

# Bethel Blue Demons Invade Waynesville Tonight

## Sports Scene Pro and Con

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casting an optic on the Mountaineers in their last week against Sylva, local fans have begun to assume that coaches Weatherby and Jaynes have put another strong gridiron machine.

One assumption that the Mountaineers are strong is one, then the only question left is: "How strong?" of course, is the proverbial \$64 question and will not be speculation but by future games.

meanwhile, however, we might consider the situation looks at the moment.

ough it's too early yet to be comparing the 1954 team with those of 1953 and other years past, it is entirely possible that the present pigskin purveyor is stronger in at least some departments than last year's Blue Ridge champions.

one thing, it's a simple fact that this year's Gold team will be heavier than a year ago. And it also appears that the boys are faster on the takeoff. (Speed is a very important thing to have in a football game when things are going interesting.)

ough Waynesville usually relies primarily on a ground attack, it may be that Weatherby will call for more this season. (Those three touchdowns against Sylva—one was called back—pleased the fans no end.)

backs this year are more experienced than last year's. There is no reason at all why the offense should not be as good as that exhibited by the undefeated 1953 aggressors.

efore, defense may be the crucial factor that makes the reputation of the new-model highlanders. This year's line was a fine one and permitted its offense to score a total of only 46 points in nine games. At that time, not one touchdown was scored through the air. All scores were either passes or set up by passes.

Coach Jaynes suggested recently, if the new men in line can learn their trade quickly enough, today's Mountaineers may go a long way.

### Games Unpopular

have been going to football games ever since we were high to a left tackle and as long as we can remember the grand old game has always been a weekend activity.

however, it appears that our Waynesville games are to become mid-week affairs.

ly boys, we don't like it a bit—not for a minute—doubt if more than .002 per cent of the football fans in Wood County favor such an innovation. (Without money, who plunk down their hard-earned money to see a game there'd be no football here as we know it today.)

agree that it's a good idea to keep Waynesville and other school football games separated, but NOT at the expense of playing football on Thursdays regularly. Why not have a game on Friday and Saturday?

Friday night games are particularly hard on students



**MOUNTAINEER CANNONBALL** is 195-pound J. W. Stevens, junior fullback, who provides a lot of punch in Waynesville's backfield as the Gold and Black prepare for a tough contest here tonight with the heavy and experienced Bethel Blue Demons. (Mountaineer Photo).

## BOWLING SCORES

Biltmore Dairy, Gance Used Cars, and Charlie's Place were winners of opening games in the Haywood County's Men's Bowling League Monday night.

Biltmore scored a clean sweep over Dayton Rubber, while Gance and Charlie's picked up a pair from Raiff's and Pet Dairy, respectively.

Willard Owen's 203 was the high game of the night, and Earl Gribble's total of 532 topped the field for the high series.

Biltmore took both the team high game and the team high series.

Team High Game	
Biltmore Dairy	900
Charlie's	799
Pet Dairy	741
Team High Series	
Biltmore Dairy	2586
Charlie's Place	2231
Pet Dairy	2132
Individual High Game	
Willard Owen	203
Earl Gribble	197
Mark Rose	191
Joe Flynn	191
Individual High Series	
Earl Gribble	171 197 164—532
Willard Owen	146 181 203—530

Top Ten Averages for Season	
1. E. Gribble (Pet)	177.333
2. W. Owen (Biltmore)	176.666
3. L. Goolsby (Biltmore)	174.333
4. W. Goolsby (Biltmore)	174
5. Bill Hyatt (Biltmore)	172.333
6. M. Rose (Charlie's)	166.333
7. Joe Flynn (Biltmore)	164.666
8. Bob Fowler (Dayton)	157.666
9. W. Deltz (Dayton)	155.666
10. F. Torrance (Gance)	149.666

Team Standings	
Welloo	3 0
Liner-Sheehan	2 1
Murphy Chevrolet	1 2
Dayton Rubber	1 2
Charlie's	0 3

**Schedule for Sept. 21**  
Charlie's vs. Murphy Chevrolet.  
Welloo vs. Dayton Rubber.  
Liner-Sheehan vs. Howell Motor.

who have to be at the school the next day—often to take tests which they would ordinarily be studying for on Thursday night.

Parents, too, find the arrangement unsatisfactory because they have made their plans with the expectation of seeing football games on Friday nights.

Incidentally, we want to assert that this item is not being written to reflect on anyone at Waynesville High School because the decision to change tonight's game was made by Coach Weatherby at the request of Bethel school officials. Since the game is to be counted as Bethel's home game, the Waynesville mentor could hardly refuse to make the change.

We'll all probably live over these first two Thursday games, but if we have any more, you can expect to hear some loud weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth.



**POSTPONED** because of rain was the second battle between heavy-weight champion Rocky Marciano and challenger Ezzard Charles which was scheduled at Yankee Stadium last night. If the weather is favorable, the bout will be staged tonight. This picture was taken at the first encounter of the two heavies in June, when Rocky won a unanimous decision over Ezzard.

## Bears, Cards Also To See Grid Action

Big game of the week in Haywood County football circles, without a doubt, will be the second clash in history tonight between the talented Waynesville Mountaineers and the rough and ready Bethel Blue Demons at 8 p. m. on the Waynesville field.

Other gridiron attractions this week will see Sand Hill at Canton on Friday night, and Candler meeting Clyde on the Canton field Saturday night.

Three years ago a game with Bethel would have been a mere warmup for the Waynesville Mountaineers. Today, however, the Blue Demons are a formidable foe for anybody's ball team and Coach Weatherby's charges are well aware of that fact.

Each year Coach Poindexter has come up with an improved squad at Bethel, and his 1954 model is the heaviest, and most experienced in Haywood at the present.

Although the Demons lost in their first outing with the always-powerful Canton two weeks ago, 26-7, local fans recall that the Pigeon pickers were leading the Bruins 7-6 at the half.

Last week Bethel walloped Clyde by a score of 34-6.

Leading the Bethel attack will be Charles Stamey, 180-pounder who passes and runs equally well. Other powerful backs are Toby Capps, also at 180, and Troy Hargrove and Edwin Mann—all three of whom have had plenty of seasoning.

The Blue and White forward wall is rugged and experienced, and performed well against Canton until wearied by constant playing, caused by lack of reserve strength in the lineup.

Asked if he had any comment concerning tonight's game, Coach Poindexter joked: "I hope they won't be too hard on us. Tell them to take it easy."

Probably starting lineup for Bethel will be:

Worth Wells and Gerald Owen



**CLYDE CARDINALS** expected to see a lot of action against Candler Saturday night at Canton are (kneeling, left to right) Charles Jolley, Gary Henline, John Medford, Bruce Holder, Johnny Rogers, Charles Donahoe, and Howard Shook.

and (top row) Danny Caldwell, Bill Caldwell, David McCracken, and Jimmy Rogers. Regulars absent when this picture was made were John Carter and Dan McCracken.

(Mountaineer Photo).

at ends; Tommy Singleton and Clyde Duckett at tackles; L. M. West and Charles Cathey at guards with Bob McFalls at center. Charles Stamey, Troy Hargrove, Edwin Mann and Toby Capps in the backfield.

In their opening victory over Sylva last week, 25-6, the Mountaineers dropped a lot of broad hints that they will again be in the running for the Blue Ridge Conference championship.

The Gold and Black squad is definitely heavier this season and yet still appears to have more speed than average.

With a seasoned backfield, including co-captain and quarterback Tommy Nichols, bruising fullback J. W. Stevens and speedy halfback "Doc" Roberson, it appears that the Mountaineers will have plenty of power on the offense.

Still to be answered, however, is how the line will stack up to last year's conference champions and others of past years.

Sylva managed to pick up 10

first downs last week, although the majority were gained on passes. On several occasions, however, Hurricane backs managed to slip through for nice gains on trap plays and spinners.

Commenting on the game, Coach Weatherby said that his team showed "good spirit but lacked polish." Some players performed better than expected, while others did not quite measure up to expectations, he said.

Some of the boys will need several games to learn valuable football lessons, he added.

Line Coach Bruce Jaynes asserted that "there is a lot of room for improvement as far as the line is concerned."

He explained that "timing in the line was our chief concern against Sylva. These young boys must improve on defensive play and I believe they will."

Coach Jaynes declined to single out any linemen for outstanding play against the Hurricanes, pointing out that "all played about the

same type of ball and all made mistakes."

Probable starting lineup for the Mountaineers is:

Harold Clark and Joe Aldridge at ends; Gerald Swanger and Joe Howell at tackles; Joe Carpenter and Richard Turner at guards, Troy Muse at center, Tommy Nichols at quarterback, J. W. Stevens at halfback, and Stuart Roberson and Johnny Edwards at halfbacks.

In other county games, the Canton Black Bears will be out to get back on the winning side of the field when they entertain Sand Hill at Canton. After leading Lee Edwards most of the game last Friday night, a Black Bear fumble spelled defeat for the Paper City squad, 19-14.

Finding their cross-county rivals at Bethel too tough last Saturday night at Canton, the Clyde Cardinals hope for better hunting this Saturday against the Candler Bobcats.



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