

Waynesville, Bethel Again Split Double

The Sports Scene

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WTHS Mountaineers—Best In The Blue Ridge

Exhibiting the same spirit and determination that made the 1953 Waynesville football team champion of the Blue Ridge Conference, the WTHS girls basketball team has fought its way to the conference loop's pinnacle, and is now recognized as the best in the Blue Ridge.

Perhaps you can't imagine a group of pretty high school girls scrapping like Jimmy Frady, Harold McClure, Tom Cogdill or J. W. Stevens do on the gridiron, but if you had seen the Waynesville sextet against Bethel last Friday, you'd realize that the boys have no monopoly on Mountaineer spirit.

The Mountaineers were grimly determined to beat the Bethel Belles for the second time this season—and that's just what they did; although they had to battle the girls in Blue and White from the opening tipoff until the closing seconds of the game.

In the last several minutes, Peggy Edwards, Bethel's blonde bombshell, led a rally that would have defeated a weaker foe. But the Waynesville girls aren't the kind who wilt under pressure.

In addition to beating the Belles twice, the girls coached by C. E. Weatherby and Margaret Perry, hold double victories over Mars Hill, Fines Creek, Clyde, and Hendersonville, and single wins over Canton and Brevard (both of whom are to be met for the second time this week) and Crabtree-Iron Duff—the only team to conquer the Mountain Maidens.

Standout in the Waynesville lineup is six-foot forward, Linda Welch, who is responsible for much of the wear and tear on basketball nets in the Blue Ridge Conference—having poured 413 points through the hoop in 12 games for an average of 34 plus points per game.

Besides being a terror under the basket, the attractive Miss Welch is an expert foul shot. In fact, she's better on free throws than most of the boys we've seen this year.

Waynesville's other two first-string forwards—Shirley Jones and Betty Smith—also have good eyes for the basket and would score more if they took more shots. But a lot of credit must go to them for passing up opportunities to be high scorers themselves to feed the ball into Linda.

Down on the other end of the floor are three more reasons why the Waynesville girls are perched on top of the Blue Ridge Conference—guards Margaret Walker, Joyce Hamilton, and Imogene Hooper. Although they never have the chance to score themselves, this trio never lets up in its efforts to give the forwards as many shots as possible.

The Mountaineers have two games remaining on their regular season schedule—with Brevard Tuesday night and Canton Friday night—both in the WTHS gym.

The first game should not be too hard, but the clash with Canton's Lady Bears may be another thriller—just as the first one was.

However, after having climbed to the top of the conference heap, the Brown St. Belles are going to be extremely reluctant to step aside for some other team to occupy the heights.

Cage Teams Head Down Home Stretch This Week

Clyde Wins Twice Over Cherokees

Clyde went on a rampage Friday night to wallop the visiting Cherokee cagers twice. The Cardinals flew to a 65-49 victory, while the Mountaineers were racking up the Cherokee girls, 69-59.

Betty Owenby's 30 points sparked the Clyde charms, although Dixie Smith of Cherokee was high girl on the totem pole with 32 points.

In the boys' game, Frank Thompson of Clyde showed the way with 23 points. Welch marked up 12 for the Braves.

Girls' lineup:
Clyde (69)
F—Bigmeat (13) Ledford (7)
F—Smith (32) E. J. Stamey (29)
F—Littlejohn (10) Owenby (30)
G—Consen S. Stamey
G—Bradley Collins
G—Mele Crowe McCracken
Subs: Cherokee—Craig, French
2. Arch 2. Enslav, Marie Crowe,
Sennova, Clyde—Russell, Jolley 1.
Pressley 2.

Boys' lineup:
Clyde (49)
F—Welch (12) Rogers (6)
F—Hornbuckle (7) Jolley (13)
C—F. West (4) F. Thompson (23)
G—Wolfe (1) Medford (4)
G—E. Taylor (6) Fisher (5)
Subs: Cherokee—Huskey 1,
March, L. Rose 2, Wahneetah 6,
Walkinstick, Sequoyia, Lee Taylor
3. Osceola, Rattler 5. N. West 2.
Clyde—Shook, D. McCracken 2. B.
McCracken, Livingston 12.
Referees: Bumgardner and
Evans.

Golf pro Duke Alexander captained the Skio University team in 1939.

Grand Conlee Dam is 4,173 feet long and 550 feet high.

Asheville Teams Capture Women's Bowling Tourney; Vivian Gaddis Wins Singles

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Fines Creek Drops Pair To Crabtree

Crabtree-Iron Duff scored another double victory over Fines Creek Friday night, on the C-1D floor, but the visitors put up a scrap all the way. The Yellow-jackets finished in front of the Hornets, 65-54, while the Blue Eagles had to come from behind to whip the Fillies, 62-49.

Louise Presnell, with 19 points, and Jean Bradshaw, with 14, teamed up to lead the Blue Eagles to victory after trailing 21-20 at the half. Joan Ferguson was high for Fines Creek with 21.

Chief scorers for the victorious Yellowjackets were Harrison Caldwell, who tallied 20, and Johnny Crawford, with 19. Clayton Payne, however, was high man for the evening with 23 points for the Hornets.

Girls' lineup:
Fines Creek (49) Crabtree-ID (62)
F—J. Ferguson (21) Price (3)
F—C. Ferguson (14) Bradshaw (5)
F—Fore (15) Justice (10)
G—N. Price McCracken
G—Trantham James
G—Routers Sutton

Subs: Fines Creek—Ledford,
Justice 2. Davis, M. Price, Crabtree-Iron Duff—Sanford 2, Presnell 19, McElroy, Smith, Bess 2,
J. Bradshaw 14, Hoglin, Ferguson,
Crawford.

Boys' lineup:
Fines Creek (54) Crabtree-ID (65)
F—Payne (23) J. Crawford (19)
F—W. Messer (3) Caldwell (20)
C—Davis (2) T. Crawford (9)
G—Evans (16) Bryson
G—Ledford (4) Walker (6)
Subs: Fines Creek—Ferguson 6,
Crabtree-Iron Duff—Massie 2,
Bradshaw, McElroy, Pope 5, Hoglin 4.

Referees: Bumgardner and Ray.

Canton Tops Bearcats Once More

Canton's Black Bears continued their mastery of the top-ranked Hendersonville quintet by downing the Bearcats Friday night on their own floor, 63-57. In the curtain-raiser, the Hendersonville girls managed to sneak past the Lady Bears for a 53-51 win.

Through the first three quarters, neither team could gain the upper hand conclusively, but the Bears captured the lead early in the fourth quarter and hung on from there on. Bobby Williamson's 21 points provided the bruins' biggest bite, while Charlie Carpenter was good for 15. Ross Byers was high for Hendersonville with 16.

In the girls' tilt, it took a free throw by Caroline Cooper and a fielder by Catherine Orr to edge the Lady Bears. High-scoring Rosa Parton collected 28 for the Canton cagers.

Girls' lineup:
Canton (51) Hendersonville (53)
F—Surrett (20) Orr (16)
F—Parton (28) Cooner (23)
F—Honey (3) Pace (4)
G—Hardin Stover
G—Enslav Brittain
G—Chambers Byers (10)

Subs: Canton—West, Burnette,
Hendersonville—Brown, Ledbetter.

Boys' lineup:
Canton (63) Hendersonville (57)
F—Carpenter (15) R. Orr (5)
F—Williamson (21) Bennett (8)
F—C. Miller (14) Hunter (8)
G—Wilson Byers (16)
G—D. Miller (5) Whitmire (4)
Subs: Canton—Duckworth 2,
Curtis 5, Anderson 1, Hendersonville—Starnes 9, Streetman 2,
Hoover 5, B. Orr.
Referees: Gudger and Crutchfield.

County Schools To Make Cage Tourney Pairings

Pairings for the county basketball tournament—to be held at Canton High School next Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday—will be made at a meeting of representatives of the county's six high schools in the courthouse Wednesday afternoon.

Teams who have the best and next best records will be seeded in the tournament pairings.

Bethel's boys have the best county record with Waynesville second. In the girls' division, the positions are reversed, with Waynesville leading the county sextets.

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Allen's Transfer of Asheville, with 2496, and Allied Van Lines of Asheville, with 2441, finished one-two in the fourth annual Waynesville Women's Bowling Tournament which was concluded Sunday afternoon at the local bowling center.

Sims Co. of Waynesville took third place in the team events with a 2377.

Vivian Gaddis of Dayton Rubber captured the singles championship with a 548 series. In the double events two sisters—Hazel and Parris English of the Curtiss Motors team of Asheville—took first place with a 1041. In second place were Sis Bryson and Virginia McGraw of Allen's Transfer, with 1031, and Grace Rogers and Ann Rollman of Welles, with 996.

In the all-events division, Hazel English was first, with 1561, while Ann Rollman was runner-up with 1511. Sis Bryson's 183 was the highest scratch game rolled.

Team and individual event scores were:

- 1—Allen's Transfer (A'ville) 2496
- 2—Allied Vans (Asheville) 2441
- 3—Sims Company (W'ville) 2377
- 4—Reliable Jwrs. (W'ville) 2372
- 5—Curtiss Motor (Asheville) 2355
- 6—Bill, Mig. Co. (A'ville) 2344
- 7—Welleo Shoe (W'ville) 2342
- 8—Dayton Rubber (W'ville) 2332
- 9—Champion Y (W'ville) 2328
- 10—Howell Motor (W'ville) 2302
- 11—Buck's Restuar (A'ville) 2276
- 12—American Enka (A'ville) 2274

Waynesville Bowlers Top WNC Field

Waynesville Bowling Center, with an impressive 3106 total, topped a field of 25 Western North Carolina teams last weekend at Asheville in the opening round of the 18th annual WNC Bowling Association Tournament at the ABC alleys.

The tournament will be finished next weekend. Alex Martin, manager of the bowling center here, led his team with a scorching 714 total. Harrison Valentine posted a 639. Dr. R. H. Stretcher a 608, Johnny Caldwell a 602 and Vernon Elliott a 543.

Barnett's Machine Shop of Brevard holds second place with a 3070 total, Champion Y of Canton third with 3064, and Biltmore Dairy of Asheville fourth with 3025. Fifth place Brevard Elks also topped 3000 by one pin.

TEAM PLAY

Team	Total
Waynesville Bowling Center	3106
Barnett's Mach. Sh., Brevard	3070
Champion Y. Canton	3064
Biltmore Dairy, Asheville	3025
Brevard Elks, Brevard	3001
Southern Dairies, Asheville	2990
Cloverleaf Drive In, Asheville	2990
Shones Photo, Asheville	2957
Miller's High Life, Asheville	2947
Allied Van Lines, Asheville	2939
Biltmore Dairy, Waynesville	2930
Arcade Weather, Asheville	2923
Charlie's Place, Waynesville	2922
MacArthur Tire, Asheville	2902
Ballantine Ale, Asheville	2893
Festa Pirates, Brevard	2885
Pin Busters, Brevard	2871
Strikeleader, Asheville	2871
Johnson-Handley, Asheville	2866
Enka Corp., Enka	2844
Hamos Grocery, Asheville	2838
Pet Dairy, Waynesville	2777
Mable's Cafe, Asheville	2774
Plaza Cafe, Biltmore	2741
Marshall	2679

The city of Carthage was founded by the Phoenicians around 813 B.C. and was first destroyed by the Romans in 146 B.C.

Although whales are mammals they have no external hind legs.

BOWLING

MEN'S LEAGUE
(February 1 Results)
Biltmore Dairy 3; Welles 0.
W'ville Bowl, Ctr. 2; N. Guard 1.
Canton All Stars 2; Champ. Y 1.
Charlie's Place 2; Pet Dairy 1.

HIGH TEAM SERIES
1—Charlie's Place 2729
2—Waynesville Bowling Ctr. 2680
3—Pet Dairy 2647

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES
1—Weldon Goolsby 541
2—R. H. Stretcher 541
3—Julius Riggins 539

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME
1—F. E. Lowrance 232
2—Julius Riggins 219
3—R. H. Stretcher 215

TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Charlie's Place	43 1/2	19 1/2	.690
Pet Dairy	42 1/2	20 1/2	.675
Biltmore Dairy	42	24	.636
W'ville Bowl, Ctr.	36	30	.545
Champion Y	29	34	.460
Canton All Stars	26	41	.456
National Guard	17	40	.298
Welleo Shoe Co.	12	42	.222

TOP TEN AVERAGES

1. Earl Gribble	179.58
2. Paul Clark	172.55
3. Weldon Goolsby	170.59
4. Wayne Deitz	167.26
5. Bill Cochran	167.6
6. Wilson Medford	166.22
7. R. H. Stretcher	163.57
8. Alex Martin	162.1
9. Elmer Dudley	160.71
10. Bill Hyatt	158.7

Wayves Pound Clyde, 46-22, For 3rd Win

The Waynesville Junior Varsity won its third game of the season Friday afternoon by rolling over the Clyde fledglings, 46-22. The Little Mountaineers previously have beaten Bethel's beginners and the varsity squad from St. Francis High of Asheville.

Mills led the scoring for the Gold and Black with eight points, followed by Leatherwood with seven. McCracken, Shook, and Hardin all collected a half dozen each for Clyde.

Coach Bruce Jaynes lauded the improved team play of his undefeated quintet.

The Little Mountaineers will play at Clyde tomorrow afternoon, and at Bethel on Friday afternoon, and here in a return game with St. Francis on February 26.

The lineups:
Waynesville (46) Clyde (22)
F—Hooper (4) Glance (1)
F—Leatherwood (7) D. McCracken (6)
C—Mills (8) Shook (6)
G—Cable (4) B. McCracken (2)
G—Ballance (4) Hardin (6)

Subs: Waynesville—Jenkins 6, Ezell, Hall 3, Clark 6, Mehaffey, Elder, Nichols 2, Robinson, Muse 2, Fulbright, Ray, J. Wright, W. Wright, and Sayer; Clyde—Livingston, Ducker 1, and Farley.

Girls' Team Wins; Boys Defeated

By BOB CONWAY

Waynesville and Bethel met for the second time this season Friday night at Bethel and both games proved to be repeat performances of the contests here three weeks ago.

Once again the WTHS Mountaineers proved themselves the class of Haywood County by outpointing the strong Bethel Belles. And, also once again, the Mountaineers found the Blue Demons too hot to handle.

Just as they did in the first game, Coach Poindexter's boys got the jump on the Mountaineers early in the first quarter and then resisted every attempt of the Gold and Black to close the gap.

Bethel held seven-point leads at the end of the first, second, and third quarters—at 14-7, 27-20, and 40-33. The final margin of victory—eight points—was two points over that achieved by the Blue Demons in the first meeting with Waynesville, which ended at 61-55.

Generally speaking, Coach Bill Swift's charges gave a better account of themselves Friday night than they did on January 15th, but another slow start, bad passes, and weakness at the foul line put them behind the eight ball.

Aldridge topped the Mountaineers with 12 points, and Tommy Nichols hit 11.

Gerald Owen, with 22 points, did the most damage to the Waynesville cause; at times it seemed he couldn't miss with his one-handed push shots from close in.

The girls' game, one of the hardest fought between two county sextets this season, provided constant thrills for the cash customers as the Mountaineers

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strove to prove that their first victory was no fluke, and the Belles fought to get revenge for their previous licking.

Linda Welch, with 41 points, collected her usual quota of field goals under the basket, but it was her outstanding exhibition of foul shooting that made the big difference between the two teams. Miss Welch racked up 17 points on free throws alone.

Peggy Edwards kept the Pigeon pointmakers in a threatening position all during the game with 31 points.

Waynesville trailed by one point at the end of the first quarter, 12-11, mostly as a result of some fancy rebounding by the Belles in the latter part of the period. However, the Mountain Maidens turned on the heat in the second quarter and hit 12 straight points before Bethel got back in the ball game.

The score was 32-24 at the half and 43-37 at the end of the third quarter.

The Belles closed the gap in

the final period, when Edwards' sharpshooters closed the Blue and got.

Girls' lineup:
Waynesville (44)
F—Welch (41)
F—Smith (6)
F—Jones (7)
G—Walker
G—Hamilton

Subs: Waynesville—Bethel—Rogers 2 E. Hooper 6
4. Pinkston, Phillips, Lowe.

Boys' lineup:
Waynesville (44)
F—Jordan 2
C—Aldridge 2
G—Harris 2
G—Nichols 1

Subs: Waynesville—4. Queen, Baker 6
4. Hightower, Bethel
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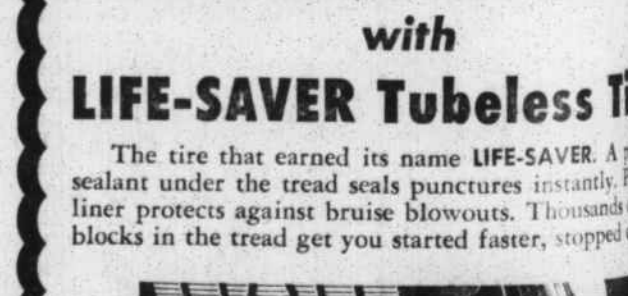
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