

All Six Haywood Cage Teams To See Action Tonight, Tomorrow Night

Waynesville Plays Host To Murphy

Although Crabtree-Iron Duff and Fines Creek actually opened the county's basketball season on November 10 — one day before the football season ended—cage activities will get into high gear tonight and tomorrow night with all six Haywood County teams slated for action.

Tonight's slate will find Murphy at Waynesville, Canton at Clyde, and Fines Creek at Bethel. Tomorrow night, Canton will go to Crabtree.

Both Crabtree-Iron Duff and Fines Creek have already played five games this season.

The Bethel Blue Demons and Belles will be defending champions in both the boys' and girls' divisions this year. The Canton Black Bears won the boys' championship the two years previous, but passed up the county tournament last year in favor of the Blue Ridge Conference meet and the state Class AA playoffs. The bruins again have chosen to participate in the conference tournament and will not seek the county title this year.

Played last year at Clyde, the county tournament this year will be conducted at Bethel.

Canton and Bethel—perennially the strongest quintets—both lost heavily by graduation. Canton has only three lettermen back—DeWayne Milner, Charles West, and Doyce Cannon, but all three were starters last year.

Bethel has only one regular back—Dean Reece, but the Blue Demons have a number of promising reserves.

The Bethel girls lost five out of six starters by graduation, but the Belles always have a bench full of experienced subs. Waynesville, runner-up in the girls' tournament, should be strong again with two starting forwards and one guard back. Crabtree and Fines Creek have already shown strong sextets in their five games.

WWIT To Open Studio For Football Broadcast

Radio station WWIT at Canton will open its studios at 7:45 p.m. Friday to the public for a broadcast of the Hendersonville-Kinston football game for the state Class AA championship.

The game will not be carried over the air because WWIT does not broadcast during the hours of



LETTERMEN on the Waynesville basketball team this season are (front to rear) Bobby Ballance, Don Ezell, Don Jordan, Carroll Hooper, Tony Davis, Joel Medford, and Thomas Sparks. The

Mountaineer cagers will open their 1955-56 season here tonight against Murphy.

(Mountaineer Photo).

Optimism Reigns On UNC Campus As Tar Heels Get Ready To Meet Arch Rival

By CLIFTON METCALF
(Special to The Mountaineer)

CHAPEL HILL—Optimism, a word seldom heard in this mid-state camp of the UNC Tar Heels

in the contest.

The play-by-play account will be relayed to WWIT from the Hendersonville station.

this season, best describes the attitude here toward the 41st annual football game between Duke University and the University of North Carolina. The game, last scheduled ACC contest, will be played at Durham Saturday at 2 p.m.

This rivalry, which dates back to 1888, is the keenest in the Big

Crabtree-ID And Fletcher Split Pair

Crabtree-Iron Duff's girls won over Fletcher, 55-45, Tuesday night, but the Fletcher boys were victorious, in a low-scoring game, 23-20.

McCracken was tops for the Crabtree girls with 18 points, while Owensby with 21 and Cunningham with 20 led the way for the losers.

The score was tied at the half, 29-29.

Matthews paced the Fletcher boys with 17 points, while McElroy was high for Crabtree-Iron Duff with nine markers.

Fletcher was out in front at the half, 17-10.

Girls' lineup:
Crabtree-ID (55) Fletcher (45)
F—Presnell (15) Owensby (21)
F—Best (9) White (2)
F—Smith (2) Cunningham (20)
G—McCracken (18) Hendrix
G—Hill Angel

Four, Duke leads in the series with a record of 20 wins, 17 losses, and three ties.

Duke, with a 7-2 record for the 1955 season, will go into the game as a slight favorite. However, a look at the record books will show that there have been many upsets in this rivalry between the two largest colleges in the state.

Carolina, with a 3-6 showing for the season, is on the rebound, losing only to the talented Fighting Irish of Notre Dae in the last three contests.

The Tar Heels, states Coach George Barclay, "will be ready to play." Except for reserve fullback Giles Gaea who has an arm injury, Coach Barclay's squad will be at full strength.

Halfback Ed Sutton, the Cullowhee Comet, has been looking particularly good in preparation for the game. The Tar Heels have been scrimmaging the freshman squad which has already finished its season.

Duke reserve end Bob Benson is the only man of Coach Bill Murray's Blue Devils that will be unable to play because of an injury.

Reportedly the game could be near a sell-out by Saturday afternoon, which would be the largest crowd to witness a game at Duke this year. In excess of 35,000 tickets have already been sold. The game will be televised on a nationwide hook-up.

The traditional beat-Duke parade will be staged here Friday afternoon with a contest for the best float entered by a sorority, fraternity, or dormitory being sponsored by a fraternity. The annual beat-Duke pep rally, which will probably draw the largest number of students of any this year, has not been announced.

Duke University is the owner of a current five-game win streak in the Carolina series. However, Carolina possesses the longest in the history of the competition—winning nine straight games.

A victory for the Tar Heels would certainly improve Coach George Barclay's bargaining power when the Carolina Athletic Council meets December 6th, at which time his job will probably be discussed.

Crabtree-Iron Duff Cagers To Play 16 More Games

Crabtree-Iron Duff High School will play 16 more basketball games this season in addition to the five played previously. Coach Fred Safford announced this week.

In five starts thus far, the C-ID cagers have split twice with Fines Creek and once with Mills River, Flat Rock, and Fletcher.

The remainder of the schedule is:

Dec. 2—Canton—home
Dec. 6—Clyde—away
Dec. 13—Bethel—away
Dec. 16—Waynesville—home

G—Plemmons Emory
Subs: Crabtree—Rector, Brown 11, Ferguson, James, Fletcher—Baldwin 2, Ward, Youngblood, Robinson, Beddingfield.
Half time score: 29-29, tie.

Boys' lineup:
Crabtree-ID (20) Fletcher (23)
F—Bradshaw (2) Bagwell (7)
F—Hannah Connor (4)
C—McElroy (9) Baker (2)
G—Best (4) Mathias (4)
G—Kirkpatrick Matthews (17)
Subs: Crabtree—Ferguson 1, J. Parks, Parris 2, Clark 2, Crawford, Fletcher—Moore 2, Fletcher 2, Youngblood 5, Whitaker, Buckner.

Half time score: 17-10, Fletcher.
Officials: Kaylor and Estes.

Dec. 20—Robbinsville—away
Jan. 3—Spring Creek—home
Jan. 6—Flat Rock—home
Jan. 10—Clyde—home
Jan. 13—Mills River—away
Jan. 17—Canton—away
Jan. 24—Fines Creek—home
Jan. 27—Fletcher—home
Jan. 31—Waynesville—away
Feb. 3—Fines Creek—away
Feb. 7—Spring Creek—away
Feb. 10—Bethel—home

On this year's Crabtree-Iron Duff boys' squad are:

Charles Parks, Kyle Hannah, Ned Crawford, Bobby Ray Clark, Harold Dean Parks, Bobby Gene Hannah, Kenneth Beasley, Grover Lee Bradshaw, Roger McElroy, George Kirkpatrick, Autry Best, Jerry Crawford, Jerry Parks, Gerald Ferguson, Louis Stevenson, Bruce Parker, and Phillip Davis.

On the girls' team are:

Betty Jo Brown, Freida Ann Hill, Beverly Chambers, Sue Kinland, Marie Shetley, Earline Woodard, Azalee McCracken, Stella James, Betty Sue James, Mary Sue McCracken, Hilda Rector, Barbara Jones, Barbara Ann Smith, Louise Best, Louise Presnell, Helen Hill, Annetta Ferguson, Barbara Ann Crawford, and Jean Crawford.

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Canton High To Play 20-Game Cage Slate

The Canton High Black Bears will play a 20-game basketball schedule this season, opening against the Clyde Cardinals at Clyde tonight.

The bruin basketballers also will meet Crabtree-Iron Duff, Brevard, Enka, Bethel, A. C. Reynolds, Waynesville, Lee Edwards, Hendersonville, and Asheville School, closing out their season against the latter team on February 18.

For the second straight year, Canton will not play in the annual Haywood County basketball tournament, but will enter the Blue Ridge meet instead. Last season the Black Bears won the Blue Ridge tournament crown, but the regular season championship went to the Bethel Blue Demons.

The schedule announced Tuesday by Coach Buck Barkby is:

Dec. 1—Clyde—away
Dec. 2—Crabtree—away
Dec. 6—Brevard—away
Dec. 9—Enka—away
Dec. 16—Bethel—away
Jan. 3—Reynolds—away
Jan. 6—Waynesville—home
Jan. 10—Lee Edwards—home
Jan. 11—Hendersonville—away
Jan. 13—Clyde—home
Jan. 17—Crabtree—home

Jan. 20—Brevard—home
Jan. 27—Bethel—home
Jan. 28—Asheville School
Jan. 31—Reynolds—home
Feb. 3—Enka—home
Feb. 7—Hendersonville
Feb. 10—Waynesville
Feb. 15—Lee Edwards
Feb. 18—Asheville School

Canton High this season the gymnasium in the new Junior High Building, and the high school building floor will be used for the first time on January 6 when Waynesville plays the Black Bears.

Coach Buck Barkby has only three lettermen from his 1954-55 squad—Milner, Charles West, and Cannon—but all three were starters last year.

After winning the Blue Ridge Conference tournament last year, the Black Bears of the Class AA playoffs for the fourth in the state.

Eddie Chavez, San Jose, has nine brothers and sisters.

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