

SPOTS

YELLOW JACKETS BEAT OLD RIVALS

Defeat Bluffton Tigers, 36-21; D.H.S. Seconds Lose; Central Five Wins

The Bluffton Tigers were a subdued bunch of cats when they returned to their lair in the Wells county capital last night, after a severe stinging by the Decatur Yellow Jackets. The Yellow Jackets swarmed all over the Tigers and won a ball game, the score being 36-21.

The game was played before the largest crowd that has wended its way to the D. H. S. gymnasium this season. Scores of old grads, home from college or back from their homes in other cities for the Christmas festivities, cheered from the sidelines as the Yellow Jackets trounced their oldest rivals.

Decatur Holds Edge

Decatur and Bluffton broke even in the other two games of the evening, giving the locals two victories out of three contests. The Central school eighth grade quintet won its eighth straight victory when it defeated the Bluffton graders in a hotly contested game, 18-17, and the Bluffton Seconds trounced the Yellow Jacket Reserves, 36-19.

The game between the Tigers and the Yellow Jackets was one of the cleanest games ever played between two schools. Ford Griffith, of Auburn, officiated and his work pleased the large crowd and players. He kept the game clean, but did not slow it up. Although the floor received its annual dressing of oil about a week ago, it had been worked down and was not slippery enough to interfere with the fast game. The Yellow Jackets had not been on the floor since school was dismissed for the vacation on December 18, having practiced in the old gym since then.

Yellow Jackets Score First

The Yellow Jackets scored first when Strickler sank a field goal and Captain Moser made good on a free throw. The Tigers came right back and forged ahead, 5-3, and then 7-5. The Yellow Jackets tied the count at 7 and then forged ahead, 8-7. Bluffton then took the lead, 9-8, but the locals made the count stand, 10-9 in their favor and kept the lead from then on. The Yellow Jackets were leading, 17-12 at the end of the half.

The locals sank two field goals in short order at the start of the final period and Bluffton took time out. When play was resumed, the Tigers scored a field goal, their only one in the second half, when Frauhiger, who had substituted for Swigart, dropped in a short shot. The Yellow Jackets then started on a scoring spree which gave them a lead of 32-16, and then 34-17, a two-to-one advantage. With about five minutes left to play, Coach Kennedy sent in three substitutes, Dierkes, Krick and Magley. During the remainder of the game, the Tigers scored five free throws and Magley counted twice from the foul line for Decatur.

Locals Control Tip-off

Strickler, with nine field goals, was high point man of the game. The scoring ace of the locals played center last night and controlled the tip-off on nearly every play at center. This was an advantage that the locals have not had in any other game this season. Beabout and Zwick teamed together at forward in nice style and Reynolds and Captain Moser put up a strong defense at guard. "Bud" Magley, who played floor guard in the second team game, made his first appearance on the varsity when he replaced Reynolds during the last five minutes last night and he made good. Gerber starred in the Bluffton line-up. The Tiger captain had a streak of tough luck when three personal fouls were called on him in the first half. The fouls, although committed, were not intentional. The fourth personal was called on him about the middle of the second half. Swigart also played a nice game for the visitors.

The Yellow Jackets will go to Columbia City Friday night and on Saturday night, they will play a return game at Bluffton. Many Decatur fans are planning to see the game at Bluffton. The Yellow Jackets seconds and the Central school grade team will play in Bluffton Saturday night, also.

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FIELD GOALS

By MARK M. UPP

We have met the enemy and they are ours.

Those Yellow Jackets sure did have their stingers out last night. The Bluffton Tigers will vouch for that.

Last week, Rip Offs of the Bluffton News said the "whole" sports department of that publication enjoyed a hearty laugh when we intimated through this column that the Yellow Jackets had a chance to beat the Tigers last night. We imagine they will have a big time laughing this off. Rippy, you make us smile.

Yesterday, just before the battle, Out of Bounds said: "The Tigers go regulars and the reserves to turn in wins and the Bluffton Junior high to defeat the Decatur Junior high. Three victories, gang! Don't fail us."

We're sorry to disappoint you, Outta, but really, old man, we're tickled to death to win those two games.

The Yellow Jackets have two hard games ahead of them yet today night. At Columbia City, Friday night, and at Bluffton, Saturday night. If they play ball like they did last night, they can make it three wins this week, in spite of the fact that the two games are on successive nights.

Griffith again proved that he is one of the best officials in this neck of the woods.

The game between the Hartford Gorillas and the Lancaster Bob Cats, scheduled to be played at Lancaster Saturday night, has been changed and minutes to a no-decision finish at Linn Grove recently, and they will settle the question of superiority on a neutral floor Friday night.

The Catholic high cagers will stack up against the alumni to-night. This year's quintet will have a hard task in downing the ex-stars. It ought to be a battle royal.

And the fats and lean exhibition ought to produce plenty of entertainment, as a preliminary.

The game between the Yellow Jacket Reserves and the Liberty Center Seconds, scheduled to be played at Liberty Center, Thursday night, has been cancelled by Liberty Center, owing to the fact that Columbus, Ohio, cancelled the game with the Liberty Center varsity, scheduled for that night. The Yellow Jacket Reserves will play the Lancaster Seconds at Lancaster, Thursday night, instead in a preliminary to the Lancaster-Cutter game.

"MARTINSVILLE RAN THE SCORE 25 TO 8 IN THE FIRST HALF AGAINST MUNCIE. THOSE BEAR-CATS, FORSOOTH MUST BE JUST COMMON ALLEY CATS WHO MAKE A LOT OF NOISE ON THE PACK FENCES AROUND MUNCIE, BUT WHO SHY AT ANY OLD SHOE DOWNTOWN!"—Casual Comment.

Cash Keller, who dishes out "Crowds on the Sidelines" in the Huntington Press, strikes back with a vengeance at Out of Bounds for the razzing that Outta gave him for putting the Huntington Vikings in the honorable mention list of his Big Ten. Listen to this: "All that the Bluffton so-called Tigers have been doing this year is to act as a dormat for the Wells county teams. Huntington may not be able to always rank with the best in the state this year but the Red and Black cagers always manage to win their own sectional, at least. When was it that Bluffton last won a sectional tournament, Mr. Out of Bounds?"

Manchester College sank the Franklin College battleship at North Manchester, last night, 39-37. Bill Bryan, former Kirkland star, helped turn the trick. Manchester is coming to the front in basketball.

Butler showed the "show me" boys from Missouri how to play the next game last night at Indianapolis and after nearly every member of Coach Page's squad had exhibited his wares, the score read: Butler, 37; Missouri, 15. Missouri plays at Purdue tomorrow night. Looks like they are due to be shown another thing or two.

Kokomo high repulsed the invasion of the Columbus, Ohio, North High team last night, 41-34.

Anderson's Indians stepped out and shot themselves to a 44-23 win over the Bedford crew last night. Looks like Stagg would have his Indians up and at 'em about tournament time again.

The Marion Beanoles lived up to our prediction and licked the Vincennes Alices last night, 29-26.

Monmouth goes to Van Wert, Ohio, tonight to play the Scarlet and Grey team. We wouldn't be surprised if Coach Foley's men returned home with the Buckeyes' scalp.

Today's question and answer: "Q—If the referee and the umpire disagree as to whether a goal should be counted, who decides? A—The Referee; but he should be willing to consult the umpire."

We were sorry to see Gerber, the Bluffton captain, put out of the game on personal fouls last night. He really committed four personals, but they were unintentional and were unlucky breaks for him. He was the best man on the Bluffton team and is a nice fighter.

And that's all and there ain't no more. Yes, there is, but we must save it for another day.

High for Gerber, Frauhiger for Swigart, Rix for Rudy, Earhart for Baxter. Field goals: Zwick, 1; Beabout, 1; Strickler, 9; Reynolds, 1; Moser, 2; Gerber, 3; Swigart, 1; Rudy, 1; Frauhiger, 1. Foul goals: Zwick, 2; Reynolds, 1; Moser, 3; Magley, 2; Gerber, 3; Swigart, 3; Rudy, 1; Shannon, 1; High, 1. Referee: Griffith, Auburn.

Second Team Game

Decatur (19) Bluffton (36)
Somers F. Carnall
Bell F. Baker
Cole C. Prough
Kless G. Stucky
Magley G. Brown

Substitutions: Lankenau for Somers, Stoneburner for Bell, Thomas for Cole, Frisinger for Kless, Paxson for Carnall, Swigart for Brown. Field goals: Somers for Baker, Van Horn for Stucky, 2; Thomas, 3; Cole, 1; Magley, 1; Carnall, 9; Baker, 5; Prough, 1; Stucky, 1; Brown, 1. Foul goals: Thomas, 2; Magley, 3; Carnall, 1; Paxton, 1. Referee: Swearingen.

Eighth Grade Game

Decatur (18) Bluffton (17)
Roop F. Emshwiller
Engle F. Baxter
Gerber C. Stevens
Reynolds G. Wiesel
Smiley G. Clark

Substitutions: Beard for Reynolds, Field goals: Roop, 1; Engle, 2; Gerber, 1; Reynolds, 1; Beard, 1; Emshwiller, 2; Baxter, 6. Foul goals: Roop, 1; Engle, 2; Reynolds, 1; Beard, 2; Baxter, 1.

BAXTER

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
Shortridge, 46; Broadripple, 23;
Mitchell, 43; Greensburg, 27.
Brazil, 39; Mishawaka, 23.
Shelbyville, 42; Morton (Richmond)

29.
Marion, 29; Vincennes, 26.
Anderson, 44; Bedford, 23.

D.C.H.S. TO PLAY ALUMNI TONIGHT

Three Games To Be Played
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This Evening

On Thursday evening, the Panthers will journey to Spencerville for a game with the fast going Spencerville five. Spencerville has been represented by a fast independent team for the past few seasons and a hard game is expected.

On Friday evening, the Preble quintet will meet the Linn Grove Stoners in the preliminary to the Berne-Huntington game at Berne. Keen rivalry has been shown by Linn Grove and Preble baseball teams the last few seasons and the feds will now be resumed on the hardwood. The game at Berne will be called at 8:15 and be preceded by a band concert.

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