

Yellow Jackets Drop Home Opener Friday To Auburn, 14 To 0

Decatur's Yellow Jackets opened their home season before a chilled and quiet crowd of about 1,000 fans, bowing to Auburn's Red Devils, 14-0. The teams played scoreless ball for three periods but the time seemed to hang for Decatur in the last three minutes as Auburn counted twice, taking advantage of a fumble and an interception.

The Jackets piled up a good statistical edge, gaining well up and down the middle of the playing area, but failed to penetrate beyond the Auburn 30-yard line as a combination of fumbles (3 lost), interceptions (2), untimely penalties (2 for 5 yards each), and an alert Red Devil defense squelched the Jacket offense that glittered as much as it faded.

Decatur lost the ball four times due to fumbles. The Jackets usually don't fumble. Auburn just got so many breaks that they finally got fired-up from one late in the game. The statistics were all in Decatur's favor. But statistics still don't win games.

We went out on a limb earlier and guessed at three wins for this year's team. After last night, we will go our further and raise it to five. The scores registered by Decatur's opposition in games to come were not impressive. The competition seems to be pretty even and nothing outstanding this year. One exception is already past. The Penn team beat Valparaiso last night, showing how good they were.

The only thing the Jackets need is a good shot of confidence. Some could come from John Cowan's performance at quarterback last night. John got "back home," and did a real good job. Herb Banning played this best football of the season, tackling well on defense and blocking well on offense. The whole team looked good, particularly in the first half.

Jim Reidenbach and Jim Gay continued their good running and tackling, showing that experience counts. As this team gets more experience they should be a lot tougher. Reports are that Ed Nelson's leg is healing up, and maybe the speedster can get back on the field before long.

Some people have asked why we continue to needle the line. From personal experience, having played halfback in college, we believe that the line is the most important part of a winning football team. Almost anyone can carry a ball and run. Not everyone can mix up things in the line, where it really gets rough, and still get their job done.

It was a good football game. It wasn't a win, but it's over, so forget about that game and get ready for Garrett. The Railroaders have walked over Decatur for many years, and it's about time the Jackets reverse the trend. It can be done, if there are eleven boys on the field who want it bad enough.

High School Football

Garrett 25, New Haven 14. Bluffton 13, Kendallville 7. Columbia City 7, Fort Wayne Concordia 0.

The starting line-ups were:

Decatur	Auburn
LE Tom Grabil	Ned Short
LT Bob Theobold	Dave Bard
LG Herb Banning	Tim Brown
C Ron August	Rich Moore
RG Larry Butler	Joe Garceau
RT Terry Snyder	Jim Reas
RE Stu Knodel	Kim Webb
QB John Cowan	Mike McKinley
RH Jim Reidenbach	Dale Chard
LH Jim Gay	John Gaskill
FB Mike Thieme	Jon Feagler



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Fernandez Winner Oevr Gaspar Ortega

MIAMI BEACH (UPI)—Florentino Fernandez, unbeaten Cuban slugger, and lanky Gaspar Ortega of Mexico were rematched today for a welterweight challengers' fight at Madison Square Garden, Oct. 23, because of Fernandez' upset TV victory over Ortega here Friday night.

Registering his 21st straight professional triumph, Fernandez floored rugged Gaspar twice and won a unanimous 10-round decision: 97-90, 97-91, 96-93.

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Fernandez, weighing 146½ pounds to Ortega's 145½, brought the 3,018 fans to their feet in Miami Beach Auditorium in the first round when he dropped Gaspar with a right to the face for an eight-count. Florentino floored the Mexican again in the fourth round with a left hook for the count of nine.

Ortega smashed a pair of homers that helped the Dodgers defeat the Pirates, 5-4, in the opening game of a twi-nighter Friday night and then cracked a three-run homer in a 4-0 nightcap victory.

The pair of victories brought the Dodgers' latest winning streak to five games and much too close for comfort to the faltering, first-place Giants, who lost to the Phillies, 1-0.

Broke Face's Streak

Los Angeles not only came from behind in the opener but also hung the first defeat of the season on relief ace Elroy Face, who had won 17 games in a row this season and 22 straight dating back to May 30th of last year.

Robin Roberts shut out the Giants on three hits in scoring his 14th win for the last-place Phillips. The lone run of the game came off Mike McCormick in the seventh inning when Harry Anderson singled home Joe Koppe from second base.

Milwaukee closed in to within a game of first place with a 10-2 victory over Cincinnati. Joey Jay held the Reds to four hits in pitching the Braves to their sixth straight triumph.

Bob Anderson won his 12th game for the Cubs by beating the Cardinals, 2-1, with a three-hit effort. The Cubs scored the winning run in the ninth on a wild pitch by reliever Marshall Bridges.

Orioles Sweep Chicago

In the American League, the Orioles swept a twi-night doubleheader from the first-place White Sox, 3-0 and 1-0 in 10 innings; the Senators downed the Indians, 5-4; the Athletics ended a 13-game losing streak with an 8-6 victory over the Red Sox, and the Yankees topped the Tigers, 9-3.

Jerry Walker and Jack Fisher, a pair of 20-year-old Oriole rookies, stopped the White Sox dead in their tracks. Walker pitched the entire 16 innings in the nightcap and gave up only six hits and three walks to earn his 11th victory the hard way.

Fisher pitched perfect ball for 6 1-3 innings in the opener before Nellie Fox singled in the seventh. The White Sox collected only two more singles as Fisher registered his first major league victory.

The two losses whittled the White Sox' lead to four games, but even so their pennant-winning "magic number" was reduced to 10 by Cleveland's loss to Washington.

Julio Becquer, Washington's pinch hitter extraordinary, broke a 4-4 tie when he singled home the winning run in the eighth inning off Jack Harshman, who had just relieved loser Mike Garca.

Rookie Lou Klimchock's two-run double started a six-run sixth-inning rally that gave the A's their victory over the Red Sox.

Bowling Scores

Rural League

	W	L	Pts.
Community Oil Service	3	0	4
Sheets Furniture	3	0	4
Conrad's	2	1	3
Schrock Builders	2	1	3
McConnells	1	2	1
Stucky & Co.	1	2	1
City Disposal	0	3	0
Steckleys	0	3	0
200 games—A. Schrock	247	D	Mies, 201 - 216.
500 series—A. Schrock	569	D	Mies, 552; W. Fawbush, 509.

Runs Batted In

	W	L	Pts.
National League—Banks, Cubs	128	Robinson, Reds 125; Aaron, Braves 113; Bell, Reds 106; Ceada, Giants 94.	
American League—Colavito, Indians 103; Jensen, Red Sox 100; Killebrew, Senators 100; Maxwell, Tigers 91; Lemon, Senators 91.			

Home Runs

	W	L	Pts.
National League—Banks, Cubs	40	Aaron, Braves 38; Mathews, Braves 36; Robinson, Reds 36; Mays, Giants 29.	

American League—Colavito, Indians 40; Killebrew, Senators 40; Maxwell, Tigers 30; Allison, Senators 29; Lemon, Senators 29.

Pitching

	W	L	Pts.
National League—Face, Pirates 17-1; Antonelli, Giants 19-8; Newcombe, Reds 13-7; Law, Pirates 16-9; Conley, Phils 12-7.			

American League—Shaw, White 15-6; McLish, Indians 17-8; Wynn, White Sox 19-9; Pappas, Orioles 14-8; Ford, Yankees 14-8.

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FLASH GORDON

Decatur-Made Boat Is 11th In Race

A Decatur-made Duo-Cat fibreglass catamaran, faced with a damaged engine the entire 1,068 mile Mississippi river marathon race, placed 11th last weekend, but beat the old speed record of 29½ hours by 4½ hours.

John Springmeyer of St. Charles, Mo., and Don Clay of St. Louis, Mo., damaged one of their two 70 horsepower Mercury motors while starting. They still ran the race in 25:18, slightly over a day.

A second Duo-Cat was unable to

get away from the dock when two

new motors which had just arrived

and were not tested failed to work.

The winner of the race averaged 47.25 miles an hour and finished in 22 hours and 37 minutes,

knocking six hours off the former

best time.

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