Canton-Waynesville Clash Here Friday Highlights Haywood Cage Slate

Crabtree Splits With Spring Creek

Crabtree-Iron Duff's strong girls' team romped over visiting Spring Creek Tuesday night, 75-21, but the Crabtree boys found the going considerably tougher and lost, 52-36.

Ahead 36-14 at the intermission, the Crabtree girls turned on the pressure even more in the second half to win going away. Presnell paced the Blue Eagles with 37, while Smith and Brown each added 14. Keener led the losers, scoring all but one of Spring Creek's 21 points.

Bradshaw was tops for the Yellowjackets with 15, while Parks contributed 10.

Willett and Justice hit 14 apiece for the Spring Creek quintet.

The halftime score was 24-13, Spring Creek.

Crabtree-Iron Duff will be home again on Friday night, entertaining the Flat Rock teams.

Girls' lineup:

Spring Creek (21)	Crabtree-ID (75)
F—B. Keener (20)	Smith (14)
F—Massie (1)	Best (6)
F—Caldwell	Presnell (37)
G—Hipps	McCracken
G—M. Keener	Ferguson
G—Moore	Plemmons

Subs: Spring Creek—Kirkpatrick, Ferguson, Penley. Crabtree-Iron Duff—Brown 14, Rector 2, Chambers, Sue James, Jones, Hill 2, J. Crawford, B. Crawford, Kinsland, Stella James.

Half time score: 36-14, Crabtree-Iron Duff.

Boys' lineup:

Spring Creek (52)	Crabtree-ID (36)
F—G. Willett (12)	Bradshaw (15)
F—Willett (14)	B. G. Hannah (2)
C—Justice (14)	McElroy
G—Plemmons (12)	Best (3)
G—Caldwell	Kirkpatrick

Subs: Crabtree — J. Parks 10, Ferguson, H. Parks, Clark 2, Crawford 2, K. Hannah, Rogers, Beasley, Surrett, C. Parks.

Half time score: 24-13, Spring Creek.

Bethel High Boys Lose, Girls Win

The Bethel Belles gained revenge for their only defeat of the season by trouncing the Leicester sextet, 51-31, but the Bethel Blue Demons again took it on the chin from the Leicester boys, 51-49.

As they have been for their past two games, the Blue and White cagers were severely weakened by the absence of their high scorer, Dean Reese, who is out of the lineup with an injury.

The Belles jumped off to a lead of 28-9 at the half and were never in trouble as S. Smith hit 24 points and Lowe 15. Kennerly was tops for Leicester with 23.

The Blue Demons were ahead at the end of the first half, 24-20, but couldn't maintain the pace in the second half.

Hill collected 15 for Bethel, Russell 14, and Singleton 13. Teague was high for Leicester with 18.

This was the fourth loss for the Blue Demons, giving them a season's record of 4-4.

Tonight Bethel will be on the road against Flat Rock.

Girls' lineup:

Leicester (31)	Bethel (51)
F—Kennerly (23)	(15) Lowe
F—Gillespie (2)	(6) Henson
F—Duckett	(2) Jones
G—Cole	Pinkerton
G—Merrill	Messer
G—Webb	Phillips

Subs: Leicester — Ball, Black 5, Davis, Smith 1, Ensley, Shook. Bethel—S. Smith 24, J. Smith 2, Laymon, A. Sheffield, Smathers, A. Grogan, J. Grogan, B. Phillips, Griffin, Edwards.

Half time score: 28-9, Bethel.

Boys lineup:

Leicester (51)	Bethel (49)
F—Ball (12)	15) Hill
F—Teague (18)	(14) Russell
C—Abrams (7)	(13) Singleton
G—J. Sluder (6)	(5) West
G—R. Sluder (8)	(2) Queen

Subs: Bethel—Burris, Mease.

Half time score: 24-20, Bethel.

Officials. Lancaster and Gaddy.

Reynolds Cagers At Home Friday

The Reynolds High School Tigers will seek their second basketball victory of the season Friday night at Reynolds against the strong Wright High School aggregation of Abbeville, S. C.

A girls preliminary will begin at 8 p.m.

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SOUTH'S NAVY SINKS NORTH 20-7

NAVY QUARTERBACK George Welsh plunges over the goal line for a South score in the ninth annual North-South all-star Shrine football game at the Orange Bowl in Miami, Fla. The 22-year-old midshipman sparked his team to a 20-to-7 victory over the North, to give the South six victories in the nine-game series. Welsh, who connected with 12 passes, was voted the game's most valuable player.

Canton Black Bears Top Reynolds; CHS Girls Lose

The once-beaten Canton Black Bears won their fifth victory of the season Tuesday night by trimming Reynolds High, 56-45, but the Canton girls lost to the strong Reynolds sextet, 67-54.

Charles West was the big gun for the bruins with 23 points. Jack Benfield netted nine for Reynolds.

Canton held the lead at halftime, 32-20.

In the girls game, 25 points by Sales and 20 by Conner proved too much for the Canton Lady Bears, paced by Phillips with 22.

Reynolds was out in front at the recess, 36-22.

Canton's next games will be Friday night at Waynesville. The doubleheader was originally scheduled to be played at Canton, but seats for the new Canton gymnasium have not yet arrived.

Girls' lineup:

Canton (54)	Reynolds (67)
F—Phillips (22)	(20) E. Conner
F—Willis (13)	(25) Sales
F—Young (8)	(13) Sullins
G—West	Trantham
G—Kinsland	Williams
G—Burnette	Shillinglaw

Subs: Canton—Carswell 11, Surrett, J. Kinsland, Medlin, Reynolds—E. Conner 3, Wright 4, Ingle 2, Flynn, Shifflet, Ingle, Sellare, Pennington, Dotson.

Half time score: 36-22, Reynolds.

Boys lineup:

Canton (56)	Reynolds (45)
F—Milner (11)	(5) Laughter
F—Raxter	(7) Smith
C—King (9)	(9) Benfield
G—West (23)	(7) Reed
G—Cannon (4)	(5) Harrell

Subs: Canton—Stamey 2, Pace 2, Vanhook, Green, Boone. Reynolds—Tarper 6, Hendrix 4, Longmire 2, Houser, McIntyre.

Half time score: 32-20, Canton.

Officials: Nockow and Conner.

Crabtree Home, Other Teams Away

The first clash of the present basketball season between Canton and Waynesville highlights the Haywood County basketball slate tonight and Friday, with two games scheduled in the county, and three on foreign soil.

Bethel will travel to Flat Rock tonight, and the Henderson countians will come to Haywood Friday night for a tilt with Crabtree-Iron Duff. Other Friday night games will find Clyde at Walnut and Fines Creek at Swain High of Bryson City.

The Canton-Waynesville game tomorrow night was originally set to be played in Canton, but the game was moved to WTHS because seats for the new Canton Junior High gymnasium have not yet arrived. The two teams will meet again in the Paper City Friday, February 10.

The setting for the traditional clash between the undefeated Mountaineers and the once-beaten Black Bears is very much like that of a year ago.

In January, 1955, Waynesville, with a spotless 7-0 record and a top ranking in the WNC high school basketball poll, entertained a Canton team here which had already dropped three games—two to Lee Edwards and another to Asheville School.

However, the Black Bears paid no difference to past records and won going away, 63.42. In the second game of the season at Canton, the bruins won by an even larger margin—74-39.

Waynesville's last basketball victory over Canton was scored in the first meeting of the county rivals during the 1953-54 season.

For tomorrow night's game, Waynesville will have one regular back from the starting five that faced Canton last year — Captain Don Jordan, while Canton will have two starters—Dewayne Milner and Dovce Cannon. Milner was the top scorer for the Black Bears in the second game last year with 30 points.

Waynesville thus far has beaten Brevard twice and Murphy, Reynolds, Fines Creek, Clyde, and Crabtree-Iron Duff once. Canton has whipped Clyde, Crabtree, Brevard, Bethel, and Reynolds and has lost to Enka.

Bethel's Blue Demons, regular season conference champions last year and runner-up in the state Class A tournament, will attempt to improve their present 4-4 record at the expense of Flat Rock tonight on the Henderson hardwood.

In their last three starts, the Demons have lost to Canton, Fines Creek, and Leicester.

The Clyde Cardinals, who have won their last two games against Fines Creek and Mars Hill, will travel Friday night to meet Walnut High.

Crabtree-Iron Duff's cagers, who split a pair with Spring Creek Tuesday, will roll out the red carpet Friday night for Flat Rock.

WAYNESVILLE HIGH girls' basketball team this season includes (first row, left to right) Judy Browning, Nettie Sutton, Dickie Nichols, Mary Evelyn Davis, and Amelia Nichols; (second row) coach Margaret Perry, co-captain Barbara Howell, Agnes Roberson, co-captain Barbara Ratcliffe, Willie Grant, and Myrtle Fitzgerald; (standing) Nancy Styles, Jessie Sutton, Tulan Carver, Arbadella Turner, Barbara Ketner, and Hilda Bowen.

(Mountaineer Photo)

Clyde High, Mars Hill Divide Two

Clyde split a pair of games with Mars Hill at Clyde Tuesday night as the Cardinals grabbed a one-point decision, 40-39, after the girls went down, 65-43.

Led by Bob and David McCracken—both with 11 points—the Cardinals came from behind a one-point Mars Hill lead at the half, 21-20. Wall with 12 points and Smith with 11 were tops for the visiting Wildcats.

Betty Owenby scored 29 points for the Clyde girls to take scoring honors, but all three Mars Hill forwards hit in the double figures, with Shepherd meshing 28, Eatmon 17, and Briggs 11.

The halftime score was 34-23 in favor of Mars Hill.

Friday night Clyde will invade Walnut for two games with the Madison countians.

Girls' lineup:

Mars Hill (65)	Clyde (43)
F—Briggs (11)	Owenby (29)
F—Eatmon (17)	Ducker (2)
F—Shepherd (28)	Medford (7)
G—Fisher	Scott
G—Peek	Russell
G—Reese	Brown

Subs: Mars Hill—Whitt 4, Shook, Johnson 2, Dykes, Robinson 3, Metcalf, H. Metcalf, Hensley, Merrels. Clyde—Harris 5, Hughey, Parton.

Half time score: 34-23, Mars Hill.

Boys' lineup:

Mars Hill (39)	Clyde (40)
F—Ammons (4)	B. McCracken (11)
F—Smith (11)	D. McCracken (11)
C—Blackwell (4)	Shook (7)
G—Ponder (4)	Caldwell (4)
G—Wall (12)	Green (3)

Subs: Mars Hill—Duck 4. Clyde—Seay 4.

Half time score: 21-20, Mars Hill.

Officials: Sizemore and Lovingood.

Mountaineer Cagers Top Brevard Blue Devils; WTHS Girls Also Win

Warming up for their all-important clash with the Canton Black Bears here Friday night, the Mountaineers tamed the Brevard Blue Devils, 45-35, Tuesday night on the WTHS hardwood. In an earlier meeting on Transylvania soil, Waynesville won, 51-44.

The Mountainettes also triumphed in the lid-lifter against Brevard 48-23.

In the boys game, the Mountaineers piled up a 30-12 lead at the half, and then eased off in the last two quarters, permitting the visitors to outscore them, 23-15.

Captain Don Jordan paced the Gold and Black with 13 points, while Bobby Ballance threw in another 10. Carroll Hooper, one of the team's best scorers, was held to only four points.

Ed Garrett was best for Brevard with eight points.

In the girls game, sophomore sharpshooter Agnes Roberson again led the way for the Mountainettes with 22 points. Warren kept Brevard in the game with 15 points.

The halftime count favored Waynesville at 24-11.

Last night's game left the Mountaineers with a perfect 7-0 record, while the girls own a 6-1 mark, having lost to Reynolds in December.

Girls lineup:

Brevard (23)	Waynesville (48)
F—Warren (15)	(8) Carver
F—Robinson	(6) Fitzgerald
F—Taylor (7)	(22) Roberson
G—Baynard	Howell
G—Fisher	Ratcliff
G—Wilson	Turner

Subs: Brevard — Hutchins 1, Hamilton, Harris, McCall, Osborne. Waynesville—Grant 6, Bowen 2, Davis 2, Ketner 2, M. Davis, Styles, A. Nichols, B. Nichols, Browning.

Half time score: 24-11, Waynesville.

Boys' lineup

Brevard (35)	Waynesville (45)
F—English (6)	(4) Hooper
F—Cobble (4)	(9) P. Davis
C—Turner (4)	(7) Sparks
G—McCall (6)	(10) Ballance
G—Garrett (8)	(13) Jordan

Subs: Brevard—Rhodes 5, Pickelsimer 1, Winchester, Hooper 1, Suttles. Waynesville — Medford Holder, Mehaffey, B. Davis, Trull, Henshaw, Ezell 2.

Half time score: 30-12, Waynesville.

Officials: Rhodes and Price.

Swain Takes Pair From Fines Creek

Fines Creek dropped a doubleheader to Swain High School of Bryson City at Fines Creek last night, the visiting girls winning, 54-37, and the boys, 56-43.

In the girls game, Catherine Ferguson led the losing Fillies with 20 points, while Seay and Munday paced the Maroon maidens, with 22 and 20 points, respectively.

Swain led at the half, 24-15.

In the boys game, Evans tallied 14, Haynes 13, and James Ferguson 11 for Fines Creek. Hyde was tops for the Maroons with 19.

Fines Creek will go to Bryson City Friday night for a return game with Swain High.

Girls' lineup:

Swain (54)	Fines Creek (37)
F—Munday (20)	(20) C. Ferguson
F—Clark (7)	(9) E. Ferguson
F—Seay (22)	(3) Ledford
G—Hyatt	Parkins
G—Sutton	Trantham
G—Brown	Rogers

Subs: Swain—J. Sutton 3, Dean, 2, Saunooke, Messer, Walls, Crain. Fines Creek—Price 2, Hunter 1, B. Ferguson 2.

Half time score, 24-15, Swain.

Boys' lineup:

Swain (56)	Fines Creek (43)
F—Dame (11)	(6) Fish
F—Parton (14)	(13) Haynes
C—Sherrell (2)	((11) Ferguson
G—Hall	(14) Evans
G—Hyde (19)	Bramlette

Subs: Swain — Randall, Cole, Moore, Printnall 2, Odier, Addams, Suggs. L. Hyde 8, Angel. Fines Creek—Jerry Ferguson.

Dayton Teams To Play Tonight At Crabtree Gym

The Dayton Rubber girls will reopen their basketball season tonight at 7:30 p.m. against the American Enka team in the Crabtree-Iron Duff gymnasium.

In the feature event, Dayton Rubber's Thorobreds will meet Youngblood Trucking in a WNC Industrial League tilt at 8:30 p.m.

The Dayton B team will meet the Clyde Independents at 6:30 p.m. tonight in a preliminary.

Next Monday both Dayton Rubber teams will meet Old Fort at Crabtree gym in a WNC loop doubleheader.

BROWNS RETAIN FOOTBALL TITLE

KEN KONZ (left) of the Cleveland Browns leaps with open arms to intercept a pass intended for "Skeets" Quinlan of the Los Angeles Rams in the second period of the National Football League championship game in Los Angeles. The Browns retained their national title by defeating the Rams 38 to 14. (International Soundphoto)

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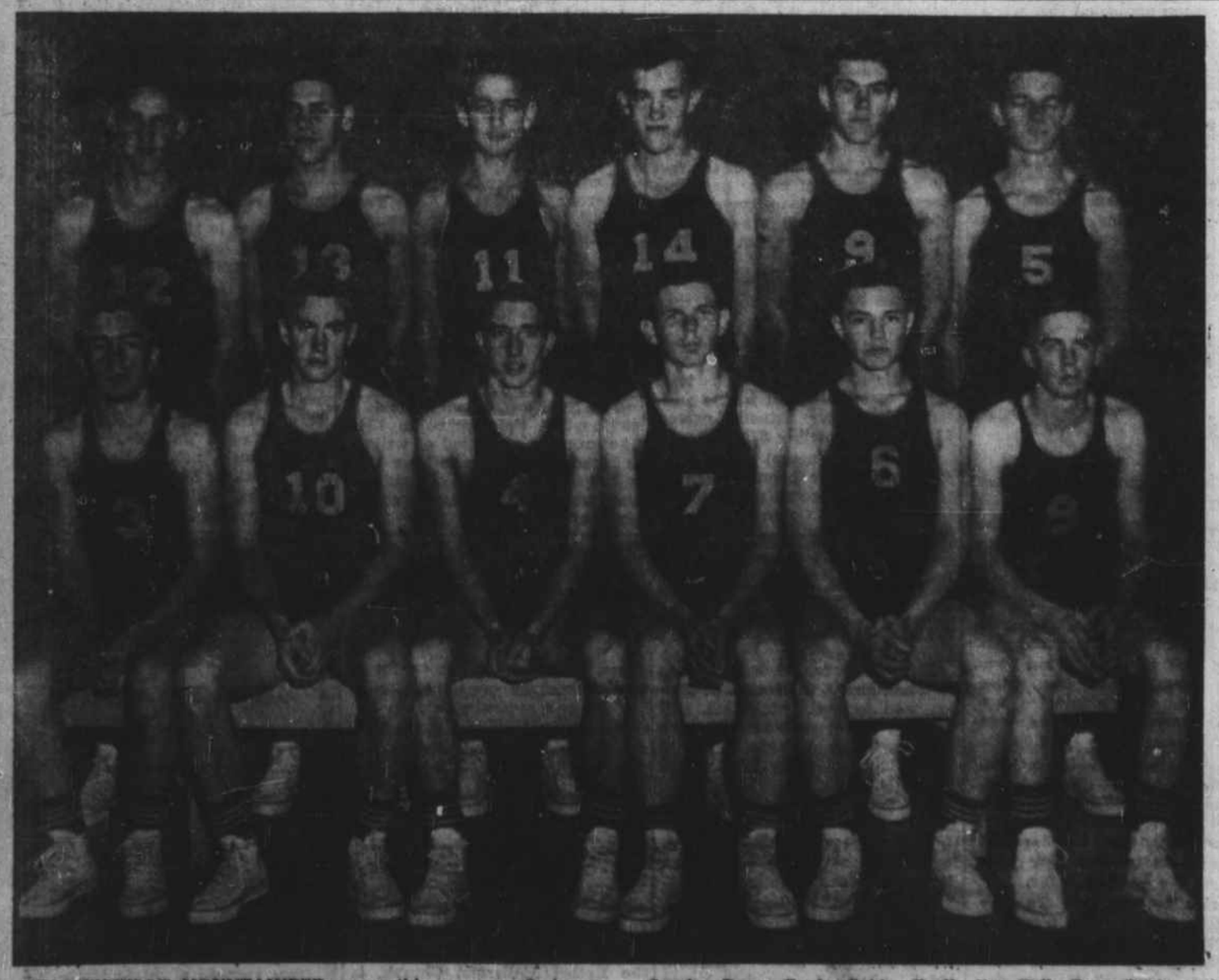

WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER cagers this year are (first row, left to right): Bobby Ballance, captain; Don Jordan, Carroll Hooper, Ernie Henshaw, Jack Holder, and Don Ezell; (standing) Thomas Sparks, Bruce Davis, Bobby Trull, Jim Hall, Tony Davis, and Joel Medford.

(Mountaineer Photo).