

SPORTS

DECATUR TEAM IS FAVORITE

Yellow Jackets Are Picked to Win Sectional With Ease

The Decatur Yellow Jackets are top-heavy favorites to win the sectional tournament which will be held at the Decatur high school gymnasium Friday and Saturday of this week. The Yellow Jackets have had their most successful season in several years and are picked by many fans as possible regional winners at Fort Wayne next week.

Decatur has lost only two games this season, to Bluffton and Auburn. Bluffton has been defeated twice by the Yellow Jackets since that time and Auburn has twice lost to Decatur before their victory in the Auburn invitational tourney.

The Yellow Jackets have met only two of the Adams county teams this season. Decatur defeated Berne, 24 to 11, and Jefferson township, 45 to 14, both games played early in the season.

Decatur's toughest opposition is expected from the Kirkland Kangaroos and the Berne Bears. According to the schedule, if no upsets occur, Decatur and Kirkland will meet in the semi-final round at 3 p. m. Saturday and the Yellow Jackets will play Berne in the final game Saturday night.

These Adams county teams have had a rather troublesome habit of upsetting the Yellow Jackets in past tournaments here and will undoubtedly cause Decatur plenty of trouble in the tourney. The Berne Bears won the last sectional held here two years ago after defeating Decatur in the first round. Kirkland won the tourney three years ago after Hartford township had eliminated Decatur.

According to season records of the nine teams entered, the tourney should result as follows: Monroe to beat Monmouth, Geneva to eliminate Pleasant Mills on Friday night, Saturday morning; Berne to beat Hartford, Kirkland to defeat Jefferson and Decatur to eliminate Monroe. Saturday afternoon: Berne should dispose of Geneva and Decatur down Kirkland with Decatur defeating Berne in the final game. Remember, this is just the writer's guess and a fan's guess is just as good as one made by anybody else.



(By Pete Reynolds)

Ninety players and nine coaches in Adams county are working their heads off this week to get their teams in the best possible condition for the sectional tourney which will be held in Decatur, Friday and Saturday.

All the dope favors the Decatur Yellow Jackets to win the tourney but dope has a habit of getting spilled in this neck of the woods. Basketball's opinion of the outcome of the tourney will be found in another column of the Democrat today. If you don't agree with my predictions, shoot in your contributions and maybe we'll have some fun.

Tomorrow Basketball will start a feature article which will run the rest of the week, presenting the season record and other interesting information regarding all teams which are entered in the local sectional.

We have already had one contribution which has the result of the tourney all doped out, including the scores of all games. Here it is:

"First round: Monroe to beat Monmouth five points; Kirkland to defeat Jefferson 10 points; Geneva to down Pleasant Mills five points and Berne to eliminate Hartford township three points.

"Second round: Decatur to defeat Monroe 15 points.

"Semi-finals: Decatur to defeat Kirkland ten points; Berne to beat Geneva ten points.

"Finals: Decatur to annihilate Berne 20 points.

"A Yellow Jacket Fan."

Basketball has also received an interesting contrib which gives the result of inter-county games between teams of Adams and Wells counties. Will try to get this letter to basketball fans tomorrow.

The Fort Wayne Hoosiers won the second basketball championship of

the American Professional league by defeating Chicago last night at Fort Wayne, 20 to 16. Fort Wayne had won the first game of the play-off for the title at Chicago, Sunday night. The Hoosiers will now engage the Brooklyn Visitation in the battle for the world's championship, starting Thursday night at Brooklyn.

The St. Joe eighth grade team gave fans at the Hoosier game last night a real treat, the local lads putting up a great game against the Cathedral eighth graders of Fort Wayne. Fort Wayne won this game, 11 to 8 after the score was tied at the half, 4-4.

NORTHWESTERN WINS LAST GAME

Chicago, Mar. 3.—(U.P.)—Only five games remained today on the Big Ten basketball schedule. Three of them will be played Saturday night and the other two Monday night.

Northwestern, Big Ten basketball champion, closed its season last night with a 41-16 victory over Iowa. The Wildcats won 11 games and lost one in the Big Ten. Between halves of the game last night the Allerton championship cup was presented to Northwestern.

Purdue moved into a tie for second place with Minnesota by scoring a 24-17 victory over Wisconsin at Madison.

Illinois closed its season by defeating Chicago, 35-30. The Illini lost its first five conference games, and then closed with a rush, playing perhaps the best game in the conference at the finish.

In the other game last night Ohio State upset Indiana, 31-15.

The standing:

	W	L	Pct	Pts	Op.
*Northwestern	11	1	.917	396	335
Minnesota	7	4	.636	322	296
Purdue	7	4	.636	314	256
*Illinois	7	5	.583	343	299
Indiana	5	6	.455	280	304
*Wisconsin	4	8	.333	240	303
Chicago	3	7	.300	233	326
Ohio State	3	7	.300	235	255
Iowa	2	9	.182	216	315

(*) Season completed.

Last Night's Results

Northwestern, 41; Iowa, 16.

Illinois, 35; Chicago, 30.

Purdue, 24; Wisconsin, 17.

Ohio State, 31; Indiana, 15.

WRITER PICKS ALL-STATE FIVE

Indianapolis, Mar. 3.—(U.P.)—The Indianapolis Times all-state high school basketball team for 1931, selected by Vern Boxell, sports writer, was announced today:

On Boxell's first team were: Forwards: Thompson of Frankfort; Davidson of Muncie; Heavenridge of Washington.

Centers: Dejermet of Washington; Mann of Muncie. Guards: Meade of Logansport; Shaver of Frankfort; Huffman of Newcastle.

Second team—Forwards: Lawhead of Frankfort; Gunning of Shelbyville; Waltz of Martinsville. Centers: Rowe of Newcastle; Elser of Horace Mann at Gary.

Guards: Igerman of Muncie; Linville of Shelbyville; Ennis of Connersville.

Third team—Forwards: H. Stone of Greencastle; Mansfield of Laporte; Campbell of Logansport.

Centers: Humke of Anderson; Stroup of Frankfort.

Guards: Cotton of Wiley at Terre Haute; Underwood of Franklin; Kamstra of Jefferson at Lafayette.

Legion Will Give Amateur Boxing Show

The entertainment committee of the Adams Post of the American Legion announced today that the next meeting of the Legion will be featured by a series of amateur boxing bouts. This meeting will be held Monday evening, March 9.

Large Squad Reports For Spring Practice

Lafayette, Ind., Mar. 3.—(U.P.)—One hundred and three candidates, the biggest squad in history, have reported to Coach Nobles Kizer for spring football practice at Purdue. Kizer plans to divide the group into four teams and play a round-robin series of games.

TOCSIN NEWS

Mrs. Ida Kleinknight spent a few days last week in Decatur caring for her daughter-in-law Mrs. Warren Kleinknight, who is very sick suffering from after effects of the flu.

Jacob Strahm of Tocsin, who underwent a major operation a week ago at the Adams County Memorial Hospital, is getting along fine.

Miss Evelyn Wilson of near Tocsin, a junior in the Ossian High School, was able to return to school Monday, after being absent a week suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

Mrs. Ralph Porter and children Alice and Johnny, were guests Thursday of Mrs. Claude Kreigh.

Mrs. Ida Sowards was taken to the Wells County Hospital Sunday evening where she had her left lung tapped Monday morning following pneumonia.

Mrs. Earl Sowards was a guest Friday afternoon and night of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fabian at Fort Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bauer of Preble, were dinner and supper guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sowards.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Rupright entertained for dinner Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Elzey and family. Misses Bernice Louis and Doris Hinshaw of Murray, and Mrs. W. J. Rupright and daughter Eliza-

beth of near Tocsin.

Miss Amaline Woodward of Fort Wayne, spent Sunday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Hoover east of Tocsin.

Miss Gwendolyn Hoover, and her friend Chas. Greene of Churubusco, were week-end guests of her father, John Hoover and wife south east of Tocsin.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Gossard, Mr. and Mrs. Jas Davenport and son Merle, and Mrs. D. J. Blue attended services at the Wesleyan Methodist

Church in Bluffton Sunday afternoon. They also called on John Nash who has been on the sick list for several months.

Martha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Miller is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Dora Myers son Junior, Wm. Myers motored to Fort Wayne Thursday where they spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Strong.

Miss Lucile Mills, who underwent an appendix operation a week ago at the Adams County Memorial Hos-

pital was able to come home Monday.

Mrs. Dora Sullivan and daughters Glo of Indianapolis, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Gresley entertained for dinner Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rowe and sons Billy and Warren, of Fort Wayne, and Miss Harriet Marquardt of Monroeville.

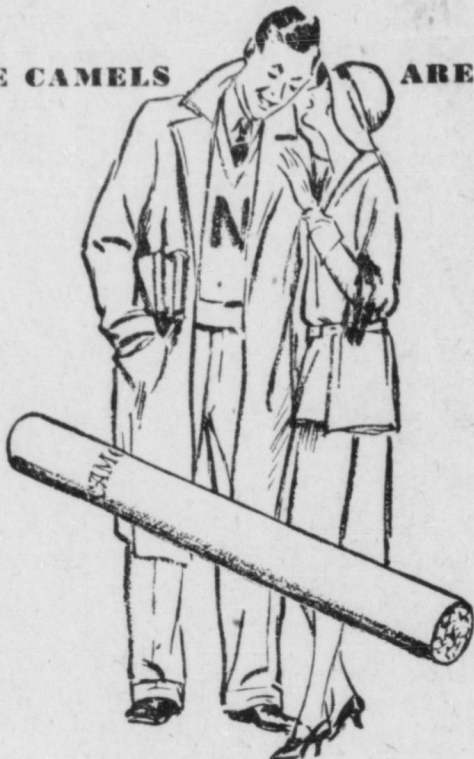
Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Lesh of Bluffton were guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. John Stine.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Borne and family were guests Sunday afternoon of Mrs. D. J. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas Davenport entertained for supper Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Gossard. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wells daughter of Fort Wayne were their guests Tuesday of Mr. and Raymond Wasson.

Mesdames Will Plummer and La Dailey entertained the Ballroom Club at the latter's Thursday afternoon.

THE CAMELS ARE COMING!



This is the Camel package in which a significant change has recently been made

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For the best answers to this question:

What significant change has recently been made in the wrapping of the CAMEL package containing 20 cigarettes and what are its advantages to the smoker?

First Prize, \$25,000

Second Prize, \$10,000

Third Prize, \$5,000

For the five next best answers \$1000 each

For the five next best answers \$500 each

For the twenty-five next best answers \$100 each

Conditions Governing Contest:

- 1 Answers limited to 200 words.
- 2 Write on one side of the paper only.
- 3 No entries accepted that bear a post-mark later than midnight, March 4, 1931.
- 4 Contest open to everybody except employees and executives of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and their families.
- 5 In case of ties, full amount of award will be paid to each of the tying parties.
- 6 It is not necessary to buy a package of Camel cigarettes in order to compete. Any store that sells cigarettes will permit you to examine the Camel package containing 20 cigarettes.

All communications must be addressed to Contest Editor—R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO COMPANY, Winston-Salem, N. C.

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AND STAFF

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(Winners will be announced as soon as possible after contest closes)