

SPORTS

YELLOW JACKETS LOSE THRILLER

D. H. S. Quintet Shows Surprising Strength But Drops Game, 31-30

Displaying a flashy brand of basketball, that surprised even their closest followers, the Decatur high school Yellow Jackets fought the fast Fort Wayne Central quintet to a standstill on the local hardwood last night, only to be nosed out at the finish, 31-30. It was one of the most thrilling games ever seen in the local gym.

In the big game, Central started strong and ran the score up to 11-3 in their favor. The Yellow Jackets took time out and then came back with a vengeance. They gradually crept up on the Tigers and with the score standing 17-16 in favor of Central, the visitors took time out to talk it over. When the play was resumed, the Yellow Jackets continued their fight and Captain Moser tied the score with a free throw just before the half ended, making the count read, 19-19.

Central again forged ahead at the start of the second half and took a three-point lead. It was then that the first bad break came for Decatur. Strickler, who had caged six field goals in the first half and was carrying the brunt of the Yellow Jackets' attack, was put out of the game on personal fouls. Only about five minutes of the second half had been played when "Strick" was sent to the showers. Bebout took his place and, in spite of the absence of Strickler, the Yellow Jackets continued to keep on even terms with the Tigers. The gap in the score was gradually narrowed down to one point, 26-25. Welker then put Decatur in the lead with a pretty field goal, score 27-26. Only three or four minutes remained to be played and both teams were fighting hard for an advantage that would put the game on ice. Jasper, who had returned to the game for Central, caged a field goal and Central again took the lead. The Tigers added another point on a free throw, and then increased the lead with another field goal. Score 31-27. Welker scored again from the field for Decatur and Moser was fouled by a Decatur player just as the gun cracked. The crowd rushed onto the floor, making it impossible for Moser to make the try for point, so Referee Welbourn awarded the point to Decatur, as it could not win the game.

Both teams put up a stubborn defense and many fouls were called on both teams. The fouls, while not intentional and were not glaring violations of the rules, were really committed by the players. The many fouls were due to the fast play and over-anxiousness of the players.

Strickler, although playing little more than half the game, was high point man, with six field goals and one free throw, or 13 points, to his credit. Local fans are unanimous in their opinion that the locals would have won the game had he not been put out of the game. Welker took up the burden of scoring after Strickler left the game and dropped in three field goals in the last half. Krick and Reynolds, although failing to score from the field, played a strong game and Moser, who replaced Dierkes at back guard, put up a powerful defense under the basket. For Central, Manth, Scott and Baker played best.

The Decatur and Central seconds, who played a nip-and-tuck game at Fort Wayne a week ago, renewed their hostilities last night and the game was a thriller. Central led, 10-6 at the half, but the Yellow Jacket hopefuls came back strong in the second half and tied the score at 11-11. The count was knotted again at 13-13 and then Central forged ahead to finish on the long end of a 16-13 count.

Lineups and summary:
Decatur (30) Central (31)
Welker.....F.....Scott
Strickler.....F.....Manth
Krick.....C.....Jasper
Reynolds.....G.....Stiegler
Dierkes.....G.....Baker
Substitutions: Decatur—Moser for Dierkes, Bebout for Strickler; Central—Troyer for Jasper, Morrill for Manth. Field goals: Welker, 4; Strickler, 6; Bebout, 1; Scott, 4; Manth, 4; Jasper, 3; Baker, 1. Foul goals: Strickler, 1; Krick, 2; Reynolds, 1; Moser, 3; Bebout, 1; Scott, 2; Manth, 2; Troyer, 1; Stiegler, 2. Referee: Welbourn.

Second Team Game
Decatur (13) Central (16)
Stoneburner.....F.....Marshall
Somers.....F.....Johnson
Lankenau.....C.....Hiet

Magley.....G.....Bayer
Kless.....G.....Billingsley
Substitutions: Bell for Somers, Cole for Lankenau, Somers for Stoneburner, Stoneburner for Cole, Ridley for Marshall, Dornte for Bayer, Farrell for Billingsley, Link for Dornte. Field goals: Stoneburner, 2; Magley, 4; Marshall, 1; Ridley, 1; Hiet, 2; Bayer, 2; Dornte, 1; Billingsley, 1. Foul goals: Bell, 1. Referee: Swearingen.

PLEASANT MILLS LOSES TO BERNE

Diltz's Crew Has Easy Time In Winning Seventh Straight Game, 52-18

Berne, Dec. 12.—The Berne high school basketball team had little difficulty in defeating the Pleasant Mills quintet here last night, the locals chalking up their seventh straight victory with a score of 52-18. Coach Diltz used substitutes freely in the local lineup. The first half ended with Berne leading, 19-8.

In the preliminary game, the Berne girls swamped the Pleasant Mills lassies, 41 to 4. The locals led all the way.

Lineups and summary:
Berne (52) Pleasant Mills (18)
Smith.....F.....Fessel
Ellenberger.....F.....Lautzenheiser
Magley.....C.....Ehrsam
Baumgartner.....G.....Foor
A. Winterregg.....G.....Johnson
Substitutions: E. Winterregg for Smith, Thompson for Baumgartner, Springer for A. Winterregg, Hahnert for Foor.

Central Five Swamps Geneva Quintet, 70-0

The Central school eighth grade basketball team swamped the Geneva eighth graders in the first preliminary game at the Decatur high school last night, the final score being, 70-0. Coach Thomas' cagers ran wild on the court and shot baskets from all angles. Dick Engle was high point man with 13 field goals to his credit. Coach Thomas used eight players in the melee. The first half ended, 36-0.

Lineups and summary:
Central (70) Geneva (0)
Rooop.....F.....Finch
Engle.....F.....Fenstermaker
Gerber.....C.....Bradford
Smiley.....G.....B. Runyon
Reynolds.....G.....M. Runyon
Substitutions: Debolt for Rooop; Hebble for Gerber; Beard for Reynolds. Still for R. Runyon. Field goals: Rooop, 4; Engle, 13; Debolt, 4; Gerber, 4; Hebble, 4; Beard, 2; Reynolds, 4.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
Mitchell, 50; Seymour, 35.
Tipton, 29; Windfall, 23.
Dugger, 38; Spencer, 24.
Martinsville, 49; Connorsville, 24.
Newcastle, 32; Tech. (Indianapolis), 26.
Kokomo, 27; Anderson, 26.
Wingate, 38; Waveland, 27.
Flora, 30; Delphi, 20.
Montmorenci, 38; West Lafayette, 11.
Monon, 46; Idaville, 15.
Fairmount, 34; Hartford City, 18.
Gas City, 33; Converse, 19.
Marion, 61; Wabash, 28.
Logansport, 29; Jefferson (Lafayette), 23.
Frankfort Seconds, 25; Manual (Indianapolis), Seconds, 18.
Attica, 37; Covington, 11.
Swayzee, 24; Van Buren, 15.
Bemington, 36; Boswell, 18.
White Water, 27; Liberty, 26.
Cambridge City, 33; Williamsburg, 26.
Garfield, (Terre Haute), 32; Clinton, 16.
Wiley (Terre Haute), 22; Marshall, 13.
Farmersburg, 45; West Terre Haute, 18.
Owensburg, 34; Jasonville, 32.
Bloomington, 23; Concannon, 22.
Sullivan, 29; Shelburn, 20.
Clay City, 46; Linton, 23.
Albany, 25; Sluphur Springs, 12.
Portland, 33; Bluffton, 27.
Stoney Creek, 29; Spartansburg, 22.
Alexandria, 45; Markleville, 22.
Muncie, 38; Elwood, 23.
South Side, 34; Montpelier, 13.
Columbia City, 35; Wolf Lake, 20.
Kendallville, 21; Wawaka, 17.
Auburn, 38; Angola, 19.
Fremont, 25; Garrett, 22.
Otterbein, 31; Pine Village, 28.
Shelbyville, 29; Greensburg, 26.
Warren Central, 31; Carthage, 12.
Strelville, 44; Pendleton, 20.
Rushville, 43; Columbus, 30.
Bedford, 48; Connersville, 20.
Hillsboro, 24; West Point, 23 (over time).
Marshall, 32; Russellville, 30.
New Richmond, 26; New Ross, 16.
Darlington, 37; Ladoga, 27.
Arcadia, 23; Atlanta, 13.
Central (Evansville), 33; Poseyville, 17.
Owensville, 50; Boase (Evansville), 26.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Earlham, 43; Indiana Central, 22.
Purdue, 49; Depauw, 39.
Capital, 20; Antioch, 18.
Manchester, 32; Butler, 28.

In Limelight



KNUTE ROCKNE
Athletic officials of Columbia University, issued a statement last night saying that Knute Rockne, coach of football at Notre Dame was to become head grid coach at that institution. J. M. Byrne, eastern representative of Notre Dame, and Rockne himself, denied the statement and added that Rockne would remain at Notre Dame.

ROCKNE TO STAY AT NOTRE DAME

Report That Great Coach Was To Go To Columbia Is Spiked Today

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 12.—(United Press.)—"Knute Rockne will remain as coach at Notre Dame. He has never had any intention of relinquishing his South Bend post. I am authorized to speak for him."

In this statement, J. M. Byrne, eastern representative of Notre Dame university, today spiked reports that Rockne, groom of the "four horsemen" and one of the greatest coaches in football history, was considering leaving his berth with the Catholic institution and accepting an offer made to coach the Columbia football team.

Rockne and Byrne came to this city to see the Pottsville Maroons battle the "four horsemen" and a team built around them, at Shibe park today.

"The overtures made by Columbia never received Rockne's serious consideration," Byrne said. "He has never had any intention of leaving his South Bend post. He had hoped to see the 'four horsemen' in action here today, but business affairs which I cannot discuss called him to New York this morning."

Rockne was said to have telephoned authorities at the South Bend institution last night denying reports emanating from New York that he had signed with Columbia.

His eight years at the helm of Notre Dame gave Rockne one of the highest percentages for winning football teams in the history of the sport. His teams have played 75 games, of which they have won 65, tied four and lost six.

Grange Out Of Game For Ten Days, Physicians Say

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 12.—(United Press.)—"Red" Grange is out of professional football for at least ten days and possibly longer, suffering from a blood clot on the left arm, physicians announced today.

As a result the former Illinois star will not play here today, but may appear on the side lines. His arm is bound in splints.

The scheduled game between Grange's team, the Chicago Bears and the Detroit Panthers, however, will be played.

College Athlete Barred For Playing In Pro Games Under An Assumed Name

St. Louis, Dec. 12.—Reese Jones, promising freshman athlete at Washington university, has been barred from all further athletics at the local school as a result of his playing under an assumed name, in the game against Red Grange and the Chicago Bears here recently. Jones played a tackle. In addition Ed Williams, freshman coach who also played with the local stars against Grange, has been discharged because he knowingly allowed Jones to play in the game.

Wabash Beats Lombard

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 12.—(United Press.)—Wabash defeated Lombard here last night 29-23 in the opening basketball game of the season. Robinson of Wabash and Hanseman of Lombard, were the individual stars.

FIELD GOALS

By MARK M. UPP

One more week nearer tournament time.

We're offering no alibis for the Yellow Jackets. They sure did their stuff last night and to get beaten one point by Fort Wayne Central is no disgrace. Kennedy's men showed a one hundred per cent improvement last night.

As we were crowded out of the D. D. yesterday we take this opportunity to congratulate Catholic high on their dedication victory. It was some game.

The Yellow Jacket hopefuls and the Central reserves dished out a round of thrills in their game last night.

Three thrilling, nerve-racking games in two nights is hard on any live wire fan. If Decatur teams continue to play ball like Catholic high did Thursday night and the Yellow Jackets did last night, this old town's rating in the basketball world will take a decided boost.

Coach Romey turned his Gorillas loose at Linn Grove again last night and two Bluffton teams hit the dust. The Hartford first team has won eight games and lost one so far this season. More power to the Gorillas.

George Spradling, who spends considerable time with the Purdue basketball team, evidently got tired of his kid brother, who performs with the Frankfort high school team, hogging all the publicity this season, so he got busy last night and snagged himself 20 points in the game with DePauw. It is no mean feat for any player to score 20 points on a DePauw basketball team. Purdue won 49-39.

Coach Welbourn refereed another good game here last night. He called nine fouls on Central and fifteen on Decatur, but he was right and the fans showed good sportsmanship except once when the Central rooters questioned one decision. Once in the Catholic high game Thursday night, when the excitement was highest, the fans didn't like one of his decisions, but the demonstration was not bad, considering the strain everybody's nerves were in.

A Decatur fan who saw the Fort Wayne Caseys play Detroit Thursday night said it was the best game he had seen in which the Caseys played at Fort Wayne because there was only ten men playing, meaning, of course, that Geller wasn't refereeing.

For the first time since the Decatur high school gymnasium was built, a negro played in a game there last night. Ridley, a coal black youth, substituted at forward on the Central second team and sank one field goal.

Coach Bryce Thomas' Central school cagers showed a world of stuff last night when they swamped and shut-out the Geneva eighth graders, 70-0. Looks like the Yellow Jackets have a bright future, when those Central stars enter high school.

Bluffton's first, second and third teams lost last night. We imagine Coach Rippe will spend a few more sleepless nights trying to pick out the best combination.

We wonder if Cash Keller, columnist deluxe in the Huntington Press, has heard yet that the Decatur Leaders defeated the Huntington Athletics here last Tuesday night, 26-20.

Central's Tigers ought to be white meat for the Muncie Bearcats in their game at Fort Wayne tonight, after that grueling game here last night.

South Side showed more strength last night in beating Montpelier, 34-13. Let's see, didn't Montpelier beat Bluffton's Tigers 42-24 last week?

What's this? Manchester, 32; Butler, 28. Well, well. That's taking the growl out of the Bull Dogs. We suppose Bill Bryan, former Kirkland star, had a hand in the Manchester victory.

Vincennes Alices told the world last night that they are not entirely down and out. Adams' men beat Franklin, 47-37.

Eight straight for Auburn. Angola was the victim last night.

Kirkland appears to be in a slump. In the last two games played by the Kangaroos they failed to show their usual stuff.

Jefferson township plays at Bluffton tonight, against the Tiger kittens.

Monmouth and Pleasant Mills continue to fight back at their opponents. There's better times ahead, gang.

Monroe To Play At Pennville Tonight

The Monroe high school basketball team will go to Pennville tonight to play the Poling high school team.

Jefferson Quintet To Play At Bluffton Tonight

The Jefferson township high school basketball team will go to Bluffton tonight to play the Bluffton high school second team. The Jefferson team has won one game and lost one this season.

County Fair Association Has Surplus Of \$4,000

Bourbon, Ind., Dec. 12.—The Bourbon Fair Association elected officers here yesterday as follows: F. M. Milner, president; Will Welster, vice-president; F. M. Beck, secretary; T. W. Parks, treasurer. The sum of \$4,000 surplus money in the treasury was put out on interest by the association yesterday. Plans are being made to erect a large building in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Peterson motored to Cambridge City last evening where they saw the modernized Shakespearean play "The Taming of the Shrew," in which their daughter, Miss Lois, had a part. The play was given by Indiana University students. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson and daughter, Lois, will spend the week-end at Indianapolis with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kennedy are spending the week-end at Ft. Wayne with relatives.

Bluffton Triangles To Play At Van Wert, Sunday

The Bluffton Triangles football team will meet the Van Wert, Ohio, Cardinals in the last game of the season at Van Wert. This will be the third game of the season between the two teams. The first game resulted in a 12-7 victory for Van Wert, and the second ended in a scoreless tie. Both teams will enter next Sunday's battle full of pep and expecting to take home the bacon.

KIRKLAND BEATS MONMOUTH, 19-9

Losers Start Strong But Falter; Kirkland Girls And Seconds Win

Monmouth high school's cagers gave Kirkland a hard fight at the old gym here last night, but the Kangaroos proved superior and won, 19-9. Monmouth outplayed the Kangaroos during the first part of the game, but the Kirkland players found the basket shortly before the half ended and finished the period on the long end of an 8-1 score. F. Arnold was high point man with five field goals and five free throws. In the preliminary games, the Kirkland girls defeated the Monmouth girls, 24-4 and the Kirkland Second won from the Monroe Seconds, 28-0. The first half of the girls' game ended 6-2 and the Kirkland seconds were ahead, 18-0 at the half-way mark. Kirkland will play Hartford at Linn Grove next Friday night.

Lineups and summary:
Kirkland (19) Monmouth (9)
Schlickman.....F.....Brokaw
L. Arnold.....F.....Parrish
Andrews.....C.....Hill
F. Arnold.....G.....Lewton
Heller.....G.....Johnson
Substitutions: Luther Arnold for Schlickman, Dilling for Heller. Field goals: Schlickman, 1; F. Arnold, 5; Luther Arnold, 1; Parrish, 1; Hill, 1. Foul goals: F. Arnold, 5; Brokaw, 2; Hill, 1; Lewton, 1. Referee: Swearingen.

Spradling Stars As Purdue Beats DePauw

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 12.—(United Press.)—Purdue's basketball team defeated DePauw here last night, 49 to 39. The game was marked by the stellar playing of Captain Spradling of Purdue who scored, 20 points.

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HARTFORD WINS EIGHTH VICTORY

Gorillas Defeat Bluffton Second Team, 31-13; Hartford Seconds Win

The Hartford township high school basketball team won its eighth victory of the season last night at Linn Grove when a team of Bluffton high school Tigers was swamped, 31-13. The Bluffton team was Coach Rippe's second string players. The Hartford second team defeated the Bluffton third team, 26-21. In the big game, the Hartford cagers piled up a lead of 15-8 in the first half. Hoffman, Hartford star, did not play until the last eight minutes. The Hartford seconds were leading, 21-9 at the half. The Gorillas will play the Kirkland Kangaroos at Linn Grove next Friday night.

Lineups and summary:
Hartford (31) Bluffton (13)
Mence.....F.....Carnall
Holloway.....F.....Pough
Eicher.....C.....Stucky
Banter.....G.....Gontis
Felber.....G.....Brown
Substitutions: Hoffman for Felber, Baker for Plough, Crandall for Carnall, Daniels for Brown. Field goals: Mence, 4; Eicher, 3; Hoffman, 2; Carnall, 1; Stucky, 1; Baker, 2. Foul goals: Mence, 4; Holloway, 4; Eicher, 2; Felber, 2; Hoffman, 1; Carnall, 4; Stucky, 1.

Dempsey And Wills May Meet On Mackinac Island

Chicago, Dec. 12.—(United Press.)—Possibility of the heavyweight championship fight between Jack Dempsey and Harry Wills being held on Mackinac Island about the middle of June, were revealed today by Floyd Fitzsimmons, the promoter.

Fitzsimmons leaves tonight for Los Angeles to confer with Dempsey and his managers and it was said that every angle of the Mackinac island site will be gone over at the meeting. Plans for building the arena are being drawn by an architect here and it is estimated that the finished product will cost something like \$25,000. Lake steamers will carry the fans to the island if the site is approved.

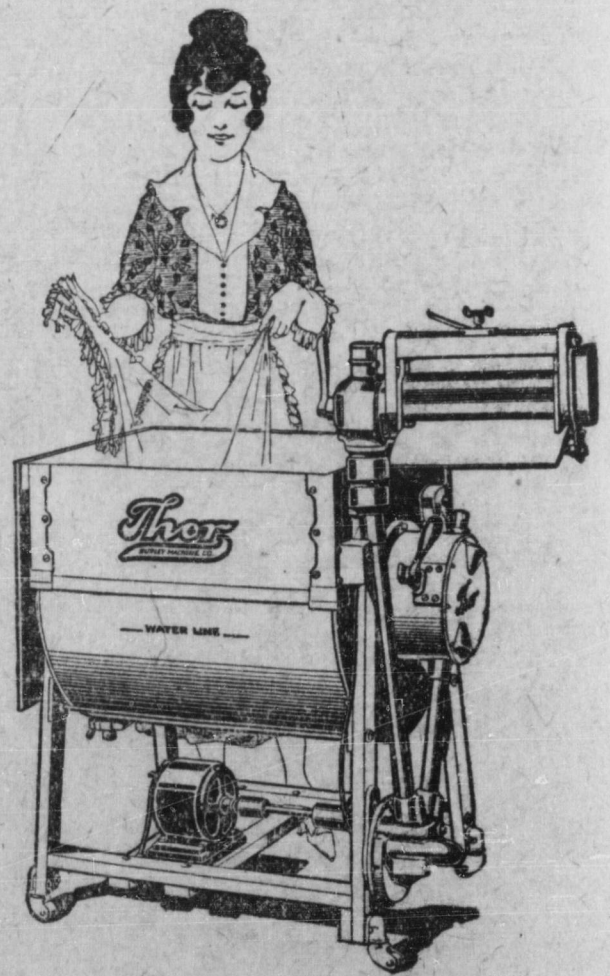
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Court House

Three Cases Venued Here

The papers in three cases venued to the Adams circuit court from Allen county were placed on file here today. The cases were as follows:

The Broeder-Seigle Manufacturing company vs. Paula Hoffman and Frank W. Edmunds, suit on account for \$100 and costs. Venued from a Justice of the peace court.

State of Indiana on relation of Winifred Somers vs. Lester McFadden, for bastardy, venued from a justice of the peace court.

Jennie Wysong vs. Harry B. and Angas Wysong, for slander. Judgment for \$10,000 is demanded. The plaintiff in the case is a former wife of the defendant, Harry B. Wysong. She alleges that the two defendants made slanderous remarks about her after she and the defendant, Harry B. Wysong, were divorced, by alleging that her last born child was not that of the defendant, Harry B. Wysong.

Letters Issued

Letters of administration have been issued to Charles W. Merryman in the estate of Mary E. Merryman. Bond in the sum of \$2,200 was filed.

ADDRESS WANTED

Of Rev. and Mrs. George Schroeder. Please notify Miss McCrory, secretary of the Alumni invitation committee.