



FINES CREEK WHITE HORNET boys squad of 1954-55, coached by Joe Turner, includes (kneeling, left to right) manager Bernard Ferguson, Ronad Fish, Vinson Evans, Gene Messer, Johnny

Rathbone, and Dwight Trantham; (standing) Dale Fish, Dale Bramlett, Jerry Ferguson, James Ferguson, Frank Ledford, and James Robert Rathbone. (Mountaineer Photo).

Bethel Takes Pair From Fines Creek

Bethel won another basketball double bill Friday night at Fines Creek as the Belles finished in front, 51-37, and the Blue Demons emerged victorious, 82-60.

Peggy Edwards, Bethel's blonde long-shot artist, hit 21 points to lead the Belles. Joan Ferguson collected 18 for the hostess Fines Creek Fillies. Bethel was ahead 28-15 at the half.

Ahead only 36-34 at the half in the boys game, the Blue Demons turned on the pressure in the second half to win going away.

Calvin Wells paced the Blue and White attack with 22 points, followed closely by Gerald Owen with 20. Gene Messer of Fines Creek took scoring honors, however, with a 24-point performance.

Bethel will travel to Mars Hill Tuesday night. Fines Creek has an open date.

Girls' lineup: Bethel (51) Fines Creek (37) F—Edwards (21) J. Ferguson (18) F—Poston (6) C. Ferguson (9) F—Pinkerton Justice (9) G—Revis Price G—Presslev Trantham G—Wilson (4) Rogers

Subs: Bethel—Lowe 14, Edwards-Henson 2, R. Henson, Jones, Sheffield, Messer, Presslev, Phillips, S. Smith, Mease, Laymon 2, Johnson 1, Sheffield Davis, Iman Blalock Griffin 2, Blazer. Fines Creek—F. Ferguson 1, Parkins, Ledford

Half time score: Bethel, 28-15.

Boys' lineup: Bethel (82) Fines Creek (60) F—Reece (10) Messer (24) F—Owen (20) Fish C—Capps (19) Hunter (4) G—Harrover (5) Evans (16) G—Wells (22) J. Ferguson (6)

Subs: Bethel—Queen 3, Phillips 2, Shipman, Terrell, Parker, Hill Kelley 2, Warren, Stamey, Fines Creek—Bramlett 6, Ferguson 4, Rathbone.

Half time score: Bethel, 36-34. Officials: Griffin and Kuykendall.

Canton-Hendersonville Clash Tuesday Tops Western Carolina Cage Agency

Top basketball game in Haywood County tomorrow night—and probably Western North Carolina as well—will be a clash between the Hendersonville Bearcats and the Canton Black Bears at Canton.

Although both teams have been beaten this season, the Bearcats and Black Bears are expected to be among the main contenders for 1954-55 conference and regional honors.

Although Hendersonville was awarded the Blue Ridge Conference cage championship last season because of its record, Canton whipped the Henderson countians twice during the regular season and again in regional playoffs.

Canton later represented this region at Kinston. The Black Bears also successfully defended their county crown by beating Bethel in the finals last February.

The only other county game Tuesday will be Clyde's invasion of Waynesville. Bethel will journey to Mars Hill, and Crabtree-Iron Duff will go to Flat Rock. Fines Creek has an open date.

In two slow games Friday night, Waynesville's boys outpointed Crabtree-Iron Duff, 52-36, after the girls won a 10-point decision 37-27.

The Mountaineers are still undefeated, having won over Fines Creek, Christ School, and Mars Hill. The Mountaineers also hold victories over Fines Creek and Mars Hill.

The Clyde Cardinals lost a heartbreaker, 46-44, to Walnut Friday night as a long shot in the last five seconds broke up a 44-44 ball game. The Cards have whipped Fines Creek, and have lost to Bethel and Walnut. The Cardinals are still winless in three outings.

Bethel's basketeers will be favored to wallop Mars Hill on the Madison hardwood Tuesday night. The Wildcats have lost to both Canton and Waynesville by big margins. The Mars Hill girls edged the Canton Lady Bears but lost to the Mountaineers.

Crabtree-Iron Duff will encounter stern opposition at Flat Rock, which is the "Bethel" of Henderson County.

The C-ID boys have beaten Fines Creek twice, Mills River once and have lost to Bethel and Waynesville. The girls lost to Fines Creek once and tied the Fillies in a return engagement and hold an upset victory over Bethel.

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Clyde Here Tuesday Night; WTHS Tops Crabtree Twice

By BOB CONWAY

Waynesville won a doubleheader from Crabtree-Iron Duff here Friday night, but neither WTHS squad looked particularly impressive in victory. The Mountaineers won 52-36 after the Mountaineers had triumphed 37-27.

In the listless boys' game, Tommy Nichols led the Gold and Black with 14 points while Joe Aldridge hit for 13. Ernest Hoglen, an accomplished long shot, and Johnny Crawford each got 12 for Crabtree-Iron Duff.

Neither team had too much luck at the foot the. Waynesville hit 6

out of 13, while Crabtree-Iron Duff dunked 10 out of 21.

The Mountaineers led throughout the game: 15-7 at the end of the first quarter, 21-13 at the half, and 37-22 at the three-quarter mark.

In the girls' tilt, Waynesville led 9-3 at the end of the first quarter and 22-7 at the half. But the Crabtree lassies came back strong in the third quarter to outscore the Mountaineers 13-6 and narrow the margin to 28-20 at the end of the quarter. In the final quarter, WTHS hit eight points to seven for C-ID.

Betty Smith led her sextet in its third straight victory with 18 points.

Barbara Smith, with 10 points, paced the Blue Eagles, while Mary

Sutton was outstanding on defense in breaking up a number of Waynesville passes.

In the free throw department, the Mountaineers caged only seven out of 22 attempts, while Crabtree-Iron Duff cashed in on only four in 11 trips to the foul line. The Waynesville girls' offensive also was stymied by a high number of bad passes made during the game.

WTHS will play host to Clyde here Tuesday night and Sylva Friday night.

Girls' lineup: Crabtree-ID (27) Waynesville (37) F—Presnel (8) Smith (18) F—Best (3) Carver (9) F—Smith (10) Robinson (10) G—McCracken (2) Hamilton G—Sutton Fitzgerald G—P. McElroy E. Smith Subs: Crabtree—S. McElroy, Crawford, F. Sanford, L. Sanford, Hoelen 2, Coeburn 2, Ferguson, Hill, Waynesville—Winchester, Ketter, Grant, Myers, Ratchiff, Stiles, Howell.

Half time score: Waynesville, 24-7.

Boys' lineup: Crabtree-ID (36) Waynesville (52) F—J. Crawford (12) G. Davis F—E. Hoglen (12) Harris (10) C—Walker (7) Aldridge (13) G—Best (2) Nichols (13) G—McElroy (1) Jordan (7) Subs: Crabtree—B. Hannah, K. Hannah, Clark, Hill, A. Hoglen, Parks, Bradshaw 2, Waynesville—Medford, Gardner, T. Davis, Queen, Sparks 2, Hooper, Hightower 1, Balance 5, Ezell.

Half time score: Waynesville 21-13.

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Thomas Edison was 32 years old when he produced the first commercial practical electric light.

Dayton Five Rips Marion 114 To 60

Dayton Rubber's quintet in the Western North Carolina Industrial Basketball League swamped the Marion Spinners, 114-60, in a game played last Thursday night at Old Fort.

Max Rogers, Dayton's high scorer last season, led his teammates with 32 points, but Billy Leatherwood, former Waynesville Mountaineer cage luminary, was close behind with 30 points. Huttman led the losers with 21 points.

The lineup: Dayton (114) Marion (60) F—Rogers (32) Lowery (2) F—Owensby (8) Guy (2) F—Harris (6) Saunders (13) F—Best (1) Huttman (21) C—Jenkins (18) Randolph (5) C—McCracken Owensby (2) G—Leatherwood (30) Harris G—Brannon (12) Mansburn G—Howell Wilson (2) G—Swanger (7) Pittman (2) G—Marlow (2)

Corky Valentine of Cincinnati led National League rookie pitchers the first half of the season with seven victories. Five other rookies won in the league.

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