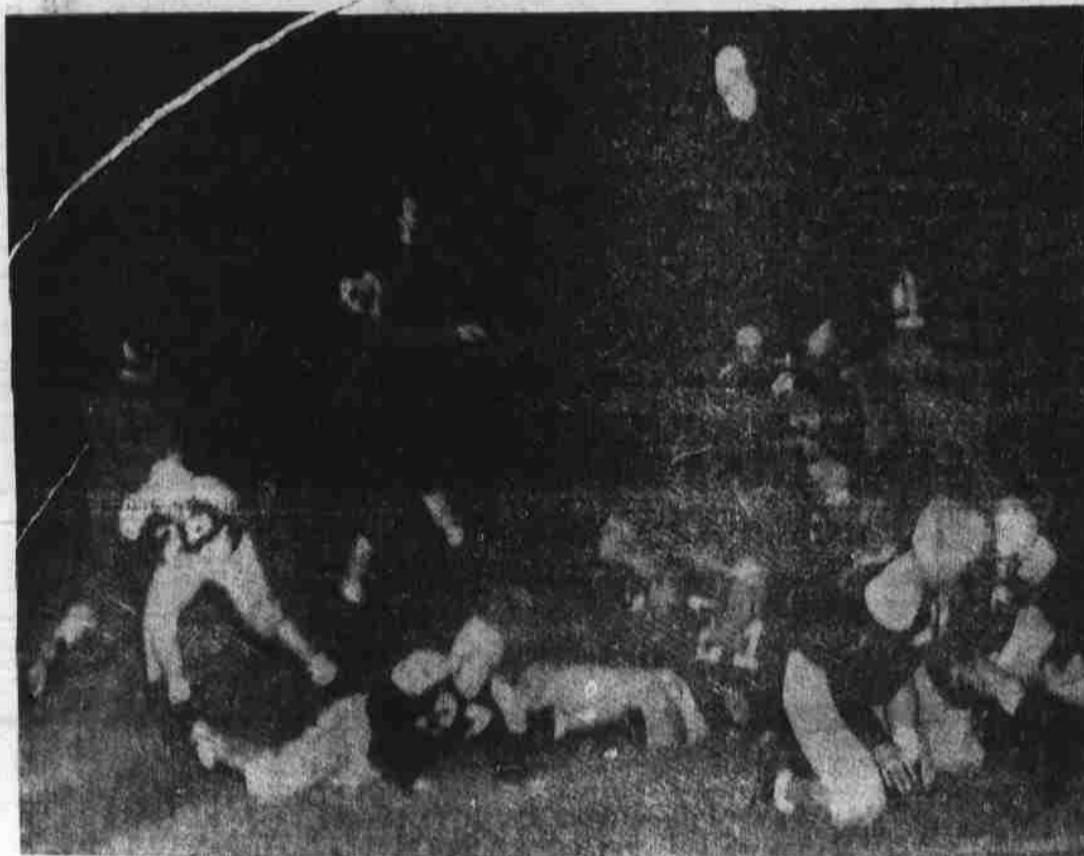


Mountaineers Defeat Canton By 2 Points

One Of Waynesville's Two Winning Points



Long Passes And Runs Feature Game

The Mountaineers won the first Canton-Waynesville game of the season Friday night as the newly-educated toes of Beauford Gilliland provided the winning margin in a wide-open battle in Canton's Memorial Stadium. It was a non-conference game.

More than 5,000 fans crowded in to see the 44th renewal of the series and watch "Chuckling Charlie" Carpenter's long passes compete with an 88-yard kickoff return by J. C. Deweese for thrills and scores. After a 26-point spurge in the final quarter, the dust settled with Waynesville ahead 27 to 25.

Canton made use of the time-worn "sleeper" play, and proved its effectiveness by scoring two touchdowns with it. The passing arm of Carpenter was a constant threat that caused the Mountaineers to use a zone defense instead of their usual man to man. Defense was not too conspicuous due to the many scores, but both teams were strongly resisting. Waynesville, for example, was unable to make a first down on the ground during the entire first quarter, and made only one during the second.

The game was less than three minutes old when the hard charging Mountaineer line won their first break. Deweese recovered a fumble on the Canton 2, and then after two plays, tossed a pass to Teddy Owens who galloped the entire distance. Then Gilliland, who began kicking extra points in practice only the previous Wednesday, booted it over as perfectly as if he

had been doing it for years. It was the first time this season that Waynesville has attempted to kick an extra point.

The game sagged back and forth for the rest of the quarter. Deweese blocked a punt, then later attempted a lateral that flopped. Reverses and double reverses added excitement; Kelley, for the Mountaineers, played a beautiful game then and later in breaking them up. The Black Bears employed a quick kick several times in the game, but an offside penalty brought the one back to be kicked over in the first quarter.

The second quarter began with Canton holding the ball on the fifty. It was then that Carpenter opened up. Gibson broke up his first attempt, but in rapid succession he tossed one to Stamey on the 25 and another to Cabe for the score. The plunge for the extra point failed, and the score was to remain 7 and 6 for the remainder of the half.

One thrilling moment came when Harold McClure threw Carpenter back to the 6-yard line as he attempted another pass. Morgan then had his kick partially blocked on the Canton 31, and the Mountaineers were threatening as the half ended.

During the interval a very impressive program was put on by the combined Canton and Waynesville bands. The Crusade for Freedom was the theme, and formations included a radio tower, an Iron Curtain, and a Freedom Bell.

Early in the third quarter, a determined Canton team, aided by a quick kick, a 15 yard penalty, and a recovered lateral, moved into scoring position. A pass from Carpenter to Hardin made it first down on the Waynesville eight, and three short passes involving the

Canton Runner Surrounded By Mountaineer Tacklers



In the fourth quarter, Smathers, of Canton, found himself completely surrounded by Mountaineer tacklers. No. 39, Ash; 41, 25, J. Davis; 21, Kelley, and 32, far end, C. Swanger. (Teague-Hawk ins Photo, Canton).

STATISTICS

	C	W
First downs	13	6
Yards Gained Rushing	61	67
Passes Attempted	23	5
Passes Completed	11	4
Yards Gained Passing	225	51
Passed Intercepted by	0	2
Yds. Gained Interception	0	49
Punting Average	38	35
Yds. Kicks Returned	82	189
Opp. Fumbles Recovered	1	2
Yds. lost penalties	14	65
Scoring:		
CANTON	0	6
WAYNESVILLE	7	0

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Sidelights Of The Game

Bad news for a lot of faithful fans is the fact that for the first time in the series the Thanksgiving game will be the conference battle. Thus, while the victory of the Mountaineers gave a lot of satisfaction to a lot of people, it did not contribute toward the Blue Ridge championship. The Mountaineers will have to win again. It did seem a bit unjust that the first of a two game series should be the deciding one, and Coach Weatherby agrees.

Officials at the game were trying to control the clock from the field by means of a Walkie-Talkie. After a few minutes, however, they gave up and announced that the clock was no longer the official time. At the end of the game the clock was only two seconds off the stopwatches, however.

The toss of the coin at the beginning of the game was certainly well recorded. At least five cameramen—only three had cameras—were on the field "shooting" as the coin spun upwards.

Crowd almost went crazy on the "sleeper" plays. Folks rooting for the Mountaineers were trying to warn them while the Bear fans were trying to drown out the warning. Quite a racket resulted.

Don't understand why anyone could've worried about a broadcast cutting down attendance. At least 5,000 people packed the stands, the end zones, every foot of space in fact. The PA system was kept busy asking folks to stay five yards clear of the sidelines.

The Mountaineers had not tried to kick an extra point all season long, and they had not made too many by plunges. But suddenly Gilliland started kicking them and

got three out of four. Cars were lined almost bumper to bumper for most of the 12 miles from Waynesville to Canton as almost everyone decided to get there early. It was even worse on the return trip as everyone decided to get home at the same time. Crowd got quite a kick out of the second long run of J. C. Deweese. He picked up a fumbled ball and ran about ninety yards while the crowd laughed and no one pursued. Everybody thought it funny that they should know the whistle had blown while Deweese didn't. But Deweese was doing the right thing. He figured that there might be a penalty against Canton in which case the Mountaineers would've had a choice. Anyway, a player has to be taught to react

First Break For Waynesville



Co-Captain J. C. Deweese won the toss, at the start of the Waynesville-Canton game before 5000 fans Friday night. Referee Woody Griffin is shown indicating the winner of the toss. Co-Captain Scratch Inman is right behind the referee. (Staff Photo).

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