

Mountaineers To End Season Here Against Mars Hill

Recovered Fumble Yields Touchdown As Waynesville Nips Marshall, 7-6

By BOB CONWAY

STATISTICS

Waynesville did all of its scoring against Marshall in the first two minutes of play Friday night, but J. W. Stevens end sweep for the touchdown and Tommy Nichols' plunge for the extra point were all that the Mountaineers needed to beat the host Tornados, 7-6.

	W	M
First downs	5	10
Yds. gained rushing	104	133
Passes attempted	3	9
Passes completed	0	3
Yds. gained passing	0	47
Passes intercepted by	4	0
Yds. gained interception	68	0
Punting average	36.2	31
Yds. kicks returned	75	56
Opp. fumbles recovered	2	0
Yds. lost penalties	85	45
Score by periods:		
Waynesville	7	0
Marshall	6	0

Tommy Nichols crossed the goal line once after snagging a pass but the play was called back and a penalty assessed against the Mountaineers.

Another six-pointer was missed when end Tony Davis let Nichols' aerial slip through his digits in the end zone. Late in the fourth quarter, the highlanders drove to the Marshall 16, but the clock halted their march at that point.

Probably the high point of the entire game was the outstanding performance by Nichols in intercepting three Marshall passes—two in the fourth quarter when the Tornados were trying to get a drive under way.

Don Jordan also snatched another Marshall heave—deep in Waynesville territory—when it appeared that the Madisonians might score again.

Back Freddie Muse was the boy who pounced on Clarence Edwards' fumble on Marshall's first offensive play of the game, and gave Waynesville its big scoring opportunity. After Nichols had crashed through the line for 11 yards, Stevens circled wide around left and went over standing up. Nichols dived through for the extra point which was to prove the margin of difference between the two teams.

However, the Tornados came back with a tricky T-formation attack and moved downfield in 12 plays to the Waynesville nine. From that point, R. J. Edwards shot a jump pass to end Edsel Greene in the end zone for the touchdown.

Edwards attempted to pick up the extra point with a pass in the

left corner to Billy Nix and although his heave was a good one, Nix couldn't hang on to it.

During the remainder of the first half, Marshall dominated play by sending its backs through big holes in the Waynesville line and then, when those were plugged, sweeping the ends for further gains.

In the second half, however, the Mountaineers took command of the game and began to put the brakes on the Tornado attack. On several occasions, Waynesville backs picked up yardage on nice runs, but, in many instances, penalties slowed their advance.

The Mountaineers were unable to complete a single pass against Marshall's tight aerial defense, but four interceptions gave WTHS 69 yards.

Waynesville would have finished the contest with an edge in rushing yardage, but numerous penalties hurt the highlanders in the statistics column.

Waynesville was crippled for the Marshall game due to the absence of tackle Charles Howell, who suffered a pulled ligament in the Greenville game, and end Jimmy Harris, who was sick on the day of the game. Another end, Harold Clark saw only limited service and co-captain Joe Aldridge, also a wingman, suffered a broken nose in the first few minutes of play. He finished the game in a face mask.

The Marshall game was originally scheduled last Friday, but was postponed because of the extreme

Senior Gridders To Be Honored At Halftime Show

Seniors on the Mountaineer football squad will be honored tomorrow night during halftime ceremonies at the Waynesville-Marshall game at a program featuring three bands.

Leading off for a six-minute show will be the 45-piece Mars Hill band under the direction of Phil Magnus with a program commemorating Veterans Day (Armistice Day).

Next will come the 60-piece WTHS junior band, which will present musical numbers with a "Trip Around the World" theme.

The junior band will then be joined by the Waynesville senior marching band to honor the graduating football players, who will be introduced individually.

ly muddy condition of the field on "the island".

The Mountaineers will wind up their 1954 grid campaign here tomorrow night against another Madison County aggregation—Mars Hill. The WTHS record now stands at five wins, one loss, and two ties.

WAYNESVILLE (7)
Ends—Aldridge, Sparks, Clark, Davis.
Tackles—Campbell, Swanger, Messer, Hightower.
Guards—Carpenter, Giltland, Turner, Ferguson.
Centers—T. Muse, Medford.
Backs—Nichols, F. Muse, Stevens, Roberson, Edwards, Robinson, Gaddis, Jordan.
Scoring TD: Stevens.
Point after TD: Nichols.

MARSHALL (6)
Ends—Baldwin, Hunter, Greene.
Tackles—Reese, Claude Edwards.
Guards—Adams, Ponder, Metcalf, Fisher.
Centers—Bryan, Davis.
Backs—Huey, Clarence Edwards, Deal, Hix, Wilder, R. Edwards, Edney.
Scoring TD: Greene.
Officials: Referee, Nockow; Umpire, Eblen; Head Linesman, Griffin; Field Judge, Phillips.

Paul Matz and Dan Shannon, co-captains of the Notre Dame football team, were teammates at Mt. Carmel High School in Chicago. Both played there under Terry Brennan, present Irish grid mentor.

Of the 60-man grid squad at Duke University, 30 players hail from North Carolina.

Here And Yonder

The Sportscope

By BOB CONWAY

The Canton Gra-Y Bears have been the "Notre Dame" of midget football in this state for the past several years, but Waynesville's Baby Mountaineers beat the Tar Heel champions two weeks ago, 12-7.

Although the Cantonians won in two other games with the local midgets this season, Waynesville's triumph in the second of the series proves what can be done if the community will get back of its youngsters.

Although the season is near its end, you can still help by coming out to the WTHS stadium at 7 p.m. tonight when the Baby Mountaineers play their final game of the year against Bethel. (Midgets play only seven-minute quarters, so you'll be home again by 8:15 or thereabouts.)

A cake sale will be held on Main St. Saturday for the benefit of the Baby Mountaineers to go along with the proceeds from the Bethel game tonight.

We understand that the Waynesville youngsters nearly froze Monday night while playing Canton because they lacked sufficient uniforms and equipment, while the Gra-Y Bears were perfectly equipped for the cold breezes.

We said back in September that Waynesville can't call itself a football town if it chooses to ignore the needs of small fry who want to play football. Nothing has happened to make us change those sentiments.

They're your boys, so get behind them!

Tobacco Bowl Bid

Apparently the Mountaineers made a strong impression on Greenville officials on October 29 when the powerful Green Devils had to come from behind to tie the Mountaineers, 14-14. Only a week later the Tennesseans contacted Coach Weatherby to invite him to bring his charges to meet an East Tennessee team in the annual Tobacco Bowl game in Greenville.

Unfortunately, however, the Waynesville maestro had to decline the kind invitation, due to North Carolina High School Athletic Association regulations against post-season games—other than state playoffs.

Allen's Debut Successful

The Sportscope would like to congratulate Coach Boyd Allen of Canton for the fine job he did in piloting the Black Bears to wins this season over Bethel, Sand Hill, Brevard, Valdese, Asheville School, Blue Ridge, and Marion. Even in defeat, the Bruins always managed to look good.

A 7-3 record is nothing for a new coach to be ashamed of, and the Black Bears are likely to be even tougher next year.

Odds And Ends

We've never seen any better job of pilfering enemy aerials than Tommy Nichols did in the Marshall clash... the Mountaineers sorely missed Charles Howell and Jimmy Harris Monday night... some of Marshall's players would have done well to don boxing gloves... although Black Mountain-Swannanoa undoubtedly has a strong team... as shown by victories over Marshall and Brevard... we can't see how Blue Ridge Conference coaches can help but give Hendersonville the pigskin crown this season... why is it that penalties have forced Waynesville to win most of their games this year "the hard way"?... the Mountaineers did much better in handling the ball at Marshall than we did our clip board; we lost our notes on fumbles twice along the sidelines.

Blue Ridge Loop Coaches To Name Grid Champion

The Blue Ridge Conference football champion for 1954 will be named by a vote of conference coaches at a meeting at the Asheville Army Store Monday night, it has been announced by C. C. Poindexter of Bethel, loop secretary.

Coaches also will select a team to represent the conference in the NCHSAA football playoffs, nominate players for an all-conference team, and discuss the coming basketball season.

A special invitation has also been extended to Andrews High School officials to attend the meeting so that a playoff between the champions of the Smoky Mountain and the Blue Ridge conferences can be arranged.

The choice for the championship lies between Black Mountain-Swannanoa which holds the only perfect loop record, and Hendersonville, which has lost once but has won the most games within the conference.

Unless they should be upset by Mars Hill, the Waynesville Mountaineers probably will take third place in the Blue Ridge circuit.

Jayvees End Grid Season Without Loss

The Waynesville High junior varsity won its fourth consecutive game of the year and finished the season undefeated with a 13-0 victory over Bethel on the Little Demons' field Tuesday.

In an earlier meeting here, the Jayvees won over Bethel, 13-6.

Both of Waynesville's touchdowns came in the second quarter—the first when Carroll Rowland took a pass from Carroll Hooper and ran 30 yards to score. On the try for the extra point, Neal Palmer plunged over, but Waynesville was penalized. On the second attempt, Hooper passed to Rowland for the point.

Palmer made it 13-0 when he grabbed a short screen pass thrown by a Bethel back and romped 40 yards for the TD. The extra point was made, but another penalty brought the ball back and the second attempt was unsuccessful.

In the fourth quarter Bethel drove to within only three inches of a touchdown, but the Little Mountaineers held on their goal line for four downs and took over the ball.

Midget Team Meets Bethel Here Tonight

The Baby Mountaineers will play their fourth and final game of the season against Bethel here tonight at 7 p.m. at the Waynesville stadium. Proceeds will go to buy uniforms for the team.

Midget teams play only seven-minute quarters, so games are played in about one hour.

The Baby Mountaineers have beaten Canton, 12-7, in one game, while losing 13-6 and 22-0 in two other meetings.

The team is coached by Bill Sutton, Tommy Norris, Earl Gribble, and Wilson.

Cardinals, Blue Demons Play Away

Opened on September 4 when Canton met Bethel, the 1954 football season in Haywood County will be brought to an end tomorrow night with one game scheduled in the county and two more slated on foreign soil.

The Waynesville Mountaineers will play their second game this week in entertaining the Mars Hill Wildcats at the WTHS stadium, while both Bethel and Clyde head south—the Blue Demons to face powerful Hendersonville and the Cardinals to take on Tryon.

Although crippled by several injuries, Waynesville should be able to overcome the Madison County felines in the grand finale. (That's what a lot of people thought at Hendersonville, however.)

Frustrated by two straight ties against Brevard and Greenville and able to win by only one point against Marshall on Monday night, the Mountaineers probably will be in a frame of mind to go all out against Mars Hill to achieve an impressive victory.

A win tomorrow night will give the Gold and Black a 6-1-2 record and third place in the Blue Ridge Conference race this season—won last year by the Mountaineers with their "stone wall" line.

Charles Howell, a tackle, and Jimmy Harris, an end, missed the Marshall game entirely Monday night, while several other highlanders were hobbling around and seeing only limited service. Co-captain Joe Aldridge broke his nose in the first quarter against the Tornados, but stayed in the battle with a face mask and probably will be ready to go tomorrow night.

Looking southward, the Bethel Blue Demons are expected to have their hands full trying to slow down the Hendersonville Bearcats, who have conquered seven Blue Ridge Conference opponents.

If comparative scores mean anything, Bethel will rate as a 56-point underdog against Hendersonville—using both teams' play against Waynesville as a basis for judgment.

Although the Blue Demons have beaten the Bearcats the past two years, it appears that the Pigeon pigskinners are going to end their season with a 5-5 mark.

Still, upsets do happen, so the Demons can afford to shoot the works against Coach Bob Tate's boys.

Still looking for their first win of the season, the Clyde Cardinals at Tryon will meet another squad that has usually been on the losing end of their gridiron contests.

The Cards have shown promises in several games, and may be able to pull this one out of the fire.

Morgan Williams, captain of the 1953 T.C.U. football team, is helping coach the T.C.U. freshman line this season.

Canton Lions View Movies Of Recent Games
Coach Boyd Allen of Canton explained by use of a player and chart, the modern equipment a football player requires, as he addressed the Canton Lions Tuesday night.
Coach Allen went into detail as to the cost of each piece of equipment, as he pointed out the function of the equipment.
A movie of the Canton game was presented during the program.
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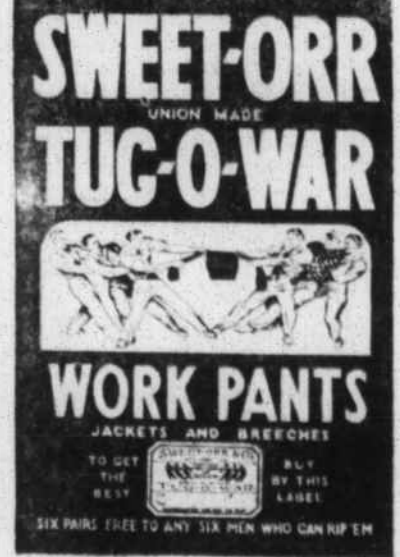
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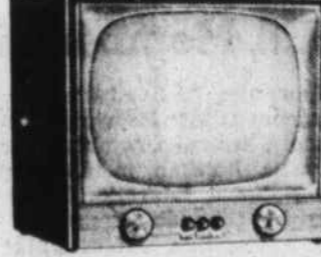
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