

# Scouting The Army - Navy Football Game

Here And Yonder

## The Sportscope

By BOB CONWAY

Several weeks ago a prominent Waynesville man asked us what seemed to be a surprising question: "Are you down on the Mountaineers?"

Just what gave him that idea is anybody's guess, but we can assure him and everyone else concerned that we are NOT down on the Mountaineers - - - nor do we ever expect to be as long as we're in these parts.

For one thing, we're not the kind who hops off the bandwagon when it momentarily runs off the road. Whenever that does happen, we figure our boys need the strong support of their fans even more than when they're flattening all the opposition.

For many years now we have been a fanatic supporter of the teams from the high school and university we attended, but until we came to Waynesville, we had never gotten interested in an institution of which we are not an alumnus.

Thus we have set up in pressboxes in Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, and Virginia as cool as the bottom of a deep freeze - not particularly caring which team came out the winner.

But those days are gone forever and now we are as much concerned with the Mountaineers' athletic fortunes as many of the people who were graduated from Waynesville High. (Anyone who witnessed our wild-man act on the sidelines at Marshall can attest to that.)

However, despite our strong feeling for the boys in Gold and Black, we also feel that sports writers should be honest and present things as they appear to be - rather than how we'd like them to be.

Some sports scribes, whose teams have been practically chased out of the stadium to the tune of something like 55-7, write their stories in such a way that it's difficult to decide who really won the game. Those kind of people are for the birds.

Thus, like the baseball umpire, we intend to "call 'em like we see 'em," even though doing so may be painful at times. But sports fans are usually sharp characters and there's no point in saying a team looked good when they know otherwise.

When a sports writer attempts to camouflage the truth, the public knows he either went to sleep in the pressbox, or else was looking the other way when all the action took place.

So, in the future you can count on The Sportscope being definitely pro-Waynesville, but not completely blind - we trust.

However, we would like to point out to fans of other county teams that the fact that we're for Waynesville does not mean we are "against" their teams - except when they meet the Mountaineers.

In our trips to other schools we have always found a warm welcome and feel just as much at home at Bethel, Clyde, Crabtree, and Fines Creek, as we do in Waynesville.

As to Canton, we're encouraged to think that much of the ill feeling which has existed between the two towns in the past has faded away. In the past several months whenever we have called on them for information on the Black Bears, Coach Boyd Allen and Principal W. L. Rikard could not have been more helpful and cooperative if we came from Canton.

We hope it will continue that way, because a rivalry can be spirited without being bitter.

### Basketball Next

Last year the Mountaineers played their first basketball game within a short time after the ending of the football season, but this year there has been a longer lapse between sports.

However, the Mountaineers will taks to the basketball court just one week from tomorrow night here against Fines Creek, so get ready to see the WTHS quintet in action in their new super-duper gym. Next week we'll tell you who plays what and how come this year.

### Furry Fish Got Away

PITTSBURGH, N. H. (AP) - Here's a "fish" story with a new angle. It's about a big one that got away.

J. F. Perkins was fishing in Lake Francis recently with guide "Ving" Judd. They spotted a "big one" swimming across the lake—a 125-pound bear.

Excitedly trying to head off the animal, Perkins fly-hook accidentally tangled in the bear's fur.

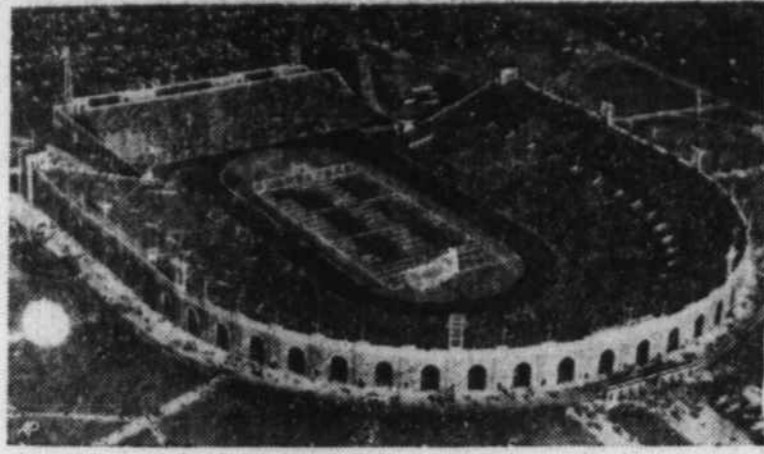
Swimming with renewed fury, the animal made it to shore and

### School Goes To Hospital

GRAND CANYON, Ariz. (AP) - When two members of the six-man football team of Grand Canyon High School were hospitalized with injuries received in a game, their teacher and the four other members of their class went to the hospital for class sessions.

There are about 3,300,000 miles of roads in the United States.

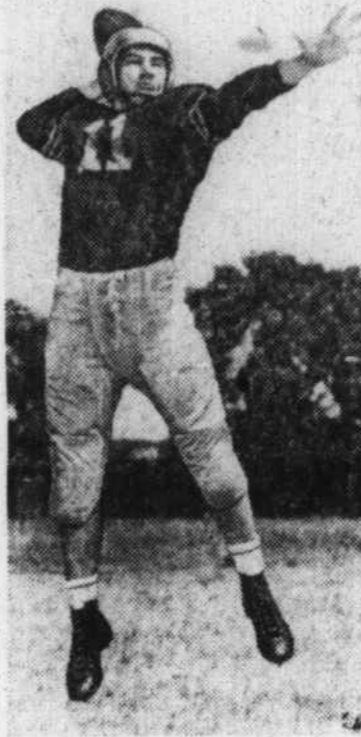
ran into the woods, the hook still in his side.



AERIAL VIEW of Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium where the Army-Navy game will be held Nov. 27. The stadium, which seats 102,000, is expected to be filled to capacity when the service teams meet for their annual "game of the year".



PETE VANN



GEORGE WELSH

QUARTERBACK AERIALISTS—are Pete Vann (left) of Army and George Welsh (right) of Navy. Both are adept ball handlers, good forward passers and hard runners.

## Middies Use Speedy Plans In Split-T Option Series

By HERBERT L. THOMPSON AP Newsfeatures

ANNAPOLIS—Speed and maneuverability characterize the Navy attack.

For the Army game the Midshipmen figure to use speedy plays to the outside off the Split T option series. Lack of weight in the line and backfield has forced Coach Eddie Erdelatz to dwell on this type of offensive.

Beating Army might be called an Erdelatz specialty. His Middies have won three times out of four.

Commenting on his prospects for the big service contest, Erdelatz, noted for his pessimism, said:

"Except for Ron Beagle, a really outstanding end, and Phil Monahan, a good halfback and great leader as captain, we don't have exceptional talent. But our boys have an immense desire and will to win.

"This is the finest Navy team I've coached and I'm looking for a tough football game, a typical Army-Navy scrap. It should be a good one."

Erdelatz passes over the fact that the Middies are two deep at every position.

Here are the players to watch: **GEORGE WELSH**—First team quarterback as a 1953 sophomore has gained poise this year. Small for a T-formation pilot (5 feet 10, 157 pounds), he is quick-thinking, sharp passer and adept ball handler. Missed starting three games because of rib injury but now back in team.

**JOHN WEAVER**—Shared signal-calling duties with Welsh last year, but now a halfback. This 6 foot 1 senior (180 pounds) has good speed, is an elusive runner, a top pass receiver and an added threat as a passer himself on pick-out plays. Also punts and placekicks. Outstanding defensive player, setting Navy record in 1952 on pass interceptions.

**PHIL MONAHAN**—Navy's top scorer last season with five touchdowns, he has been plagued with knee and leg injuries throughout the year, but may be ready for Army. The 6 foot 1, 192-pound senior is a power runner and as Navy's captain has been its inspirational leader even when benched.

**DICK GUEST**—A power-running 185-pound junior fullback, is also an exceptionally hard blocker. Has good speed. Backs up line on defense.

**RON BEAGLE**—A junior, he is regarded as one of the best linemen ever developed at Navy. Fine pass receiver and defensive end, smart at left end. A 6 foot 10, 205-pounder, he has powerful arms, legs and hands, also uses them to crash through opponent's defenses. Voted AP lineman of the week in 6-0 loss at Notre Dame.

**PAT McCOOL**—One of biggest men on squad at 6-2, 208 pounds, is a workhorse in the line; blocks and tackles well. Seldom spectacular but consistently efficient. Second year on varsity, first as a

starter.

**JOHN HOPKINS**—Regarded as team's best tackle after conversion from end, where he played as sophomore last year. Sidelined with broken thumb but should be ready for Army. Hopkins is 6 feet 3, weigh 203, and moves with surprising speed and agility. Better on offense than defense.

**LEN BENZI**—Short and stocky at 5-9, 183 pounds, earned a starting berth at guard after Navy's first game. A defensive standout and makes spectacular plays with ease. Uses strength and speed to keep heavier opponents off balance and is particularly hard to block. One of Erdelatz's big surprises. Before this year this senior had shuttled back and forth between varsity and jayvees.

**BOB DAVIS**—Became starting center through aggressive play after being reserve guard and center as a junior. Missed three games with an ankle injury but is ready. A hard, sharp blocker, he uses 187 pounds to best advantage on offense. Also an effective linebacker who calls defensive signals.

**ALEX ARONIS**—An offensive specialist under the 1952 two-plateau system, coaches call him Navy's best blocker. Packs a lot of power into 190 pounds and is team's shortest man at 5 feet 8. A body-building hobbyist, he lost "Mr. California" title by one point to man who became "Mr. America."

**JIM ROYER**—One of Navy's largest (6 feet, 208 pounds) and a steady junior lineman. Has started right tackle every game for the Middies. A converted guard. Has more game time than any tackle on squad.

**EARLE SMITH**—Only sophomore on starting eleven, was converted from quarterback after season started. Lined and ran (6 feet 1, 185 pounds) has become excellent pass receiver and good defensive player. Has great potential and can actually play at any position.

### TV Is Prize

MUSKEGON, Mich. (AP) - Circuit Judge Henry L. Beers says the television set, after the children and the family car, takes top priority in the settlement of divorce cases as the most sought-after item.

### Wife Preservers



Pot roasts are economical cuts of beef. For a small or medium sized family, buy a good-sized piece of meat and have your meat man cut it in two. Pot roast one-half and cube the other to use in a stew or to cook in some other way.

## Pete Vann Will Lead Cadet Attack

By FRANK ECK AP Newsfeatures Sports Editor

If you're one of the 102,000 fans who will attend the 55th Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia or among the millions who will see it on television, here's an advance prospectus:

Army can attack on the ground or in the air. Nearly all of Army's plays look like line plays, the deception is so great.

The Cadets feature a "roll out" offense which spreads the defense wide and enables Army backs to maneuver well from a Split T formation. Speed is the keynote for most of Army's regulars have been either trackmen or basketball players. The backfield is a track team in moleskins.

"It is such a diversified attack that it is exceedingly difficult to build a defense against," says a noted former football coach who has scouted Army but prefers to remain anonymous.

To most coaches and scouts there is no mystery to Army's attack which is best summed up by Yale Coach Jordan Olivar who says:

"We knew exactly what Army had and could do with it, but we didn't have the line or linebackers to stop it."

The players to watch:

**PETE VANN**—Coach Earl Blaik rates him one of the best quarterbacks he ever coached. An exceptionally good fader he is a great ball handler and forward passer. He takes good care of the ball even when tackled fast. When within a few feet of a touchdown he can be expected to keep the ball for a sneak across the goal line. A 180-pounder playing his final game.

**BOB KYASKY**—Regarded as the fastest Army halfback since Glenn Davis, this 19-year-old sophomore has fully recovered from a broken collarbone suffered in the opener against South Carolina. An all-around player he can catch a pass, go through the line and do a fine job defensively. He is a fine punter.

**TOMMY PELL**—This speedy halfback is a sprinter on the Army track team. He is a good receiver and fine defensively. A 190 pounder he will be playing his final game.

**PAT UEBEL**—Playing his first Navy game in 1953 he was the first Army back to score three touchdowns since Doc Blanchard's 1945 feat. He hits hard when going through the line on off-tackle plays and plunges well with a first down in sight. Led Army with 11 TD's in 1953. Possibly held in check this fall for a repeat performance against Navy. A 205 pounder he doubles on defense as linebacker.

**DON HOLLEDER**—An exceptionally great pass receiver, especially on deep plays. Caught 15 passes for 286 yards and 4 TD's as an alternate end last year. Now plays both ways and is one of great ends in Army history. Army's rolling attack affords him a fine chance to get down field. In his first game '54 he right end snared 30 and 34-yard passes and ran for scores against Dartmouth.

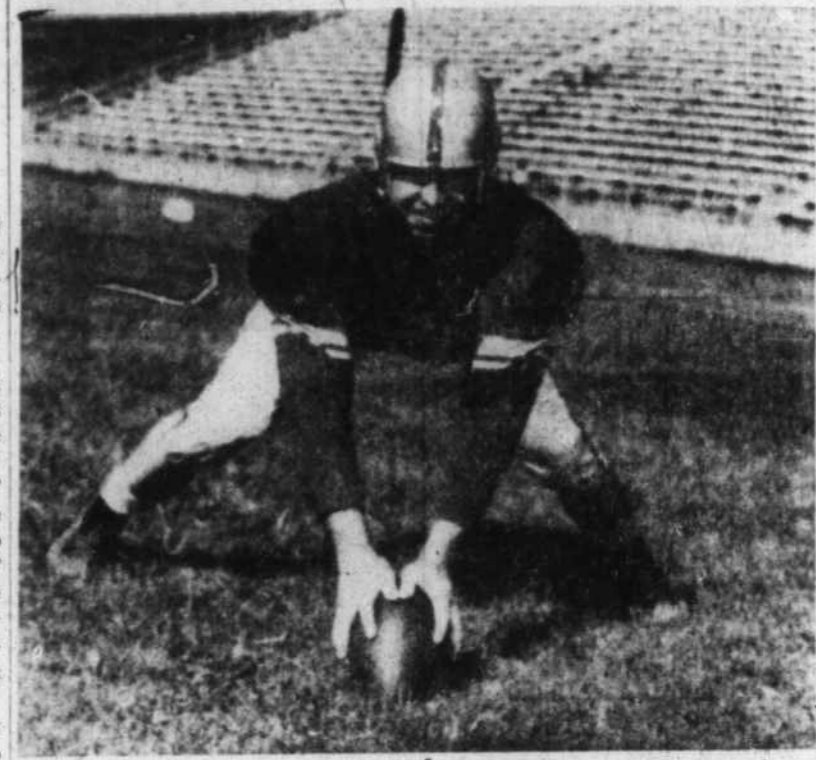
**ART JOHNSON**—A sophomore left end who can catch passes. If Navy tries to double-team Hollender, Vann's target on long passes could be this 189-pounder who wrestled on the Plebe team.

**GODWIN ORDWAY**—Opponents fumble when this 190 pounder tackles. An all-around player he was offensive center in the two-plateau era and an end last year.

**DICK STEPHENSON**—A Plebe center last year he is a remarkable tackle for 18 lbs who uses 185 pounds to good advantage.

**FLAY GOODWIN**—One of three ten-acters in the Army line, this

## College Football On Tap Here Thursday As Catamounts Meet Air Force Squad



JIM KUYKENDALL



JOE HIPPS

196 pounder, a guard as a Plebe, has taken his place as a regular at 19.

**RALPH CHESNAUSKAS**—An all-around athlete, this guard is terrific at diagnosing plays. He is fast for 205 pounds and strong. This junior (yearling) kicks most of Army's extra points.

**BILLY CHANCE**—A versatile player in that he has played virtually every position at West Point. The 190-pound senior is regular center and the team's most experienced line backer.

If things get too tough for the first team Army has some reserves who can do a softening up job.

### Soph Switch Helps TCU

FORT WORTH (AP) - Football coach Abe Martin of the T.C.U. Horned Frogs is mighty glad that Arvil R. (Buddy) Dike changed his mind.

Dike who played his high school football at Oak Park near Chicago, originally was enrolled at Wisconsin. But when his family moved to San Antonio, he became interested in T.C.U.

As a sophomore fullback this season Buddy has made the starting team and is going great guns on the gridiron. In four games against Oklahoma, Southern California, Arkansas and Kansas he rolled up 260 yards. He is on the top of the Southwest Conference list for total offense even if he doesn't pass.

If Dike continues his ground-gaining pace of 65 game he may hit the 700 mark this season.

1400 WHCC 1400

# THANKSGIVING DAY

Waynesville Combined Community Church Service, 9:00 to 10:00 A. M.

# FOOTBALL

Western Carolina College vs. Charleston Air Base, Thursday, 2:25 P. M., at Waynesville

Saturday, Nov. 27

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If performing on the ground before home fans anything, four members of the Carolina College's Catamounts will have an added bonus today afternoon at 2:30 when they meet the Charleston Rebels at the Waynesville stadium.

The quartet which has played on this same field many times in the Gold and Black Waynesville Mountaineers' Joe Hipps of Lake James, Jim Kuykendall, Terry and Carroll Swager, all of wood.

The four have been named starting lineup by Coach Young as the Catamounts in their 1954 season in a game was scheduled here to meet annual Canton-Waynesville season.

All of Western Carolina are Tar Heels and 18 out of are from the WNC mountains.

Other starters for the mounts will be Jack Carter of Sylva at left end, Herb Wards of Marshall at left, Jon Carswell of Granite right guard, Bill McElrath of Weaverville at right half, my Lewis of Chadbourne at back, and Jack Hendricks of ville at left half.

This season Western has beaten Lenoir-Rhyne, Catawba, 26-13; Newberry, 20-0; and Watauga, 20-0. Losses to Carson-Newman, 7-0; Union, 27-13; East Tennessee, 26-13; and Henry, 16-0.

Tickets for the game are on sale at Charlie's Place, Fruit Stand and the Pharmacy. Advance \$1.50 for adults and 75¢ for students. At the gate they be \$2 and \$1.

### Growing Boy

CHAPEL HILL (AP) - Porchie, tackle on the top of North Carolina gridiron, a growing boy. Last year his line weight was 195 pounds, this season the bucky youth from Jeger Park, Ga., is listed at 260.

EVERY KERNEL POPP... OR MONEY BACK