater.

The 300 rainbow, brook, and brown trout were the first of several thousand from the State Hatchery at Balsam that eventually will go into the county's fishing waters.

The officials and sportsmen started work early yesterday morning after receiving the fish from Robert Gillett of the Hatchery.

On the job with the game officials were Hub Burnette, Jr., Ernest Duval, Lloyd Blanton, Junior Easley, Ralph Calhoun, and Bill Hollingsworth.

Campbell, president of the Haywood County Wildlife Club; his father, Tom Campbell, Sr., Ormand Gillett, H. J. Jenkins, Dan Carver, and Ernest Duval continued the work this morning.

Ladies Loop Leaders Stay Undefeated

The Independents won three games from the Southern Bell team while the Welco No. 2 team won two games and dropped one to the Welco No. 1 team.

Jean Sparks (Welco No. 1) had the high individual game for the evening with a neat 174. Mohela Medford had second high game with 148, while Dorothy Phillips (Welco No. 2) was close behind with a 144. Mohela Medford (Ind.) had the high three games series with games of 140-136-148 for a total of 424 pins. Jean Sparks had second high series with games of 106-174-127 for a total of 407 pins.

The Independents had the high team series of 728-750-713 for a total of 2189, just 12 pins short of the season's record set by Welco No. 2 two weeks ago. Welco No. 2 had second high series with 708-691-727 for a total of 2126 pins, and Welco No. 1 had a total of 2102 pins.

The standings:

Team	W	L	Net
Independents	6	0	1,000
Welco No. 2	4	2	667
Welco No. 1	1	5	166
Southern Bell	1	5	166

Schedule Monday, Mar. 13th
 Southern Bell vs Welco No. 1
 Independents vs Welco No. 2

Cage Loop Event Set For Canton

The boys of the Haywood County Basketball League wind up their regular schedule this week but the tournament that draws the curtain on the Independents' season is still ahead.

Play will open Tuesday night at the Champion YMCA gym, and the Canton VFW will meet Dayton in the curtain-raiser at 6:30 p.m.

Underwood's of Waynesville and the Clyde boys will take the floor at 7:30 in the second game.

After that, Buchanan's, current second-half season leader, will meet Candler at 8:30 p.m. in the nightcap.

Crabtree, the first-half leaders, went all the way into the semifinals on a bye.

They'll meet the winner of the Clyde-Underwood's contest, and the winner of the Buchanan's-Candler tussel will play the winner of the VFW-Dayton scrap in the Wednesday night semi-finals.

Junaluska Cage Teams Win Twin Bill From S. Clyde

By MRS. HURST BURGIN
 (Mountaineer Correspondent)

Lake Junaluska's Community Development cagers polished their preparations for the county-wide tournament by sweeping both ends of a doubleheader from the South Clyde boys and girls Friday night.

The contests drew a large crowd to the Clyde gym.

Willie McCracken led the visiting girls to a 34-15 triumph in the opener.

Then Forwards Carl Presnell and Wallace Carswell, and Center Gene Yarborough paced the Junaluska boys to the 43-28 verdict that made it a perfect evening for the guests.

Miss Justice was the big gun in the South Clyde Sextet's efforts as she sank nine points.

However, the ladies of the Lake guarded too closely for her fellow forwards to give her adequate support.

In the boys' game, Hardin led the South Clyde cagers with 14 points, while Presnell's 17 for Junaluska took individual honors.

Tuesday after the Waynesville-Flat Creek tussle:
 2:30 p.m.—West Buncombe boys vs Etowah; 3:30 p.m.—Edneyville girls vs Red Oak; 4:30—Waynesville boys vs Edneyville;
 7 p.m.—Leicester girls vs Bethel; 8 p.m.—Sand Hill boys vs Barnardsville; 9 p.m.—Candler girls vs Valley Springs; and 10 p.m.—Biltmore vs Weaverville.

GIRLS
 L. Junaluska (34) S. Clyde (15)
 F.—H. Drake (12) .. Harding
 F.—W. McCracken (20) .. Justice (9)
 F.—V. Medford (2) .. Stamey
 G.—J. Stamey .. Medford
 G.—H. McCracken .. Allen
 G.—J. A. McCracken .. Osborne
 L. Junaluska sub: Bennie Lou Walker; Clyde sub: Rhodarme 2, Justice 2, Jackson 2, Lindsey.

BOYS
 L. Junaluska (43) S. Clyde (28)
 F.—C. Presnell (17) .. Green (7)
 F.—W. Carswell (14) .. Hardin (14)
 C.—G. Yarborough (11) .. Jackson (3)
 G.—Noland (1) .. Allen
 G.—Burgin (1) .. Medford
 Junaluska sub: Ward, Moody, Bob Presnell. Clyde sub: Shook 4, Moody.

Henry (Red) Sanders, UCLA head football coach, will start his Bruin gridgers through their spring training paces on March 15.

Cumberland Gap is at the juncture of the Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia boundaries.

Football Team For Clyde High Being Considered For 1951

Mass Meeting To Be Held Soon For Discussion Of Plans

BY JANICE CORZINE

Clyde High School Student If plans now being considered are put into effect, Clyde High School may have a football team next fall.

Heretofore, Clyde has never had a football team and whether she has one next year will be determined largely by the support given by local citizens.

Here in a nutshell are the plans. A mass meeting of students, faculty, parents, and other interested friends will be held at a very early date to discuss weys and means to equip a team.

Approximately \$1,500 will be needed to equip the team. Since there are no funds available in the school budget this money will have to be raised locally.

From all appearances the movement is gaining momentum. Many individuals have expressed themselves favorably, and it is also understood that several civic organizations are willing to lend their support.

No date has been set for the mass meeting to discuss the matter, but it is hoped that it will be soon so that preparations can then be made toward equipping the players, obtaining a coach, and getting practice sessions started.

Mrs. Levi Morgan, who is the president of the Clyde P.T.A., thinks that "football will be a grand drawing card for our school in regard to new students and in keeping the ones we already have."

"It will build school and community spirit and will create more pride in our school. Football will improve our community."

There are hopes also that after a football team is firmly established a band might be financed. Of course this is still a dream in the minds of those who are interested.

What does the student body think of the idea of a football team?

They are for it one hundred percent.

This sport would boost the school spirit and would create among the students a sense of loyalty to their school.

Good material for the team is available. The boys want it very much, and most of them would go out for it.

Grover Haynes, postmaster and prominent Clyde citizen, says that "football is a he-man's game and develops a boy physically. It will be a good thing for the school and community."

Will the citizens of Clyde be willing to give their financial support? Are they for football all the way?

Yes, for the most part, they will do anything that they can to support the cause of football.

Vanar Haynes, mayor of Clyde, states that he is "in favor of football one hundred percent."

Before basketball season begins, the "younger set" of Clyde find little entertainment in their own home town. During this time, football would offer good, wholesome entertainment for them.

According to Roy McKinnish, a merchant of Clyde, "football will help build a better school and a better community."

Of course this entire idea of an up-and-coming football team for Clyde is still just a dream; yet, with all of Clyde's citizens behind the movement with their wholehearted support, there is little doubt that some day soon the objective will be attained.

With the student body, the faculty, the parents, and other friends giving their support and co-operation to the football movement, it is entirely possible that Clyde High school will have a first rate team by next fall.

The championship match is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Wolfpack Rated Fifth In Final AP Standings

North Carolina State's Wolfpack wound up in fifth place in the final national basketball standings of the Associated Press.

Coach Everett Case's Hoosier Hotshots jumped from eighth place which they held last week to fifth as they won their fourth straight Southern Conference championship.

The West Raleigh boys, who will be the District 3 representatives in the NCAA Tournament in New York, compiled a record of 24 victories against only five defeats in their regular-season campaign, then took the Conference title with, of course, four straight victories.

In the season's final poll conducted by the press association, State was named for first place on seven ballots.

Bradley was first, Ohio State second, Kentucky third and Holy Cross fourth ahead of State.

Rounding out the nation's top ten teams, in the following order, are Duquesne, UCLA, Western Kentucky, St. John's, and LaSalle of Philadelphia.

In the second ten are Villanova, San Francisco, Long Island, Kansas State, Arizona, Wisconsin, San Jose State, Washington State, Kansas, and Indiana.

Of these teams, the Wolfpack licked St. John's, LaSalle, San Francisco, and Long Island.

Their losses were to Villanova (by a single point in an overtime contest), Michigan, William and Mary, and Duke.

With State in the lineup for the NCAA Tournament so far are Holy Cross, Ohio State, Baylor, and Brigham Young of Utah.

Villanova will be selected if it complies with the NCAA sanity code rules.

Another berth will be filled by the winner of the playoff between Bradley and the Big Seven champion which will be determined in a tournament opening March 20 at Kansas City.

The lineup will be completed by

Milner Tells Hazelwood Club Of Baseball Team Plans

The members of the Hazelwood Boosters Club last Thursday offered their tacit cooperation to the efforts to organize a Hazelwood County American Legion baseball team.

After Bill Milner, chairman of the Hazelwood Legion Baseball committee, told the members of the club the plans for the team and the benefits that it would bring to both the boys and the club, the President Ralph Carstairs chimed in to the club's standing ball committee.

Milner, former Duke athlete now earns his keep playing for the Chicago Bears, cited report showing crime is on the increase and declared that the American Legion Junior League teams have been organized to help delinquency has dropped.

He declared that the organization of a Hazelwood County team would benefit the boys physically, and also develop in them a sense of responsibility to their community.

County Legion Groups To Report On Baseball Play

Members of the baseball committees of Hazelwood County American Legion will meet jointly Wednesday night to make reports on the progress of a county Junior baseball team.

The reports will be submitted at the regular semi-monthly session of Waynesville's Post 47.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 P. M. in the Legion room on the second floor of the old Citizens Bank Building.

The winner of the playoff between UCLA and Washington State will probably win the berth to a group including Princeton, Duke, LaSalle, Niagara, John's, and City College of New York.

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