

Bluffton Wins Holiday Tourney At Portland; Jackets Place Third

Bluffton's often-tough Tigers handily won the Portland basketball tourney Saturday in a long, long day for area basketball fans.

The Tigers bettered an earlier performance against Decatur's Yellow Jackets in the tourney opener, winning 60-36, and did almost as well in the title game, whomping a little Hartford City squad, 71-45.

Jackets Take Third

The Jackets took the consolation contest, edging host Portland, which failed to win anything in the lopsided tourney. Decatur won 60-54 as John Cowan, Denny Bollenbacher, Jim Reidenbach, and Tom Grabill came up with good performances. Portland dropped its first game earlier in the day to Hartford City's Airedales, 52-42.

Press row observers gave plaudits to Decatur's Cowan and Portland's Jim McAbee in the consolation, while mulling away time in the title contest to see how long Coach Kirkpatrick of Bluffton would keep his starters in the ball game. He stayed with his big starting team well near the end of the game, even after the outcome had long been established.

Playing before a smaller-than-expected crowd of about 1,300, in the new Portland gym, the teams produced little in the way of outstanding basketball. Of course, none was expected, what with the records of the participants, even Bluffton owned only a 5-4 mark.

As expected Bluffton loafed after the first quarter of each contest, but even at that managed to put away the game with relative ease. Mike Milholland, who is reportedly being sought by I.U.'s Branch McCracken, scored all but one shot from 3 or 4 feet out, in rolling up high tourney honors in that department. The other shot he took "away" from the basket was a good 6 or 8 footer.

Getting back to strictly basketball, the Jackets performed quite well in the evening tilt, working together in good fashion behind the floor game of Reidenbach and the offensive work of Cowan and Bollenbacher. Denny scored the first 10 Decatur points against Portland, before Reidenbach added his two points per quarter bid with a set shot.

Cowan Tabbed "Best"

Cowan then took up the slack in the next three periods, getting 20 points for game high honors. Sport writers from Hartford City and Portland tabbed the young athlete as "the best Decatur has." They listed Portland's McAbee in the same category.

In the opener against Bluffton, the Jackets stayed with the lopping talent from nearby for the first quarter. But when a team hits only 34.2 per cent, which Decatur did on 10 of 27 shots, nothing much is going to help. Bluffton did a little better, getting 21 of 34, mostly from underneath.

At one point, they had nine straight tips at the basket in the first quarter. From 1:17 to 1:10 on the clock, the tall Tigers took turns batting the ball up off the backboard. A foul finally ended the fun.

Decatur came back with a good 40.7 percentage in the nightcap, with 22 of 54, and even Portland had a respectable .377 on 23 of 61.

Good Spirit Noted

Decatur's Paul Bevelhimer remarked how well the pep boosters added to the overall cause in the tourney play, and thanked the cheerleaders for organizing the traveling effort. Mrs. Kathryn Mayclin and Mrs. Kathryn Strickler, the chaperones, also received plaudits from the jacket mentor.

The local lads travel to New Haven to meet the tough Bulldogs Friday night. The season record is now 3-7.

Bluffton

	FG	FT	TP
Wasson	2	11	15
Collins	2	1	5
Flowers	3	0	6
Milholland	8	0	16
Ashler	2	6	10
Purhiser	2	0	4
Hart	1	0	2
Beatty	1	0	2
TOTALS	21	18	60

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Week's Schedule For Adams County Basketball Teams

Tuesday

Geneva at Adams Central.
Willsboro at Pleasant Mills.
Hartford vs Gray at Redkey.
Friday

Commodores at Hartford.
Yellow Jackets at New Haven.
Monmouth at Geneva.
Bryant at Adams Central.

Saturday

Ohio City at Pleasant Mills.

Berne at Auburn.

Jackets

	FG	FT	TP
Rudy Kleinknight	0	0	0
Bollenbacher	3	3	9
Cowan	2	1	5
Grabil	3	2	8
Reidenbach	2	0	4
Ron Kleinknight	0	1	1
Frauhiger	0	1	0
Eichenauer	0	0	0
Nelson	0	0	0
Rambo	0	2	2
Clark	0	0	0
TOTALS	10	10	30
Score by quarters:	1	2	3
Bluffton	12	25	40
Decatur	10	15	19

Officials: Carnes, Habegger

Portland

	FG	FT	TP
Engle	3	0	6
Hanlin	2	0	4
Freyburgher	0	2	2
McAbee	2	7	11
Weesner	3	3	6
John Freeman	1	4	6
McConochy	1	2	4
TOTALS	12	18	42

Officials: Carnes, Habegger

Hartford City

	FG	FT	TP
Wagner	7	5	19
C. Clamme	0	0	0
Rench	6	5	17
Jenkins	4	2	10
Malott	1	2	4
Wimmer	1	0	2
TOTALS	19	14	52
Score by quarters:	1	2	3
Portland	9	23	40
Hartford City	14	30	52

Officials: Carnes, Habegger

Consolation Game

	FG	FT	TP
Portland	4	1	5
Engle	2	1	5
Colden	3	0	6
Hanlin	2	0	4
Weesner	4	2	10
McAbee	0	1	0
TOTALS	19	2	40

Officials: Carnes, Habegger

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TOTALS	19	2	40

Officials: Carnes, Habegger

St. Louis

	FG	FT	TP
S. Reville	4	3	11
Kohne	9	1	9
Peterson	0	0	0
Omior	4	1	9
Gase	3	0	6
TOTALS	19	2	40

Officials: Carnes, Habegger

Decatur

	FG	FT	TP
Hess	0	0	0
Kohne	9	1	9
Peterson	0	0	0
Omior	4	1	9
Gase	3	0	6
TOTALS	19	2	40

Officials: Carnes, Habegger

Jackets

	FG	FT	TP
Rudy Kleinknight	0	0	0
Reidenbach	3	2	8
Bollenbacher	7	4	18
Cowan	7	6	20
Grabil	4	1	9
Frauhiger	1	2	4
Eichenauer	0	1	1
Knodel	0	0	0
TOTALS	22	16	60
Score by quarters:	1	2	3
Portland	14	29	54
Decatur	12	35	45

Officials: Braden, Davis

Title Game

	FG	FT	TP
Wagner	1	2	4
C. Clamme	2	0	4
Rench	3	1	7
Jenkins	3	4	10
Malott	3	2	8
Wimmer	3	2	8
Needler	2	0	4
Wade	0	0	0
TOTALS	17	11	45

Bluffton

	FG	FT	TP
Absher	2	0	4
Wasson	3	4	10
Milholland	7	9	23
Collins	8	0	16
Flowers	3	4	10
S. Heller	1	0	2
Durr	2	1	5
Beatty	0	0	0
Hart	0	1	1
TOTALS	26	19	71
Score by quarters:	1	2	3
Hartford City	11	24	33
Bluffton	22	36	53

Officials: Braden, Davis

Northwestern Coach Signs New Contract

EVANSTON, Ill. (UPI) — Ara Parseghian, who coached Northwestern to one of its most successful football seasons in years, Sunday signed a contract as the Wildcat head coach for five more years.

The restaurant had closed for the night when a man knocked on the door and told night manager Robert Buskirk, 30, that his wife had left her white gloves in the dining room.

St. Joseph Winner Of Tourney Sunday

St. Joseph of Decatur won the championship in its own invitational tourney Sunday, scoring a pair of easy victories in the meet played in the Decatur Catholic school gym.

The Pirates whipped Sacred Heart of Fort Wayne, 51-14, in the final game Sunday night, after defeating St. Louis of Besancon, 40-29, in the tourney opener Sunday afternoon.

Sacred Heart advanced to the finals by edging St. Hyacinth of Fort Wayne, 22-21, in the second afternoon tilt.

St. Hyacinth won third place honors, defeating St. Louis, 38-27, in the consolation game last night.

St. Joe piled up a 16-3 lead in the first quarter of the tourney opener, held a 26-11 advantage at the half, and 36-18 at the third period to St. Louis, 40-29. Kohne paced the Decatur lads with 19 points, while S. Reville tallied 11 for the losers.

The first quarter of the championship game was fairly close. St. Joe leading by only 13-7, but the Pirates broke loose for 16 points in the second period while holding Sacred Heart scoreless for a 29-7 lead. The third quarter ended with Decatur in front, 36-11. Kohne was again the leading scorer with 20 points. No Sacred Heart player scored more than four points.