



FULLBACK JIM STEVENS will be in the University of North Carolina's freshman starting line-up, when the Tar Babies meet Wake Forest Friday night at Greensboro. Stevens is a 205 pounder from Hazelwood, and former WTHS star.

Here And Yonder The Sportscope

By BOB CONWAY

With the Canton game a matter of history, the big question in the mind of Waynesville fans is: "Can the Mountaineers make a comeback?"

To regain the prestige they lost on the Paper City gridiron last week, tomorrow night at Hendersonville the boys in Gold and Black face the formidable task of stopping the best back in Western North Carolina and handing the Bearcats their first conference defeat of the season.

In addition to trying to erase some of the humiliation they suffered at the hands of Canton last week, the Mountaineers also have the matter of two straight defeats by Hendersonville to avenge—including a 37-7 licking in 1954.

After an overwhelming and unexpected defeat, some football teams get fighting mad and proceed to mop up on the rest of their opponents. Other teams never seen to recover from the blow of a decisive loss.

Which will happen to Waynesville? If the 1956 squad has the traditional "Mountaineer spirit" they could make things awfully rough for the Bearcats tomorrow night. If they don't, it'll be another sad night for WTHS fans.

Post Mortem

Is Canton actually 39 points better in ability than Waynesville? Comparative scores in other games say not, but the Black Bears were certainly that much better Friday night — and the score could very well have been even higher.

Although Canton is well-drilled in all departments, it wasn't mere ability that wrecked the Mountaineers. It was spirit and speed that produced two touchdowns in only two minutes — and five more later in the game.

We have been watching football since 1928 and never have we seen any high school, college, or pro team that wanted to play ball any more than Canton did Friday night. When the Black Bears came out for the opening kickoff it was obvious they were keyed to a fighting pitch and after those two long runs, it's doubtful that any team in the Tar Heel State could have stopped them.

On the other hand, were Waynesville players in a fighting mood as they lined up for the kickoff? If they were, they kept it well concealed.

Coach Jaynes himself said after the Canton game that "football is 75 per cent spirit and 25 per cent ability." And the Bears made that point painfully obvious.

In addition to being keyed higher than a guided missile, Canton also exhibited blinding speed that simply outran Waynesville defenders. It's mighty nice to have big muscles, but in football today you've either got to move or go home.

There was little for Waynesville fans to laugh about at Canton last Friday night. But, before the roof fell in on the Mountaineers, we got a couple of chuckles reading the listings of several of the WTHS players. Their names came out in the CHS program thusly: Joe Gilliam, Carol Rowland, Carol Hooper, Butler Price, Tommy Spat, Usus Burnette, Hugh Grafty, and Billy Grafty.

A note from Coach H. B. Griffin at Clyde conveys the following information on his high-flying Cardinals:

Fullback Johnny Rogers is leading the CHS scorers with 45 points on seven touchdowns and three extra points. He has rolled up 694 yards rushing in 65 carries or an average of 10.7 yards per carry.

Second-high scorer is halfback Danny Caldwell, who has tallied 30 points and is averaging five yards per carry from scrimmage.

Quarterback Bob McCracken has completed 15 passes in 25 attempts, and has had only one aerial intercepted.

Mountaineers To Meet B. R. Champions

By BOB CONWAY

It's very seldom that any football team in Western North Carolina beats Waynesville three years in a row, and the Mountaineers will be out Friday night to prevent that unhappy possibility when they meet the Blue Ridge Conference champion Hendersonville Bearcats on the titleholders' field.

In view of their 45-6 loss to Canton, the Gold and Black will be a decided underdog against the Bearcats, but the game stacks up as one in which Waynesville has everything to gain and very little to lose. Therefore, WTHS can afford to shoot the works in an effort to cage the Bearcats.

Last year on a rain-swept Waynesville gridiron, Hendersonville took a 12-6 decision over the hard-fighting Mountaineers. The game was tied up 6-6 going into the fourth quarter when Waynesville fullback J. W. Stevens dropped the muddy football and Bearcat end Hal Hunter picked it up and ran 40 yards for a touchdown.

Hendersonville scored first in the 1955 game when Jim Brinkley ran 57 yards around left end after taking a handoff from Don Heilig. Bob Elliott was thrown for a loss trying to circle the end for the extra point.

After taking the next kickoff, Stevens sparked a relentless ground march from the Waynesville 37 to the Hendersonville six, where he scored from that point. Attempting to plunge for the extra point, Stevens was stopped inches from the goal line.

In 1954, after defeating Canton, 14-12, an overconfident band of Mountaineers went to Hendersonville and came home on the short end of a 37-7 score. The big gun in that amazing upset was a sophomore fullback, Bob Elliott, who turned in several long runs for the Bearcats.

Tomorrow night, now a senior, the same Elliott will be leading Hendersonville's backfield, which lost Don Heilig, Jim Brinkley, and Doyle Mintz last season by graduation. However, the Blue Ridge champions lost only one man from the 1955 line—end and co-captain Bud Hunter.

In experience, the Bearcats will have a two game edge on Waynesville, having played five games to the locals' three.

Hendersonville has defeated Owen, 18-7; Enka, 39-19; Brevard, 33-21; lost to Greenville, S. C., 13-0, and then stopped Bethel last week, 32-12.

In losing to Greenville two weeks ago, Hendersonville had several men injured and then Elliott came down with an abscessed tooth. Reserves played a prominent part in the game against Bethel last week, but most of the regulars probably will be ready to go again tomorrow night.

Coach Bruce Jaynes has been working the Mountaineers hard all week on defense, trying to plug up the gaps that appeared last week against the Black Bears. Waynesville then was particularly vulnerable to end sweeps, delayed bucks off tackle, and defense against kickoff and punt returns.

Depending on his doctor's decision, halfback and co-captain Carroll Hooper may return to the



STOPPING BOB ELLIOTT will be the big task facing these Mountaineer linesmen at Hendersonville tomorrow night. Kneeling (from left) are Bobby Hill, Jim Hall, Bruce Davis, Jim Byrd, Bus-

ter Price, Ray Moody, and Tom Sparks; standing are Jimmy Fowler, John Arch, Richard Mehaffey, Jerry Deweese, Frank Sharp, Richard Turner, and Jack Lewis. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Canton At Home Friday Against Asheville School

After their history-making 45-6 triumph over Waynesville last week, the jet-propelled Canton Black Bears figure to take things a bit easier the next two weeks before meeting Hendersonville at home October 19 in a game that probably will decide the championship of the Blue Ridge Conference.

Both squads are still undefeated in the conference although the Bearcats came out on the short end of a 13-0 count with Greenville, S. C.

This Friday night, Canton will be host to the Asheville School for Boys and the following Friday night will entertain Blue

Ridge School.

Last Friday night in a contest expected to be close all the way, the Black Bears broke the game wide open from the outset with a 90-yard kickoff return and an 85-yard punt return and then added five more touchdowns later with ease while Waynesville was unable to score until late in the fourth quarter.

Canton's record is now 4-0, with wins over Bethel, Enka, Brevard, and Waynesville.

Sixty-five per cent of major leaguers are right-handed batters, according to the Official Encyclopedia of Baseball.

Catamounts Looking Good In Statistics Department

Despite the fact that the Western Carolina College Catamounts have gone down to defeat on their last two outings, after taking the season's opener from Carson-Newman, they are outranking the opposition in practically every department, statistically speaking.

In total offense, the Catamounts are averaging 248.9 per game, to their opponents 241.6. Guided by Buddy Rector of Walnut, Tommy Lewis of Chadbourne, and Rip Perry of Winder, Ga., the Catamounts stack up pretty high in just about every department.

Rector is the individual rushing

leader on the Western eleven, picking up a net yds. gained of 177 for 37 carries, for a 4.78 average per carry. Lewis is not far behind, averaging 4.08 per carry with 143 yards in 35 carries. Perry leads the field in the passing department, with 8 completions for 15 attempts, and 127 yards gained for a 42.3 average per game. Lewis has a toe-hold in the pass-receiving field with 6 catches for 109 yards, one scoring pass caught, and a play average of 18.17 with a per game average of 36.33.

Tommy Lewis heads the punters of the Catamounts with 14 boots for 504 yards and an average of 36 yards per punt. Lewis also leads in the scoring race, with two touchdowns and 2 conversions for a total of 14 points.

Asheville Hearing Set On Fishing Rules

Public hearings are scheduled late this month to give sportsmen an opportunity to propose changes in the 1957 fishing rules. Following the Raleigh hearing, members of the Wildlife Resources Commission will meet to set the 1957 rules based on recommendations of sportsmen, biologists, and wildlife protectors. All interested persons are invited to attend. WNC hearings are set for: Asheville, October 18, Buncombe County Courthouse, 9 a.m.

Ray Robinson won his first 40 pro boxing bouts before losing to Jake LaMotta in Detroit early in 1943.

Clyde Seeking Sixth Straight Win As They Meet Walnut At Home Friday

The Clyde Cardinals, now perched atop the Skyline-A Conference with a 5-0 record, will be back home again this Friday to entertain Walnut in a game at 3:30 p.m.

Unless they suffer a complete relapse the Maroon and Gold griders should be able to subdue the Madison County squad without too much trouble.

Walnut is still looking for its first win and has lost by identical scores of 38-0 to Marshall and Old Fort and went down, 33-0, Mon-

day of this week before Bakersville in a game postponed from last week. By comparison, Clyde whipped Marshall last week, 27-6, and Bakersville, 20-0, earlier in the season.

Sharply critical of his team's performances in other games this season, Clyde's coach H. B. Griffin had only praise for his Cardinals for their showing against powerful Marshall.

"We played a perfect game, and exactly the kind we wanted

to. We received the opening kickoff and scored in exactly three plays. Quarterback Bob McCracken called an excellent game, and we made no mistakes."

The major obstacle remaining

between Clyde and a conference championship is Glen Alpine, also unbeaten, but the latter team still has to play Mars Hill and Marshall before meeting the Cardinals here November 2.

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The Daredevil Contest, will have 33 events, and each show will enter a daredevil to see which show and which daredevil will be the Champion for 1956 — Billy Green's Canadian Aces, driving Fords, Dick Rogers "All American" Motor Maniacs driving Chevrolets, and Ward Boaz's 1935 World Champion Auto Daredevils driving Plymouths and the competitors in the contest events. The price of admission for the big 45 event program in Adults \$2.00—Children 50c. Including Tax.

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W. L. Turner To Head New Riders Club

W. L. Turner of Waynesville was elected president of the newly organized Smoky Mountain Trail Riders Club at a meeting Tuesday night at the L. N. Davis Co. Lounge.

Ralph Minnick was named vice president and Mrs. George E. Evans secretary-treasurer.

Senior directors chosen were: Mr. and Mrs. George Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Green, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Heatherly, Mr. and Mrs. Valor Rogers, Howard Bryson, and Philip Queen.

Junior directors named were: Leon Turner, Roderick Rogers, Curtis Green, Johnny Nichols, David Morgan, Donald Rogers, George Minnick, Pamela Rogers, Douglas Green, and Wallace Rogers.

Officers said that the Trail Riders Club is open to anyone interested in joining—either as a senior or junior member.

The date and place of the next meeting of the organization will be announced later.

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