

Decatur Commodores, Berne Bears Winners As County Meet Opens

By Pete Reynolds

The Decatur Commodores and Berne Bears qualified for semi-finals of the annual Adams county tournament by turning in one-sided victories in the opening round games Thursday night at the Adams Central gym.

The Commodores were well in front all the way to eliminate the Pleasant Mills Spartans, 62-36, in Thursday's opener, and the Bears, after being slowed almost to a walk by the Monmouth Eagles' control game in the first half, ran away in the second half of the nightcap for a 43-23 triumph.

By their victories, the Commodores and Bears will tangle in the first semi-final clash at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Tonight's opening game at 7 o'clock will send the Berne and Geneva reserve teams against each other for the county second team tournament championship.

First round action in the varsity tournament will end tonight, with the Geneva Cardinals meeting the Adams Central Greyhounds at 8:15 p. m.

The Hartford Gorillas, defending champions, drew the first round bye, and will play in the second semi-final at 2:15 p. m. Saturday, meeting the winner of tonight's Geneva-Adams Central tilt.

The championship game will be played at 8:15 p. m. Saturday. All three Saturday games will be broadcast over radio station WGL, Fort Wayne, with Len Davis at the mike.

Commodores Win

The Decatur Commodores had little trouble with the Spartans in the opener. After Don Baker hit his first shot for the winners, the Commodores scored five points before Jack Butler broke the scoring tie for Pleasant Mills. The Decatur lads then ran up the next seven points to hold a big 12-2 margin at the end of the first quarter.

The Commodores increased their advantage to 12 points, 26-14, at the half, and outscored the Spartans, 20-10, in the third period for a commanding 46-24 bulge at the third quarter.

Baker was the offensive show for the winners as the big guard, last year's county scoring leader, banged in 26 points, the only Commodore in double figures. However, nine of the 10 players used by Coach Al Lindahl broke into the scoring column.

The Spartans' veteran guards did the bulk of their scoring, Dwight Brunner tallying 13 points and Jack Butler 12.

Slow Down Game

Coach Don Elder chose to play a control type of game with his Eagles in the nightcap against the Bears. The strategy worked pretty well throughout the entire first half, too, as the Eagles, while unable to take the lead at any time, left the floor at the main intermission trailing by only three points.

Nearly two minutes of the game had elapsed before Phil Springer put Berne in front with

a field goal. There was no more scoring until, with 2:30 to go, Dick Bulmahn dropped in a pair of free throws for a 2-2 tie. The game moved slowly along, with two-pointers by Rod Schwartz and Jim Hill giving Berne a six-point first quarter, and Loren Bieberich and Dick Bulmahn each added a free throw for four points for the Eagles.

Monmouth stayed with its control game in the second period, and Berne could add only one point to its advantage, taking a 14-11 lead to the dressing room at the half.

Action picked up, but very little, in the third period, with the Bears boosting their margin to 22-15, but the Bears then took firm command in the closing quarter to win by 20 points, 42-23.

Hill topped all the scorers with 15 points, and Schwartz added 13. No Eagle scored more than one field goal, with Dick Bulmahn and Loren Bieberich leading their scoring with five points each.

Commodores	FG	FT	TP
S. Omlor	2	2-2	6
Kohne	2	3-3	6
Jerry Heiman	0	1-1	1
Lose	1	0-1	2
Baker	11	4-6	26
Jim Heiman	3	0-0	6
Reed	1	0-0	2
Gross	2	2-2	6
J. Omlor	3	1-2	7
Kitson	0	0-0	0

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Pleasant Mills	FG	FT	TP
Ohler	2	1-2	5
Smith	0	1-2	1
Death	0	1-5	1
Brunner	5	3-5	13
Butler	5	2-4	12
Jackson	1	0-0	2
King	0	0-0	0
Daniels	0	0-0	0
McGill	0	1-2	1
Snyder	0	1-1	1

TOTALS 13 10-22 36

Score by quarters:
Commodores: 12 26 46 62
Pleasant Mills: 2 14 24 36
Officials: Baldwin, Yohler.

Berne	FG	FT	TP
Smith	2	1-2	5
Schwartz	6	1-2	13
Springer	2	2-6	6
Graber	2	0-1	2
Hill	6	3-4	15
Liechty	0	0-0	0
Blum	1	0-0	2
Ziegler	0	0-0	0
Von Gunten	0	0-0	0
Augsburger	0	0-0	0

TOTALS 18 7-15 43

Monmouth	FG	FT	TP
Bultemeier	1	2-3	4
Brown	1	2-2	4
L. Bieberich	1	3-3	5
D. Bulmahn	1	3-4	5
Spencer	1	0-2	2
Carr	0	0-0	0
Miller	1	0-0	2
E. Bulmahn	0	0-0	0
D. Bieberich	0	0-0	0
Singleton	0	1-2	1

TOTALS 6 11-16 23

Score by quarters:
Berne: 6 14 22 43
Monmouth: 4 11 15 23
Officials: Yohler, Baldwin.

McCovey Gains Pay Increase From Giants

By MILTON RICHMAN
United Press International

Willie McCovey picked up a "World Series share" today, which is quite a trick considering the San Francisco Giants never got in it.

McCovey's "share" was in the form of a \$5,000 pay boost that will bring his salary in the neighborhood of \$12,000 for 1960.

"The Giants were very kind to me," said the 22-year-old first baseman. "They gave me a good deal."

McCovey, who almost led the Giants into the World Series with his sensational slugging, certainly earned it.

Called Up From Phoenix
Called up from Phoenix of the Pacific Coast League on July 30, McCovey broke in with four hits in his first game against the Phillies. Two triples were included.

He finished the season with a .356 average in 52 games, hitting 13 homers and driving in 38 runs to win the National League's Rookie of the Year Award hands down.

Along with McCovey who is ticketed to play first base after next season, the Giants also announced the signing of 21-year-old southpaw Mike McCormick.

The Milwaukee Braves announced the signing of three of their players, making a total of six under contract so far. Latest signees were first baseman Frank Torre and rookie pitchers Tony Diaz and Dennis Overby.

Cubs Add Eight
The Chicago Cubs added eight signed players within a 24-hour period and now have a total of 30 under contract.

Infielders Jerry Kindal and Sam Drake, outfielders Billy Williams and Lou Johnson and catcher Moe Thacker all agreed to terms with the Cubs shortly after they had also satisfied catcher Earl Averill Jr. and pitchers Seth Morehead and Ben Johnson.

Two new members of the Cleveland Indians — Bubba Phillips and John (Honey) Romano — want more money than they have been offered and General Manager Frank Lane said they'll get it.

"I'm in sympathy with them," Lane said. "I offered both a boost the first time but have added a little more now. I don't anticipate any trouble."

Pro Basketball

Syracuse 119, St. Louis 112.
New York 131, Minneapolis 126.

Hockey Results

National League
Montreal 3, Toronto 1.
Boston 6, New York 0.
International League
St. Paul 5, Minneapolis 3.

High School Basketball

Indianapolis Shortridge 58, Indianapolis Attucks 57.
Indianapolis Cathedral 55, Indianapolis Ripple 54.
South Bend Adams 63, South Bend Central 56.
Vincennes 80, Vincennes Catholic 53.

Wells Co. Tourney.
Rockcreek 55, Lancaster Central 47.
Ossian 71, Petroleum 53.

Huntington Co. Tourney
Andrews 76, Huntington Twp. 66.
Warren 47, Roanoke 42.

Noble Co. Tourney
Cromwell 64, Ligonier 56.
LaGrange Co. Tourney
LaGrange 82, Brighton 69.
Shipshevana-Scott 71, Lima 56.

Kosciusko Co. Tourney
Mentone 66, Milford 50.
Beaver Dam 59, Pierceton 57.

Four Big Ten Games Slated For Saturday

CHICAGO (UPI)—The Big Ten basketball schedule Saturday night pits Ohio State, the league's top offensive team, against Northwestern, the league's defensive specialist.

The Buckeyes, leading the league with a record of two straight victories over Illinois and Indiana, have averaged 96 points per game.

The Wildcats, 2-1, have permitted only an average of 66 points per game to their league foes, lowest in the conference.

The league-leading Bucks, whose scoring punch could be cancelled out by Northwestern's tight defense, were favored having the advantage of playing on their home court.

Iowa and Purdue will clash before the television cameras at Iowa City in a matinee battle for second place, now held by the Hawkeyes with a 3-1 conference mark.

The Bollermakers will exhibit the Big Ten's top scorer in Terry Dischinger, a 6-7 sophomore who canned 43 points against Illinois Monday night to boost his per game average to 34.3 points.

In other games, Illinois and Michigan State will seek to escape from a four-way deadlock for third place. The game, another afternoon affair, will be played on the Illini floor where the hosts defeated Minnesota in their only league game at home thus far.

Minnesota goes to Michigan where it was favored to better its 1-1 record with a victory over the winless Wolverines.

All-Star Bowling Concludes Tonight

OMAHA, Neb. (UPI)—Stocky Bob Chase, who changed his approach and started wearing a glove Thursday, was in the lead today going into the payoff matches of the national All-Star Bowling tournament.

The 100-game grind which began a week ago Thursday ends tonight with the final quartet of four-game matches.

Chase, a 27-year-old bowling instructor from Kansas City, Kan., has been in the tournament only once before. He finished 52nd last year at Buffalo, N.Y., but if he could keep his strike ball humming today he was in a position to win.

He would have to beat off strong challenges which were sure to come from some of the old pros in the lineup. Harry Smith, Don Carter and Billy Welu, all of St. Louis, were grouped behind him at the three-quarter point.

Marion Ladewig, Grand Rapids, Mich., who has almost made a career of collecting All-Star championship trophies, was perched on top of the women's standings going into tonight's closing rounds.

Mrs. Ladewig, who was one point ahead of former champion Sylvia Wene, Philadelphia, has won the crown seven times and was defending it again this year. Tonight's victor will pick up \$10,000 and the women's titlist will collect \$5,000 as a \$60,000 jackpot is split.

Tourney Notes

By Bob Wall

With the ceremonious playing of "The Star Spangled Banner," by Dick Johnson, Pleasant Mills buster, the 1960 Adams county basketball tourney got under way Thursday night at the Adams Central gym, before a wet, but nearly packed house.

Steady rains failed to dampen spirits as both the Decatur Catholics and Pleasant Mills pep bands pounded out cheery songs for inspiration and "fight."

While both contests developed into run-aways, the winners, DCCHS and Berne, were hard pressed at certain points in the game, a credit to the coaching ability of Don Elder of Monmouth and Bob Davis of Pleasant Mills, who just don't have the horses this season.

The Commodores came up with the best shooting average on the first day of the opener, netting 25

of 32 shots for a real tough .481 percentage. Their opponents, although netting pretty good shots early in the contest, swished only 13 of 36, for a .332 mark. Berne cashed in on 18 of 47 for .383 shooting average, while the ball-controlling Eagles netted 6 of 30 for a .200 mark.

Top rebounder of the session was sophomore Tom Kohne of the Commodores who, as a surprise starter, gathered in 11 loose balls off the boards. His nearest competitor was Waldo Bultemeier of Monmouth with 7.

Commodore Don Baker tallied high total of baskets with 11 of 18 attempts and added six of eight free tosses for a date high of 26 points. Nearest to the deadly shooting senior was gilded Jim Hall of the Bears with six buckets and three charity throws for 15 points.

The Commodores also led in committing mistakes as they had 12, but also stole the ball the most, five times, converting these steals into five immediate points. Two of the steals resulting in quick drive-in baskets, and another resulted in a foul shot. The others were either misused or shot failed to connect. Monmouth followed with seven errors and one stolen ball. Pleasant Mills committed seven errors and stole the ball twice, without converting either into a score.

Decatur led the total team rebounding with 33 rebounds and Pleasant Mills had 23, led by Dwight Brunner with six and Jack Butler with five. Berne had only 14 rebounds in the ball game but the Eagles only took three more off than the Bears.

On the home front, 2,130 calls were recorded on the Decatur Daily Democrat — Citizens Telephone Co. news service Thursday night. The number to call for quarter by quarter scores during the tourney is 3-2171. Miss Diane Rhodes, a Decatur high school senior, is the pleasant voice that records the tallies as they are called in by Pete Reynolds, veteran sports editor, from the Adams Central gym.

Week's Schedule For Adams County Basketball Teams

Friday
County tourney at Adams Central.

Saturday
County tourney at Adams Central.

Cincinnati And Villanova Face Tough Battles

By United Press International

California's NCAA champions face two easy week-end games beginning Friday night while the nation's only two remaining unbeaten major college fives prepare for week-end games that could leave the country without a perfect record team.

California (12-1) takes on Washington State (7-8) tonight and Washington Saturday night in what shapes up as a routine week-end for the Darrall Imhoff-led Bears. It could even be a week end in which the Bears seize the national leadership because the only two remaining unbeaten teams are definitely in jeopardy.

Cincinnati, the nation's No. 1 team with a string of 13 straight wins and the national scoring leader in Oscar Robertson, plays Bradley, ranked No. 5 and 11th for the season, at Peoria, Ill., where the Braves are practically invincible. Villanova, 12th-ranked and 10-0 for the season, risks its perfect record against West Virginia, No. 3 and 14-1, at Charleston, W.Va., with the Mountaineers favored by about 10 points.

Ohio State, ranked No. 4 and 10-2, meets Northwestern while St. Louis, No. 10 and 10-4, opposes Drake in other top Saturday night games.

Ninth-ranked Utah, only team of the top 10 to play Thursday night, scored its 12th victory in 14 games when it beat New Mexico, 112-81, at Albuquerque, N.M.

The Utes ran up a 53-32 halftime lead with a blazing fast break that sent in close-in shooters who connected for a 60 per cent field goal percentage and never were seriously threatened.

Clemson edged Furman, 87-85. Westminster (Pa.) beat Wayneburg, 92-51. Seton Hall ripped Yeshiva, 75-60. Eastern Kentucky whipped Middle Tennessee, 88-69, and Montana downed Denver, 70-69, in other games.

Division Title To Fairway Par Fives

The Fairway Par Fives will represent the top bracket in the Decatur division of the Vm league by virtue of their victory Wednesday at Pleasant Mills over Reiff's Construction, 68-56. The win gave the local shooters an 8-0 mark and the division title. They will now play a double elimination tourney with the two top teams from the Fort Wayne and Columbia City divisions in the near future. Plans are currently being drawn up for this tourney.

Wednesday, Johnny Frey led the balanced scoring attack, notching 17 points with Jim Bleke getting 11. Ron Ballard and Jerry Williamson added 10 each. Jerry Price netted seven. Neil Girardot got five, while Al Conrad and Bill Greve notched four each.



Jerry Mitchell, former Adams Central basketball star, is a regular with the Manchester College Spartans, who will meet the Indiana Central Greyhounds in the Manchester College auditorium Saturday at 8:15 p. m. Manchester is currently leading the Hoosier College conference with a perfect 3-0 record, and Indiana Central has a 2-1 mark.

DIAL 3-2171 FOR SCORES

Scores of all games in the Adams county tourney, which opens tonight, will be called to this office by direct wire from the Adams Central gym at the end of each quarter. Miss Dianne Rhodes, Decatur high school student, will record the scores on the news recorder each quarter. Fans may obtain the scores by dialing 3-2171. Please do not dial the regular Daily Democrat number, as scores will not be available on that line. Saturday's sessions, afternoon and night, will be broadcast on radio station WGL, Fort Wayne.

College Basketball

Hanover 71, Centre 62.
Tri-State 67, Concordia 65.
St. Bonaventur 6123, Cleveland Pipers 121.
Miami (Fla.) 70, Florida 68.
Clemson 87, Furman 85 (overtime).
Utah 112, New Mexico 81.
Montana 70, Denver 69.

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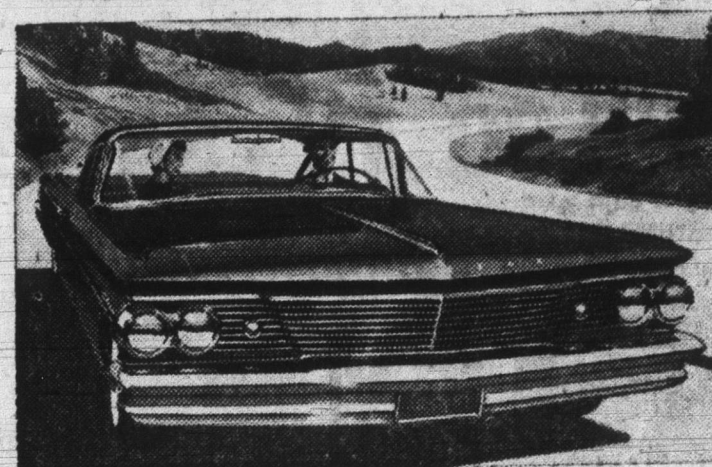
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