

Sports

Jackets Defeat Convoy To Open Baseball Season

The Decatur Yellow Jackets' baseball team opened their season Tuesday afternoon, defeating Convoy, O. 6-3, on the Convoy diamond.

The game was originally scheduled for Worthman field but was changed to Convoy when the local diamond was not in suitable condition for play. The Jackets will play Convoy here next Tuesday, April 6.

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The Yellow Jackets closed out their scoring in the fourth frame, counting twice on singles by Grant, Rice and Everett and a pair of errors.

Convoy was held without a hit the first four innings and failed to dent the home plate until the sixth frame, when two runs tallied on an error, a fielder's choice and McDaniels' double. The final run counted in the seventh on Sower's single and a pair of Decatur errors.

Gaunt hurled the first three innings, holding Convoy without a hit. Ballard pitched the next three frames, allowing two hits, and Bohnke tossed the final inning, allowing one blow.

Ballard and Rice each collected two hits to lead the Decatur batsmen.

Decatur	AB	R	H	E
Plumley, ss	2	2	0	1
Busse, c	4	0	1	0
Ballard, cf, rf, p	4	0	2	1
Gaunt, p, cf	4	0	0	0
Heim, 1b	3	0	0	0
Jennings, 1b	0	0	0	0
Lehrman, 2b	1	0	1	0
Ogg, 2b	3	0	1	0
Grant, if	4	1	1	0
Rice, rf	2	2	2	0
Bohnke, rf, p	2	0	0	0
Everett, 3b	3	1	1	0
Totals	32	6	9	4
Convoy	AB	R	H	E
Ackerman, 2b, p	4	0	0	1
Copper, rf, if	4	0	0	0
Mollenkopf, ss	3	1	0	0

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May, cf	0	0	0	0
Bauer, 3b	2	0	0	1
Sower, 3b	1	1	1	0
D. Schaad, if	3	0	0	0
Totals	29	3	3	3
Score by innings:				
Decatur	103	200	6	—8
Convoy	000	062	1	—3

World Pro Tourney Will Open April 8

Time is very short now before the curtain rises on basketball's big annual show—the Chicago Herald-American's tenth world's championship. Next Thursday night, April 8, at 7 o'clock the referee's starting whistle will echo through spacious Chicago Stadium, 1800 West Madison St., and thousands of enthusiasts will settle down to a four-game night of basketball long to be remembered.

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Decatur will be the host to the 1948 Chicago World's Basketball Championship.

The finale on the stellar card is another natural—Moline Tri-City Blackhawks vs Fort Wayne, Ind. Zollmers, Bob McDermott, for many years star player-coach of the Zollmers, will be leading the Blackhawks against his old team and the sparks are sure to fly.

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