

SPORTS

1955 Football Gridders May Surprise Fans

Decatur football fans, who have lived on a very lean diet for the last few years, should be able to look forward to richer days ahead. Not that this year's Yellow Jackets are a shoo-in for an undefeated season, although it is a definite possibility, but coach Bob Worthman has a good, experienced bunch of boys. If these boys put out what they are capable of, the fans will be more than pleased at the results.

Another good sign for the fans as well as the coaches is the size of the team. While not boasting any giants, Worthman has several boys between 160 and 180 pounds and these boys have their weight spread out over a six foot or better frame. These rangy fellows not only pack the wallop of their weight, but can also move that wallop around with a lot more agility than a short, stocky player.

The experience is well divided between the line and backfield. The big job for the coaches is to decide which boys can play offense, defense or both, and to make an alert unit out of the whole team.

The backfield will be fast and hard hitting with boys like Rocky Strickler, Gene Baxter, Tony Kelly, Bill Roth, Larry Moses and others to carry the ball. With a rangy, hard-hitting line in front of them, these players can make it mighty rough on an opponent.

A lot of the hopes for the line rest on the play of Terry Murphy. If "Murph" makes up his mind to play the type of football he's built for, the Jackets will have a fine offense-defense end. Ted Huker may be another sleeper on the football team. The wiry sophomore could come through and give the locals a pair of best wingmen seen in these parts for a long time. Dan Kruekeberg at center and DeWayne Agier will help anchor the middle of the line.

There's plenty of other material for the coaches to pick from, and any one nailing down a position on the starting eleven will have

YELLOW JACKET Football Schedule

Sept. 9—Auburn, here.
Sept. 16—at New Haven.
Sept. 20—at Hartford City
Sept. 23—at Garrett.
Sept. 30—at Portland.
Oct. 4—Fort Wayne Concordia here.
Oct. 7—Bluffton here.
Oct. 21—Columbia City here.
Oct. 26—Kendallville here.

to work to earn it and work to keep it. These boys could give Decatur one of its best football teams in many a year, but of course the results of the season are up to them. If they make good use of their size, speed and experience, they will be a team to be proud of. If not, they'll just be another football team. They have a fine coaching staff, but no coaching staff can make a boy want to play and win that's up to them. Football is a rough game but it can be a lot of fun if it's played hard and played win.

This year's schedule gives the boys ample opportunity to prove if they are good or not. They'll have to be up for the first game and stay up through out the season. September ninth is the date of the first game. It will be played at home against the always tough Auburn Red Devils. Auburn opens with Decatur for a breather, but the up-state boys may have a surprise this year.

The next four games are on the road. New Haven will be played on September the 16th. With Ron Huffer and company finally gone, the Bulldogs might have trouble with the home boys. At Hartford City on September 20th the Jackets go against a team that's always good. Next come Garrett on September 23rd and Portland on the 30th.

The final four games of the season will be played on the Jackets home field. October fourth, the Concordia Cadets will be in town to attempt to continue their dominance over Bob Worthman's team. October seventh is the big day for the local players and fans as the Bluffton Tigers are the opponents. Regardless of their record, the Tigers are always tough to beat. If there's any game the fans want the Jackets to win, it's this one, as it's been a long time since a Decatur football team has beaten the Wells County boys.

Columbia City will be in town October 21st, and the season will end against Kendallville here on October 26th. This will be the first Comet team seen here in a long, long time as the northern town has just started fielding a gridiron team in the last three years after a lengthy lay-off from the sport.

One thing that's important to the players is a good, enthusiastic home crowd, and it's hoped that we'll see a lot of people both at Worthman field and on the road. It's also hoped that the boys come through with what they're capable of, and send these home crowds away happy.

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John Isch's exercise is not one recommended for folks wanting to lose an inch or two around the waist-line, but it's only one of the many that line coach Jerry Letts puts his charges through. The backbone of any good football team is a good, smart line, and Jerry is in the process now of developing one.

It's In The Air

You can feel a tang in the evening air as summer blends into fall. And even still it gives you a thrill to watch them play football. It may be a college battle you see, with a hundred thousand others or the high school team as watchers beam, (mostly fathers and mothers).

No matter in huge stadium or on a few new wooden bleachers the games the same and that splendid game will be one of the boys best teachers. It teach him to win and teach him to lose and to strive for what he's aimed.

He'll do his best to meet the test and come away unashamed. He may never be a Nagurski or Gipper or the fabulous "Red". But still if he tried he can read with pride what Grantland Rice has said,

"For when the one Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He writes, not that you won or lost, but how you played the game."

Fall Baseball Schedule Set By Commodores

Decatur Catholic high school Commodores plan a fall baseball schedule, extending through September and featuring three home games, it was announced today by head coach Dave Terhaar.

Opening game will be at McMillen field, Decatur, against Geneva Cardinals September 7. Four away from home games also are on the schedule making a total of seven games, all to be played in September. Six of the seven games will be Adams county league games.

All candidates for places on the Commodore team are asked to report at McMillen field Monday afternoon, August 29 at 2 o'clock, for opening practice. Each candidate must have written consent of his parents and a physician's certificate.

Coach Terhaar said that 17 candidates for the St. Joseph junior high school team had already reported for drills. A St. Joe schedule is being arranged.

Following is the complete Commodore schedule:

September 7, Geneva, here; September 13, Hartford, there; September 15, Monmouth, there; September 20, Adams Central, there; September 22, Berne, here; September 26, Jefferson, here and September 28, Willshire, O., there.

The Willshire game is the only non-conference game.

Detroit Tigers May Be Sold By Briggs'

DETROIT (INS) — The Detroit Tigers, for 55 years one of baseball's most profitable franchises, may be sold this fall by the heirs of the late Walter O. Briggs, Sr., because the team is considered a poor long run investment.

Since the death of Briggs, there have been persistent rumors of the sale of the club because some members of the family considered the Tigers a bad financial risk.

A so-called "friendly" law suit was filed July 30 in Detroit by the trustees of the estate of Mr. Briggs against the heirs. The suit sought to determine how the trust fund should be invested. Decision of the court is pending.

Stengel, opening his most important series of the campaign before 36,945 partisan fans, started Gary "Rip" Coleman, a 24 year old left hander brought from the Denver farm Aug. 12 and whose previous big league pitching was confined to 5-2-3 innings against Baltimore.

Although he needed eight innnings help from Bob Grim, Coleman notched his second major win. He had a four hitter, one of the blows an Al Rosen homerun, before striking in the eighth to permit a run on Ralph Kiner's double and Jim Hegan's single.

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Legal Counsel Wins Fast Kalamazoo Race

Legal Counsel, fast pacing horse owned by Dr. Richard Parrish of Decatur won another race at Kalamazoo, Mich., fair Thursday night. The Decatur horse was entered in the 2-20 pace, which is a faster class than usual.

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Joe Collins, who beat Wynn with two homeruns on Aug. 2, collected his third straight off the veteran righthander after Mickey Mantle had walked.

Visibly ruffled, Wynn walked Gil McDougald. Andy Carey, who clubbed a sixth inning homer off Ray Narleski, singled and the bases were full on Phil Rizzuto's sacrifice and a walk to Coleman. Two more runs came in on Hank Bauer's fly and Irv Noren's single.

Exit Wynn, enter Sal Maglie, then Narleski, Jose Santiago and Don Mossi.

Bob Porterfield and Camilo Pascual of Washington combined to scatter eight White Sox hits for Porterfield's 10th victory and Connie Johnson's second defeat in eight decisions.

Home runs by Charlie Maxwell and Ray Boone paced Detroit to its win over Boston and Willard Nixon. Ned Garver won his 11th in 23 verdicts on eight hits while Nixon dropped his eighth in 25. Ivan DeLoach was credited with the Boston win, in which Jackie Jensen homered for the Red Sox and Earl Torgeson hit one for Detroit.

Art Ceccarelli pitched a four hitter for Kansas City, Hector Lopez of the A's and Hal Smith of the Orioles each hit homers.

Brooklyn's National League lead was cut back to 11 games when the Dodgers lost their first doubleheader of the year. Cincinnati took the two-night combination by 8 to 5 and 6 to 5 scores.

Milwaukee's game with a half advance started with a daylight 3 to

7.

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Philadelphia 11-8, St. Louis 9-3

Pittsburgh 2, Chicago 1

American League

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