

The Sports Scene

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Salute To The Mountainettes

Other coaches in the Blue Ridge Conference are probably beginning to suspect that Carleton E. Weatherby carries magnets in his pockets — that kind that attracts conference championship trophies.

After carting off the Blue Ridge gridiron title last fall, rival mentors probably figured that they wouldn't have to contend with the Waynesville wizard until next September. But what happens? After the sound and the fury of the 1953-54 basketball campaign have died away, whose girls' team is on top of the heap? Yeah, you guessed it — Waynesville.

Against some very formidable opposition, the sensational sextet from WTHS — Linda Welch, Betty Smith, Shirley Jones, Margaret Walker, Joyce Hamilton, and Imogene Hooper — came out on the fat end of the score in 17 out of 19 games.

And when they were beaten, it took two other fine Haywood County teams to do it — Crabtree-Iron Duff and Bethel. No "furriners" ever were able to stand up to the powerful Mountainettes.

The Waynesville girls, coached by Mr. Weatherby and Margaret Perry, showed the stuff that they're made of in their loss in the tournament finals to Bethel. That defeat must have been a heartbreaker, but each of the six Mountainettes came out of the fray with a smile on her face. Instead of breaking into a shower of feminine tears, the girls bore their disappointment like real champions.

Canton Wuz Robbed

This week the Canton Black Bears will have an excellent opportunity to "prove" that coaches of the Blue Ridge Conference erred when they awarded the conference basketball championship to Hendersonville instead of Canton.

Offhand, it appears that the boys from the Paper City were victims of a fast shuffle — in view of the fact that they walloped Hendersonville twice during the regular season. (How many times do you have to beat a team around here to convince people of your strength?)

Canton's claim to the Blue Ridge title got a further boost Saturday night when Hendersonville lost out in the finals of the conference tournament to Sand Hill — a team that the bruins battered recently.

Tournaments are not always indicative of a team's ability, but it's usually the real champions that come through when a showdown comes, and that's what Canton did in the Haywood County hardwood circus last week. Whether you like it or not, the Black Bears led the rest of the field by a country mile.

Waynesville's boys won the Blue Ridge football championship and the WTHS girls captured the girls basketball championship. It's our contention that the boys championship also belongs in Haywood County — to Canton.

If the Mountaineers are unsuccessful in their encounter with Hendersonville tomorrow night, we hope that the Bears will carry the county's colors to victory.

Waynesville - H'dersonville
Canton - Swain High Tangle
In AA Playoffs TuesdayStandings
In CDP
League

Saunook girls and East Pigeon and Hominy boys finished on top of the standings in the CDP basketball league this year, according to an announcement today by Steve Cassell, in charge of the league.

Saunook's record was seven wins and no losses. In second place in the girls' division were West Pigeon and East Pigeon with five wins and one loss.

Hominy and East Pigeon in the boys' division posted identical records of five wins and no losses.

Eighty games were played in the league during the season with 225 boys and girls participating, representing 14 boys' teams and 13 girls' teams, Mr. Cassell said.

The assistant agent also thanked officials and custodians at the schools and the Champion Y, where basketball games were played, for their cooperation.

The CDP tournament will begin next Monday. Pairings will be announced later.

Jayvees Again
Nip St. Francis
High Varsity

Waynesville's Jayvee basketball team edged the St. Francis High varsity, 28-25, Friday afternoon here for their second win over the Asheville school and their fourth of the season.

The Little Mountaineers have beaten Bethel and Clyde and have lost to Bethel twice and Clyde once in return bouts.

The team probably will play one more game before entering the ninth grade tournament at Bethel next weekend, according to Coach

Want ads bring quick results.

When they meet Hendersonville Tuesday night in the AA playoffs at Enka, the Waynesville Mountaineers will attempt to take advantage of their last chance this season to regain the early form that carried them to the No. 3 rating in Western North Carolina — behind only Hendersonville and Asheville School.

Waynesville won its first six games in a row—including an impressive 55-41 victory over Canton — but Hendersonville and Bethel came along and the Mountaineers have never looked quite the same since then.

Coach Swift's eagles played an outstanding game in the second encounter with Canton, although they lost by 53-50, in an overtime period. But, only a week later, the highlanders never got into the ball game in losing to the Black Bears, in the semi-finals of the Haywood County tournament last weekend at Canton.

However, the Mountaineers' top scorer, Joe Aldridge, missed the Canton tournament because of an ankle injury, but will be ready for duty against the Bearcats Tuesday night.

Canton and Swain High of Bryson City, Smoky Mountain Conference champions, will play at 7:30, and Waynesville will meet Hendersonville at 8:30.

Traffic Tickets Stick

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — Patrolman James O. Holly prided himself on his record of never tearing up a traffic ticket once he'd written it. On the day he resigned from the force, his last ticket was hung on his own car, illegally by his wife. He paid the fine.

Bruce Jaynes.

The lineup:
St. Francis (25) Waynesville (28)
F—Meehan (5) Sparks (5)
F—Deblaker (2) Leatherwood (5)
C—Mulvaney (15) Mills (5)
G—Courtney Hooper (9)
G—Lamb (1) Ballance (2)
Subs: St. Francis—Davis 2, Henry; Waynesville—Medford 2, Cable, Clark, Hall, McHaffey, Ezell, Wright, and Sayer.



BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS, the Waynesville Mountaineers, defeated Sand Hill, conference runner-up, 58-51, in an exhibition at the Blue Ridge tournament at Enka Saturday night, and then received the championship trophy, awarded for

their record of 10-0 in loop play during the regular season. Left to right are Linda Welch, Shirley Jones, Betty Smith, Imogene Hooper, Margaret Walker, and Joyce Hamilton. (Mountaineer Photo).

Fines Creek
Drops Pair
To Cherokee

The Fines Creek Fillies, paced by Joan Ferguson with 19 points, came through with a 40-34 victory over the Cherokee Maidens, 40-34, at Cherokee Friday night, but the White Hornets found the Braves too tough and went down, 66-40.

Agnes Littlejohn, with 18 points, was high for the Cherokee girls, while Tommy Welch led the boys with 16. Clayton Payne paced Fines Creek with a dozen.

The game Friday night was rescheduled after a mixup earlier in the season when Fines Creek went to Cherokee and Cherokee came to Fines Creek. The two teams finally got together that night and had a snack together at Charlie's Place.

Girls' lineup:
Fines Creek (40) Cherokee (34)
F—J. Ferguson (19) Bigneat (10)
F—C. Ferguson (8) Smith (4)
F—Justice (2) Littlejohn (18)
G—Price Cansean
G—Trantham Bradley
G—Rogers Sequoyah
Subs: Fines Creek — Hayes 2, Moore 9, Ferguson, Cherokee — French, Marie Crow, Merle Crow.
Half time score: 22-21 Cherokee.

Boys' lineup:
Fines Creek (40) Cherokee (66)
F—Payne (12) Welch (16)
F—Messer (1) Hornbuckle (6)
C—Davis (10) West (4)
G—Evans (9) Wolfe (2)
G—Ledford (5) E. Taylor (2)
Subs: Fines Creek—Fish 2, Ferguson 1, Cherokee—Wahneetah 2, Huskey 2, Walkingstick, N. West 2, Rattler 12, Bradley, Sequoyah, L. Taylor, Arch, Swimmer, Osceola.
Half time score: 30-18 Cherokee.
Referee: Revis.

Candler Wins
Twice Over
Clyde High

Candler captured a couple of hard-fought victories over Clyde Friday night on the Bethel floor.

In the girls' tilt, Katha Reagan led Candler with 24 points, while Eula Jo Stamey hit 23 for the Cardinales.

In the boys' battle, Jack Rogers led all scorers with 20, while Fish picked up 13 for the Buncombe squad.

Girls' lineup:
Candler (57) Clyde (52)
F—Bumgarner (21) E. Stamey (23)
F—Reagan (24) Bett Owenby (19)
F—Massie (8) Medford (10)
G—Warren S. Stamey
F—Foster Collins
G—Black McCracken
Subs: Candler—Boyd 4, Morgan, Massey, Clyde—Pressley, Russell, Scott.
Half time score: 30-21 Candler.

Boys' lineup:

Candler (54) Clyde (46)
F—Hinson (12) Jolley (16)
F—Fish (13) Rogers (20)
C—Netherton (6) Thompson (12)
G—E. Farmer (6) Livingston (7)
G—Wise (6) Fisher (1)
Subs: Candler — Smathers 2, Guy 5, L. Farmer 2, Lance, Morgan 2, Clyde—Shook.
Half time score: 29-25 Clyde.
Referees: Taylor and Joyner.

Confession Is Voluntary

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Lincoln woman telephoned police headquarters with her "confession."

After a short consultation, police decided all would be forgiven — this time. The offense was running a red light.

BOWLING

WAYNESVILLE MEN'S LEAGUE

National Guard, Waynesville Bowling Center, and Welco Shoe teams were the victims of shut-outs at the hands of Pet Dairy, Canton All-Stars, and Charlie's Place, respectively, last week in the Waynesville Men's Bowling League. Biltmore Dairy also took two from Champion Y.

Wayne Deitz rolled both the high game—252—and the high series—591.

HIGH TEAM SERIES
Pet Dairy 2775
Charlie's Place 2768
Canton All Stars 2748

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES
Wayne Deitz 591
Bill Cochran 552
Earl Gribble 528

HIGH TEAM GAME
Charlie's Place 971
Canton All Stars 968
Pet Dairy 944

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME
Wayne Deitz 252
C. A. Murr 206
Johnny Caldwell 201

TEAM STANDINGS
Team Won Lost Pct.
Charlie's Place 51½ 23½ .687
Pet Dairy 50½ 24½ .673
Biltmore Dairy 48 27 .640
Canton All Stars 41 34 .547
Way. Bowl. Ctr. 39 36 .520
Champion Y 34 41 .453
National Guard 27 48 .360
Welco Shoe Co. 22 63 .260

TOP TEN AVERAGES
1. Earl Gribble 178.61
2. Paul Clark 172.47
3. Weldon Goolsby 171.69
4. Bill Cochran 168.14
5. Wayne Deitz 167.2
6. Wilson Medford 164.2
7. Alex Martin 163.1
8. R. H. Stretcher 162.71
9. Elmer Dudley 160.8
10. Oliver Yount 159.18

WAYNESVILLE
WOMEN'S LEAGUE

In the Waynesville Women's League last week, Sims shut out Reliable Jewelers, while Welco took from Howell Motor, and Champion won a pair from Dayton Rubber.

Rozell Ray's 191 represented the high game, while Dot Phillips rolled the high series of 449.

HIGH TEAM GAME
Sims 823
Dayton 810

HIGH TEAM SERIES
Sims 750 764 823-2337
Champion Y 807 756 772-2335

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME
Rozell Ray (Champion Y) 191
Dot Phillips (Sims) 178

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES
Dot Phillips (Sims) 449
Audrey Wyatt (Howell Motor) 448

TEAM STANDINGS
Sims 52 23
Champion Y 41 34
Howell Motor 38 37
Welco 36 39
Reliable 31 41
Dayton 24 48

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2nd
Champion Y vs Reliable,
Sims vs Welco,
Howell Motor vs Dayton.

MIXED LEAGUE

Welco women bowlers repelled an invasion from Brevard Sunday by scoring a clean sweep over a team from Ecusta Paper Corp. in the first of a series of scheduled matches between Haywood and Transylvania bowlers. In another inter-county match, a Waynesville men's team took two from a Brevard quintet.

In Mixed League bowling, teenager Johnnie Sue Dillard of Hazelwood compiled the best average for both men and women with 186. Harold Lawrence of Canton posted

Waynesville Girls Defeat
Sand Hill, Get BR Trophy

Waynesville girls scored a clean sweep at the Blue Ridge Conference tournament at Enka Saturday night as the Mountaineer basketball team whipped Sand Hill, 58-51, in an exhibition, and then was presented the conference championship trophy for its 10-0 loop record during the regular season. A Waynesville senior, Eileen Gerringer, made the evening complete for WTHS by being named tournament queen.

In the boys' division of the tournament, Sand Hill upset Hendersonville, 52-50 in a "sudden-death" overtime after the two teams were deadlocked at the end of the game and one regular overtime period.

Sand Hill was defending tournament champion, but Hendersonville has been named on the conference champion on its regular season record.

In the girls' game the Mountaineers led Sand Hill, conference runner-up, all through the contest, and outscored their opponents in all except the final quarter. Linda Welch tossed in 33 points for Waynesville, while Shirley Jones added 12 and Betty Smith 11.

Betty Lou Wilson turned in an outstanding performance for Sand Hill with 27 points.

The tournament queen, Miss Gerringer, was also named Key

ed the high game—177.

MIXED LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Canton	3	0
Allen's Gulf Service	2	1
Hazelwood Teen-Towners	2	1
Hazelwood Machine Shop	1	2
Hazelwood Cafe	1	2
Home Security Life Ins.	0	3

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