

Powerful Canton Black Bears To Invade WTHS Gym Friday Night

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The Sportscope
By BOB CONWAY

CAGE COMMENTS: According to the calendar, Waynesville's basketball team had only a two-week layoff during the Christidays. But against Mars Hill Tuesday night, the Mountaineers like they had been gone two years.

Unless they are improved at least 500 per cent by tomorrow the Gold and Black cagers would be wise to spend a quiet g at home instead of tangling with the Canton Black Bears at WTHS gym. Although the bruins have dropped three this season, till pack a powerful wallop — as Hendersonville and Bethel already found out.

Way It Happened

Here's the lowdown on just how a Southern California half-managed to run 86 yards with a punt return through the entire tate team in the Rose Bowl.

The way we heard it, just before fullback Hubert Bobo dropk to punt for the Buckeyes, Ohio State sent in a substitute. sub went into the game, he asked the man coming out: "Who's n?"

Well, by the time the retiring player could say "Aramis Danhe Trojan speedster had scampered for 86 yards and a touch-

That's the way it goes.

Little Country Boys'

Baron Adolph Rupp, coach of the highly successful Kentucky basketball team, has always had the habit of referring to his as "pore little country boys" — even when there has been American or two on the squad.

This year, however, it appeared that his term would be con-justified because the 1954-55 edition of the Big Blue does not a single well-publicized name like Frank Selvy, Tom Gola, Hemric, or Dick Ricketts.

Kentucky was supposed to be "rebuilding" this year and was arded as a major confederer. But, with five "unknowns", the s are now leading the country — just as last year's undefeated did.

It's more than likely that the Cats won't continue undefeat-the odds are against their remaining on top of the basket- ap, but for a bunch of "pore little country boys," they've done all.

Waynesville Again Whips Mars Hill

By BOB CONWAY

The top game in Haywood County this week and one of the prize attractions in Western North Carolina Friday night will be the meeting here of the unbeaten Waynesville Mountaineers and the powerful Canton Black Bears. Other county games this week are between Bethel and Crabtree-Iron Duff at Crabtree, and Cherokee at Clyde.

Although the Bears have lost three this season (twice to Lee Edwards and once to Asheville School), they will be favored to hand the Mountaineers their first defeat. Although WTHS has hung up seven consecutive victories, they have yet to meet a top-flight quintet, while Canton has opposed five powerhouses.

Despite their 0-3 record with Buncombe teams, the Black Bears have whipped rugged Hendersonville and Bethel and appear to compare favorably with the county champion team of 1953-54.

In their last start against Mars Hill, although the weather outside was spring-like, the Mountaineers played below - zero basketball against the Madison counties in winning 46-35 after the WTHS girls had triumphed, 50-43.

Despite their poor performance, the Mountaineers kept a comfortable lead until midway in the fourth quarter when it appeared they might donate the game to the visitors. After the Wildcats narrowed the margin to only four points at 35-31, Nichols and Aldridge steadied the highlanders and quelled the Mars Hill uprising.

The Wildcats failed to tally a field goal in the first quarter and got their only two points on Reece's foul tosses in the last few seconds of the first quarter. In the second quarter, Waynesville did almost as poorly by hitting only one fielder during the period.

WTHS led 11-2 at the first quarter, 20-12 at the half, and 33-24 at the end of the third quarter.

Nichols paced the Gold and Black with 20 points and Joe Aldridge added another 11. Reese hit 14 and Carter 13 for the Wildcats.

In the girls' tilt, Tulan Carver with 24 points and Agnes Roberson with 19 were the big guns for the Mountaineers. Edith Sheppard, however, took scoring honors with 28 tallies for the Wildkittens.

Waynesville was ahead, 28-14, at the half and piled up a 20-point lead before reserves took over.

Girls' lineup:
Mars Hill (43) Waynesville (50)
F—Briggs (3) B. Smith (7)
F—E Sheppard (28) Carver (24)
F—Eatman (12) Roberson (19)
G—Peek Hamilton
G—Whitt Fitzgerald
G—Thomas E. Smith

Subs: Mars Hill—Johnson, Edwards, Yelton, Reese, Fisher. Waynesville—Winchester, Ketner, Grant, Myers, Ratcliff, Howell, Turner.

Half time score: Waynesville, 28-14.

Boys' lineup:
Mars Hill (35) Waynesville (46)
F—Carter (13) G. Davis (6)
F—Vance Harris (2)
C—Reese (14) Aldridge (11)
G—Wall (2) T. Nichols (20)
G—Metcalf (2) Jordan (5)

Subs: Mars Hill—Davis, Boone, Clark, Ammons 2, Smith 2. Blackwell. Waynesville — Medford, P. Davis, Sparks, Hooper 2, Ballance.

Halftime score: Waynesville, 20-12.

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CANTON LADY BEARS this year are (first row, left to right) Jane Allen, Judy Ensley, and Barbara Carswell; (third row) Norma Haney, Jean Surret, Susie Burnette, Dianne Jones, Bess Phillips, and Erma Deaton.

Black Bears Hand Bethel Boys First Loss, 54-46

The rugged Canton Black Bears handed the Bethel Blue Demons their first defeat of the season, 54-46, on the Canton hardwood Tuesday night.

However, the Bethel Belles salvaged some satisfaction for followers of the Blue and White by taming the Canton Lady Bears, 54-39.

In the boys' clash, center David Anderson dropped in 14 points for Canton, while the two Milners and Doc Rhinehart each contributed an even dozen. Dean Reese paced the Blue Demons with 20 markers.

For the victorious Belles, Gail Revis stole the spotlight from Peggy Edwards (who hit 14) with a point total of 25. Jean Surret was high for the Lady Bears with 16.

Bethel won two junior high games beating the Canton girls, 39-21, and the boys, 50-43. Canton's Junior Varsity walloped the Bethel Jayvees, 62-30.

Girls' lineup:
Bethel (54) Canton (39)
F—R. Edwards (14) Phillips (11)
F—Poston (1) Haney
F—Pinkerton (4) Surret (16)
G—Revis (25) W...
G—D. Pressley Ensley
G—Wilson Burnette

Subs: Bethel—Lowe 2, Jones 2, E. Henson 2, Messer, M. Phillips, R. Henson, Mease, J. Sheffield, M. Edwards, Layman 2, H. Sheffield, J. Smith, Johnson 2, Canton—Carswell, Morgan, Pressley, Jones 6, Willis 6, Fisher.

Half time score—Bethel, 25-12

Boys' lineup:
Bethel (46) Canton (54)
F—Reese (20) D. Milner (19)
F—Wells (8) Cannon (9)
C—Cannon (8) Anderson (18)
G—Phillips (4) Rhinehart (19)
G—Stamey (6) G. Milner (19)
Subs: Bethel—Queen, Hargrove
Canton—West.

Half time score: Canton, 30-26

Etowah, Clyde Split Two Games

Clyde and Etowah divided two basketball games at Clyde Tuesday night as the Cardinalettes turned back the visiting girls, 47-40, and the Etowah boys finished in the win column, 91-62.

In the male melee, Russell Nix poured in 30 points for Etowah, while Charles Jolley meshed 23 for the Cardinals.

For the winning Cardinalettes, Betty Owenby hit 29 points and Eula Jo Stamey 18. Jo Summey led the Etowah maids with 16.

Girls' lineup:
Etowah (40) Clyde (47)
F—Summey (16) Owensby (29)
F—McCarson (9) Stamey (18)
G—Green (10) Medford
G—Briggs McCracken
G—L. Weese Pressley
G—Dalton Russell

Subs: Etowah — M. Weese 3, Byrd, Robinson, Norton 2, Bell, Clyde—Jolley, Seott.

Half time score: Clyde, 26-20.

Boys' lineup:
Etowah (91) Clyde (62)
F—Robb Dalton (10) Dotson (6)
F—B. Allison (11) B. McCracken (6)
C—Nix (30) Jolley (25)
G—Bill Dalton (6) Fisher (9)
G—Drake (2) Caldwell

Subs: Etowah—McCall 4, Robinson 10, J. Allison 3, Newman 4, Allen 2, Summey 5, Byrd 2, Nicholson 2, Clyde—Medford, Shook 10, Rogers 3, Livingston 3.

Half time score: Etowah 38-21.

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