

Mountaineers To Face Fast And Tricky Bearcats



ROY HARGOVE, one of the two punters of the Bethel Blue Demons, is shown getting off a good kick. This afternoon the Blue Demons are playing the Clyde Cardinals on the Bethel field. (Mountaineer Photo).

Down The SPORTS TRAIL

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Local Football Pattern

Knapping Up Like Last Year

A little study and comparison of the 1952 and 1953 football picture here in Western Carolina shows much similarity. It can also point out to some teams grave mistakes of last year which might be avoided this year of the 52 errors are carefully sidestepped.

Last season at this time, the Brevard Blue Devils were sitting on top of the gridiron world.

They were host to the Canton Black Bears, and set the reins back by the unbelievable score of 22 to 0.

Then there was a breather for the Blue Devils, as the annual Waynesville-Canton game was played. In the first game, Canton came out on top of a 7-6 score.

The results of the Waynesville-Canton game had a remarkable effect upon Brevard. They figured it this way: "We beat Canton, and Canton beat Waynesville, so that means another victory for us when we play Waynesville."

Working under that attitude, the Blue Devils came here to collect their pre-determined victory. But the Mountaineers had other ideas. The Blue Devils went home carrying the end of a 20 to 6 score.

Now bring the comparison up to date.

The Brevard Blue Devils, 1952 champions of the Blue Conference, started off this season like a house on fire. They were rated as almost even-steven with Canton, when the game was over the scoreboard showed 33 for Brevard and 7 for Canton.

Right after that Waynesville and Canton met. The Mountaineers were slated for about a 14-point licking, but they rolled on to a scoreless tie.

Today, Waynesville is right where Brevard was in the same position last year. Some Mountaineers might be thinking: "We tied Canton, and Canton gave Brevard a whale of a licking, and Brevard beat Hendersonville. On paper that makes us better than both Hendersonville and Brevard."

Such a feeling, and such an attitude will put the Mountaineers in the same position the defeated Blue Devils were in last October when they went back across Pisgah completely checked.

The Hendersonville Bearcats would rather take one more game here Friday night than any game on their schedule of 65 men on the roster, with only four lettermen lost last year. Coach Tate has a fast, tricky, and spirited team. They have come a long way in the last two games, and their new formations are resulting in scores and victories.

It would be a grave mistake for the Mountaineers to underestimate the ability of the Bearcats.

And for the Brevard game, just remember, the Blue Devils were pretty upset last year after losing to Waynesville. They haven't forgotten, and as they lost just two of their men from the backfield at graduation time, the others are still in there, working and working hard for revenge of the Mountaineers have the ability to score a victory over Brevard, provided they do not try to substitute over-confidence for ability.

Largest Of Them All

Sports writers can begin now on their lead paragraphs of the Canton-Waynesville football game to be played here Friday night, by saying:

"The largest crowd in Haywood football history, etc. scores of people who seldom attend games say 'this is the best I must see.' And on top of that, all regular fans will be there long before kickoff time."

Hendersonville Team Best In Number Seasons

KICK-OFF AT 7:30

The veteran coach of a perennially strong football team once explained his success this way:

"We play our schedule one game at a time. And we regard each game as if it were 'the big one'."

Last week's tussle with Canton was one of the "big" ones for Hendersonville, and the upcoming encounter with the Black Bears on Thanksgiving will be another one. But the fact remains that the Mountaineers have some other business on their pigskin agenda between now and Thanksgiving and none of the games appear to be in the "breather" class.

After playing out of this world against Canton, Coach Weatherby's boys probably will come back to earth against Hendersonville here Friday night—and they could have a crash landing unless they're careful.

Week after week, high school and college teams pull upsets against supposedly stronger teams and then, on the following week, comes the inevitable letdown and they bite the dust.

Hendersonville started off slower than mountain molasses this season in losing to Bethel 7-6 and Brevard 21-7. But then the Bearcats got the lead out and rolled over Greer, S. C., 13 to 7, and Sand Hill, 31-31. Sand Hill, in case you've forgotten, held Brevard to a scoreless tie.

There's no doubt that the Hendersonville gridders will be pointing for the Mountaineers—to gain revenge for last year's 31-0 wallop and a few other indignities they've suffered in past years.

For proof, here's the way the "enemy" (quoted from Bob Collins' story in the Hendersonville Times-News) looks at the game:

"Let's Beat Waynesville!"

"That was the battle cry of the Hendersonville Bearcats as they began preparing Monday for the Waynesville Mountaineers with whom they will clash Friday night at Waynesville in continuation of the 26-year-old rivalry.

"If the Cats can continue their winning streak by taking the tough Mountaineers, the season can be considered 'made' for coaches Bob Tate and Jim McCormick and their gridders.

"The Cats opened their sessions this week with stress being placed on blocking, tackling and signal drills. They will continue for the remainder of drill periods prior to the game with the same formula and including defense and offensive maneuvers and kickoff returns and kickoff covering.

"The Bearcat-Mountaineer rivalry started 26 years ago in 1927 when the Haywood county lads shut out the locals 19-0. In 1928 the Bearcats shut out the Mountaineers 13-0 but Waynesville took a 6-0 decision in 1929. The 1930 team rolled to a 19-0 victory over Waynesville but in 1931 the Mountaineers trounced Hendersonville 67-6 in one of the worst defeats

of the series.

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Blue Ridge Conference To Enter State Program

Representatives of the Blue Ridge Conference, 14-school Western North Carolina circuit, voted last night to enter teams in the State football and baseball play-offs in 1954.

This action came after a special meeting with L. J. (Hap) Perry, executive secretary of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, at Sand Hill High. Perry came here along with J. L. Pierce, health and physical education consultant for the State Board of Public Instruction, as a result of a Blue Ridge meeting several weeks ago in which representatives complained the "State Association did not supply adequate data on postseason football games.

Heretofore WNC teams have never entered in State football or baseball play-offs although several teams have participated in postseason basketball tournaments.

Perry said, "We have long hoped for some interest and cooperation from Western North Carolina coaches in the State setup."

He explained that the main bar to WNC participation in State football and baseball play in the past has been the late-running schedules of the teams.

Others have failed to pay their State dues, he added.

One of the conflicts would be the annual Canton-Waynesville game which is played on Thanksgiving. In order to participate in state play-offs, a school must complete their regular schedule not later than the second week of November. This would not be possible under the present schedule of the Thanksgiving game between Waynesville and Canton.

Blue Ridge officials were unable to arrange for a representative to enter this year's football play-off since dates and locations for the various district events already

Cardinals Battle Bethel In First Of Two Games

Although the county is still reverberating from the effects of last week's battle between Waynesville and Canton, the feuding and fighting broke out again this afternoon between Haywood's other two gridiron clans — Clyde and Bethel.

As the Mountaineer went to press this afternoon the Cardinals and Blue Demons were preparing to meet in the Demons backyard as the teams clashed in the first of their two-game series. They'll have another reunion later in Clyde.

Bethel, who holds victories over a strong Hendersonville team and Christ School, is a solid favorite to repulse the Clyde invasion. Bethel has a strong line and a set of powerful backs.

Clyde, still looking for its first win of the season, hopes to pull an upset and overpower the Demons. The Cardinals, after trailing 20-0 at the half against Sylva last Friday, came back strong in the second half and fought the Golden Hurricane on even terms until Sylva pushed over a final touchdown late in the game.

suffered by the Cats.

The next six years saw Waynesville knock off the Cats. They won 20-0 in 1932; 7-6 in 1933; 45-0 in 1934; 19-6 in 1935; 20-7 in 1936 and 19-0 in 1937. In 1938 the Bearcats started a win streak against the Mountaineers which lasted only two years as they won 7-2 and 13-7 in 1939. Since that time Waynesville has been beaten only once by the Bearcats.

"That was in 1945 when Mac Bowman scored three times to give the Cats an 18-7 victory and their last win over the Mountaineers. Hendersonville lost 29-0 in 1946; 28-0 in 1947; 12-6 in 1948; 28-20 in 1949; 26-6 in 1950; 32-13 in 1951 and 31-0 last year.

"The overall record is much in favor of the Carlton Weatherby coached gridders with 21 victories in 26 outings with Hendersonville. They have outscored the Cats 588 to 146.

"However, this record does not impress the Bearcats this year. They are showing a lot of spirit and determination in the practice sessions and will go all out to halt the Mountaineer win streak of seven games against them.

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Two Grid Games In Haywood This Thursday-Friday

Haywood will be the scene of two football games this week end, as Clyde and Bethel meet Thursday afternoon on the newly built Bethel field, and the Waynesville-Hendersonville game Friday night on the local field.

The game here Friday night is rated as one of the best in the western part of the state among high schools for the week end.

Canton moves onto the Asheville School for Boys field Saturday afternoon, while Brevard will go to Arden to meet the Christ School Greenies Friday afternoon. Franklin will be host to the Sylva Golden Hurricanes, while Mars Hill goes to Sand Hill in Friday night contests. Bryson City will be at home to Murphy.

Eight North American animals hibernate during the winter months the jumping mouse, badger, bat, gopher, woodchuck, chipmunk, raccoon and bear.

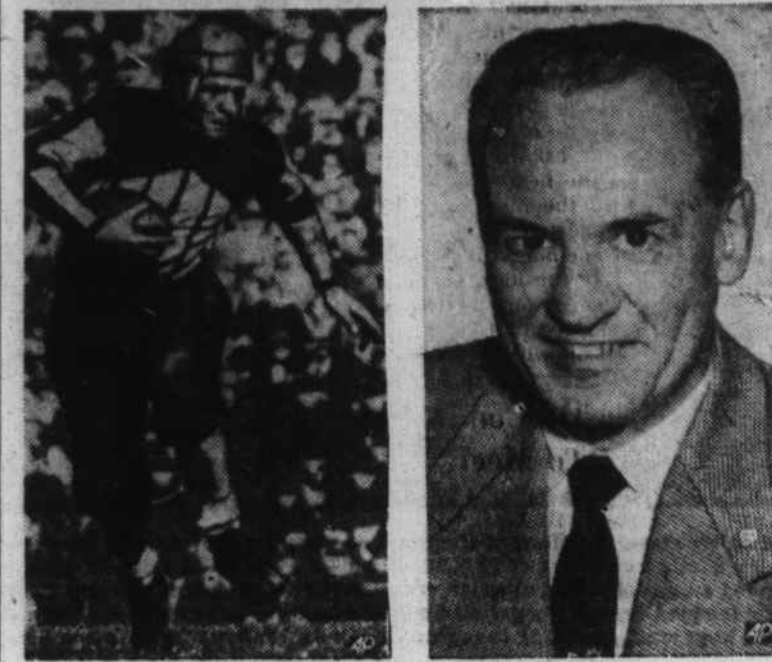
have been set. Also, to enter in the playoff a team must complete its regular schedule by the second week in November.

Perry indicated that either the State Class A or AA basketball tournament could be held in this area if sufficient interest exists.

Don Hipps, Canton, is president, and C. C. Poindexter of Bethel, is secretary-treasurer.

Blue Ridge Conference members are Bethel, Asheville School, Canton, Brevard, Biltmore, Sand Hill, Hendersonville, Mars Hill, Waynesville, Marshall, Tryon, Ben Lenoir, Christ School and Swannanoa.

Grange Asserts Football Teaches Youths Discipline



RED GRANGE—THEN AND NOW—It was 29 years ago that No. 77 became known as the "Galloping Ghost" following a 95-yard touchdown run on the opening kick for Illinois against Michigan. Today, at 50, Grange is in the insurance business in Chicago.

BY HAROLD (RED) GRANGE (Written for AP Newsfeatures)

Football is a great American game because it teaches a boy how to win and how to lose. The discipline it teaches comes in handy after he grows to manhood and takes his place in the world.

Although I don't like good losers, I like a guy who doesn't make an issue out of losing and is ready to go out and beat the brains out of the guys on the other team the next time he's out on the field against them.

Kids should go into football or any sport early for it's there that they learn the winning spirit. They should not be forced into it. But if they want to go into sports they should be helped every way possible.

Junior football players should play under proper supervision with decent equipment, principally helmets.

I think today's football game has improved a lot. It has been

opened up with the new rules and the equipment is better. The player is about the same as he was in my day.

The one platoon system is back on the college football fields again this year and I think it's a very sensible attitude the NCAA has taken. Football was getting out of hand and the smaller schools were handicapped.

Now it will help the 400 small colleges and hurt only the 40 major schools who made hay with it when it was in effect.

I always felt a boy should play both offensive and defensive positions in football. I always played defense and the roughing I got did me some good.

Under the one-platoon system, lots of people say there will be more injuries. I think that's a lot of poppycock. In fact I think that's where the boys get injuries—going out and coming back on the field too often.

It's like Bob Zuppke, my old

Canton Juggles Lineup For Asheville Invasion

The familiar numeral "17" will be missing from Canton's lineup tomorrow night when the Black Bears invade Asheville to meet Asheville School's Blues.

Canton coaches Don Hipps and Boyd Allen have worked hard all week to plug the gap in the Bears' offense left by Charlie Carpenter, who suffered a ruptured shoulder cartilage in last week's bruising 0-0 battle with Waynesville. His place may be taken by understudy Mitchell Early, or possibly by Carpenter's younger brother, Wiley. Although Wiley has been playing defensive end, he has shown considerable promise as a ball carrier.

Although the Red and Black attack will be weakened considerably by the loss of "Chuckin' Charlie," Canton has three other good backs in burley Hugh Powell, scabback Skeeter Curtis and "Weavin' Weaver" Hipps.

Canton, saved from defeat by the Mountaineers last week only by the clock's running out as Waynesville drove to the two-yard line, will be trying to get back on the victory trail against another team who fought to a scoreless tie last week. In a rough WNC grid tilt, Asheville's Blues fought to a standoff against the Brevard Blue Devils.

Both the Bears and the Blues will be below par physically, but the traditional rivalry between

coach at the University of Illinois, says: "Now you've got to outplay 'em instead of outman 'em."

But the pros, on the other hand, benefit by the two platoon system. They pass too much to make the single platoon practical. They'd run their legs off trying to keep up with the ball. And two guys last longer on their legs than one.

I think college football coaching is going to be tougher. You are going to have to teach a boy more football. It'll slow the game but not too obviously. The players soon will learn how to pace themselves to last out the four quarters on the field.

BOWLING!

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Sims forged ahead another game to lead the Women's Bowling League, with 12 victories out of 15 games, followed by Welco for a 10 to 5 score.

The results of the game series played Tuesday night were:

Champion Y 3; Dayton 0.
Sims 2; Reliable Jewelers 1.
Howell Motor 2; Welco 1.

High Team Game

Welco 824
Howell Motor 799

High Team Series

Howell Motor 771 799 762—2332
Welco 707 824 720—2251

High Individual Game

Ila Bowen (Welco) 180
Lillian Carver (Welco) 167

High Individual Series

L. Carver (W'co) 139 167 157—463
Medford (H'w'l) 163 156 127—446

TEAM STANDINGS

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Sims 12 3
Welco 10 5
Howell Motor 7 8
Champion Y 6 9
Reliable Jewelers 5 7
Dayton 2 10

Schedule For October 13
Sims vs Welco.
Howell Motor vs Dayton
Champion Y vs Reliable Jewelers.

MT. CARMEL HIGH HELPS NOTRE DAME

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (AP) — There is a little of Mount Carmel (Chicago) High School connected with the Notre Dame football squad.

Assistant coaches Bob McBride and Terry Brennan are former Mount Carmel coaches. Squad members Dan Shannon, Tom Carey, Paul Matz, Deick Frasar and Ben Zajeski are graduates of the school.

Coach Hipps and Asheville's Hop Arbogast is expected to produce lots of gridiron fireworks.

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