

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 "Murphy" makes up his mind to play the type of football he's built for, the Jackets will have a fine offense-defense end. Ted Hutter 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 Krueckeberg at center and DeWayne Agler 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 to 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 16th. With Ron Hutter 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.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

It's In The Air

You can feel a tang in the evening air as summer birds 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).

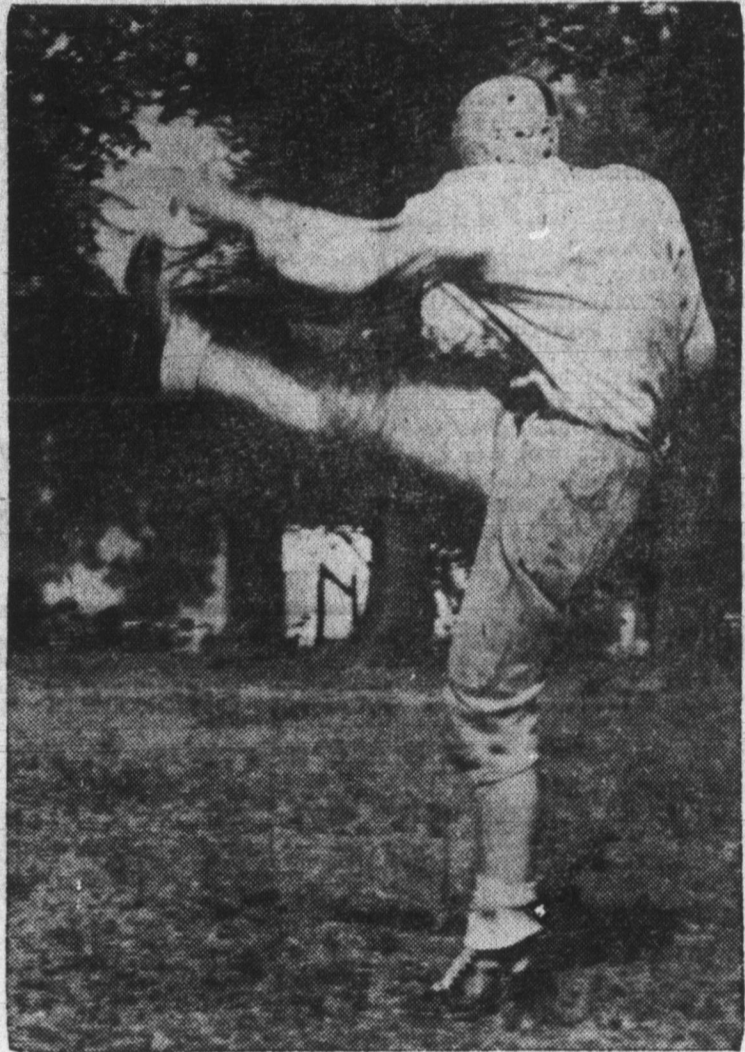
No matter in huge stadium or on a few new wooden bleachers. The games the same and that splendid game will be one of the boys best teachers.

"I" 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 unshamed.

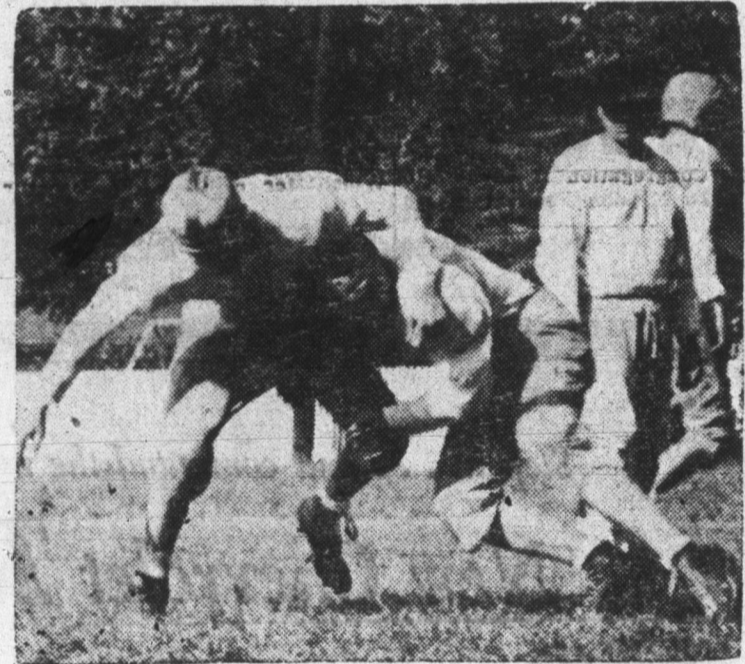
He may never be a Nagurski or Gipper or the fabulous "Red". But still if he tried he can read with pride what Grantland Rice has said,

"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."

—J. G. H.



Phil DeBolt, Yellow Jacket punter, puts leather to leather as he gets his leg in shape. Phil got off a lot of good boots last year and is ready to do even better this season. Of course, Phil and the rest of the Jacket boosters hope that the hometown won't be called on to punt very often. Phil would much rather carry the ball into the opposition's end zone than kick it there.



Coach Bob Worthman watches some of the football team candidates go through tackling practice. This along with blocking are the main ingredients of football. If the boys get a good grounding in blocking and tackling, it will go a long way toward making a winning football team.



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 Letz 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.

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 Terveer.

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 Terveer 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, Berns, 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 seeks to determine how the trust fund should be invested. Decision of the court is pending.

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.

Legal Counsel now has a season record of three wins and a second. The previous wins included Portland and Kendallville and the second place was garnered at Muncie.

MAJOR League Results

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
New York	77	48	.616	
Chicago	75	49	.605	1 1/2
Cleveland	75	50	.600	2
Boston	72	53	.576	5
Detroit	64	62	.508	13 1/2
Kansas City	52	74	.413	25 1/2
Washington	43	78	.353	32
Baltimore	39	83	.320	36 1/2

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Brooklyn	80	44	.645	
Milwaukee	70	56	.556	11
New York	65	59	.524	15
Philadelphia	68	61	.520	15 1/2
Cincinnati	63	65	.492	19
Chicago	59	71	.454	24
St. Louis	53	71	.427	27
Pittsburgh	48	77	.384	32 1/2

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

National League
Milwaukee 3, New York 2
Cincinnati 8-7, Brooklyn 5-5
Philadelphia 11-8, St. Louis 9-3
Pittsburgh 2, Chicago 1
American League
Washington 6, Chicago 1
New York 5, Cleveland 2
Detroit 6-4, Boston 1-6
Kansas City 9, Baltimore 2

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Decatur Klenks To Try Again Tonight

Decatur Klenks Federation league baseball team, battling to get even in the final play-off series goes to Rockford, O. tonight for a game with the Buckeye team which conquered the Klenketers in a 2-1 thriller here Tuesday night.

Regardless of the outcome of tonight's game the third tilt is scheduled for Worthman field, Decatur Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Ferd Klenk, owner of the Decatur entry, says his players are in splendid shape for the second tilt and with a few breaks he believes the local entry will win.

Aging Lefty Reynolds, who has been around the semipro circuits for a long long time held Decatur to four hits in Tuesday's game and observers said about all he had was a pitch and a prayer, but it worked.

Many Decatur fans are planning on accompanying the team to Rockford tonight for the contest under the lights, starting at 8 o'clock.

Yankees Leading In American Loop Race

NEW YORK (INS) — That old black magic of Casey Stengel's has Cleveland in its spell at the moment and the New York Yankees are enjoying the biggest American League lead since Aug. 14 as a result.

The wily "Ole Perfesser" wove a little voodoo by starting a recent fugitive from the American Association in one of the most crucial games of the year Thursday night at Cleveland and the abashed Indians lost, 5 to 2.

The decision gave the Yanks a game and a half lead over Chicago, the best A. L. foothold since Cleveland led by two 12 days ago. It dropped the Tribe two games off the pace.

Chicago set the stage earlier by losing to Washington, 6 to 1, and fourth place Boston slipped a half game to a minus five by splitting with Detroit. The Red Sox lost the first one, 6 to 1, and recouped, 6 to 4. Doornat Baltimore fell 3 1/2 games back by losing to Kansas City, 9 to 2.

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

Early Wynn, looking for his 15th win, lost his ninth instead when he was belted for four runs in the second inning.

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.

Homeruns 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 26. 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 and a half advance started with a daylight 3 to

2 decision over New York. Philadelphia climbed to within a half game of the Giants by defeating St. Louis, 11 to 9 and 8 to 3, and Pittsburgh stopped Chicago, 2 to 1.

Wally Post started the Redlegs off to their first win with his 32nd homer in the second inning. Johnny Klippstein bested Johnny Podres on the mound.

Two walks by Karl Spooner led to two Redleg tallies and the ball game in the ninth inning of the afterpiece. Gus Bell homered for Cincinnati and Rube Walker for Brooklyn. Buster Freeman, who also worked in the first game, got the win in relief.

The Braves were held to three hits but used one of them and three walks by Jim Hearn to score three times in the seventh inning for the win over New York. Warren Spahn won his 13th on six hits.

Wally Moon's grand slam homerun helped put Robin Roberts six runs in arrears by the fourth inning of the first game at Philadelphia but the big righthander settled down to win his 21st against nine losses. Jim Green-grass and Granny Hamner aided the cause with homers.

A Connie Mack Stadium throng of 38,546, largest Philadelphia baseball crowd since 1952, watched Saul Rogovin pitch a five hitter and sock a homerun to give the Phils their sixth straight win, Stan Lopatta also homered in the second game.

Elroy Face scattered eight hits League lead since Aug. 14 as a decided Chicago.

Cubs Buy Players In Deal With Monarchs

CHICAGO (INS) — The Chicago Cubs, obviously pleased over the play of their keystone combination of Ernie Banks and Gene Baker, have dipped into the Negro National League for three more players.

The Cubs announced late Thursday the purchase for an undisclosed price of three players from the Kansas City Monarchs, where they also got shortstop Banks and second baseman Baker.

They are Joe Hartman, 21, a flashy shortstop; George Lee Altman, 22, hard hitting first baseman and outfielder, and Louis B. Johnson, 21, a speedy outfielder. There was no indication as to when the three would be called up but there is a chance it may be next month.

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