

# Berne Bears Win Over Commodores; Angola Downs Yellow Jackets

## COMMODORES

Berne's Bears registered their eighth consecutive victory and their 13th in 16 games on the season Friday night, defeating the Decatur Commodores, 78-56, at the Decatur gym.

For the Commodores, it was their 10th loss in 15 starts.

The triumph assured the Bears possession of the Limberlost Bell until next season, as it was Berne's final game of the season against another Adams county team.

Phil Sprunger hit the first fielder of the game after only 10 seconds of play had elapsed, and the Bears were out in front to stay. A pair of two-pointers by Jim Hill gave Berne a 6-0 lead before Don Baker broke the ice for the Commodores after 2:20 had been played. Decatur cut the Berne lead to 8-6, but the Bears pulled away again and built up an eight-point advantage at 19-11 at the end of the first quarter.

The closest approach the Commodores made in the second period was eight points, but the Bears boosted their bulge to 18 points at 39-21 at the main intermission, Hill leading the way with nine markers in the quarter.

The Commodores were unable to muster a serious threat in the second half, as the Bears maintained a 23-point advantage at the end of the third period, 65-42, and kept pace with the Decatur lads in the final stanza.

Don Baker, of the Commodores, was the game's top scorer with 29 points, but Steve Omor, with 17 was the only other Decatur lad in double figures. The Bears had four men in double figures. Hill led the way with 20 points, Rod Schwartz had 15, and Phil Sprunger and Steve Von Gunten 14 each.

The Bears will play the Ossian Bears this afternoon in the annual Berne homecoming, and have two games away from home next week, at Bluffton Tuesday and at Montpelier Friday. The Commodores meet the Geneva Cardinals at Geneva Tuesday in their only game of the week.

## Week's Schedules For Adams County Basketball Teams

Saturday			
Huntington at Yellow Jackets.			
Ossian at Berne (2 p.m.).			
Hartford vs South Whitley at Berne.			
Graber	0	3	3
Totals	32	14	78
Officials: Braden, Carey.			
Preliminary			
Berne, 36-33.			

## Eagles Defeat Lancaster By 59-57 Score

The Monmouth Eagles registered their third victory of the season Friday night, edging the Lancaster Central Bobcats, 59-57, at the Monmouth gym.

The triumph also pulled the Eagles out of the Eastern Wabash Valley league cellar, as it was their first loop victory, while Lancaster has lost all its conference starts.

The teams were tied at 12-12 at the end of the first quarter, but Monmouth built up an eight-point lead at the half, 35-27. Lancaster cut this margin to 45-42 at the third period, but the Eagles stayed ahead for the victory.

Don Brown topped the Eagles with 17 points, Loren Bieberich added 14 and Waldo Bultemeier 10. S. Macon paced Lancaster with 16 points and Isch had 11.

The Eagles will play at Hoagland next Friday night, and meet the Hartford Gorillas at Monmouth one week from tonight.

## Monmouth

Commodores			FG	FT	TP
Carr	0	1	3		17
Brown	7	3	15		
Kohne	0	1	1		10
S. Omor	7	3	17		
Gross	0	0	0		0
Baker	11	7	29		
Lose	1	0	2		2
Kitson	3	1	7		
Jim Heiman	0	0	0		0
J. Omor	0	0	0		0
Gage	0	0	0		0
Jerry Heiman	0	0	0		0
Reed	0	0	0		0
Blythe	0	0	0		0
Totals	22	15	56		
Berne	FG	FT	TP		
Smith	4	0	8		
Schwartz	6	3	15		
Sprunger	6	2	14		
Hill	8	4	20		
Von Gunten	6	2	14		
Ziegler	0	0	0		0
Blum	1	0	2		
Augsburger	1	0	2		
Liechty	0	0	0		0

## Adams Central

## Wins By Lone Point Friday

The Adams Central Greyhounds edged the Pennville Bulldogs, 49-48, at the Adams Central gym Friday night, boosting the Greyhounds' record to 12 victories and only four losses, knotting them with Geneva for the second spot in the county team standings.

It was a close battle all the way, with Adams Central holding a one-point advantage at the half, 24-23.

The Greyhounds again showed well-balanced scoring, with four players in double figures. Jim Brown led with 12 points, followed by Jerry Hirsch with 11, and Larry Foreman and Claude Striker with 10 each. Norris topped Pennville with 15.

The game marked the final home appearance of the season for the Greyhounds, who travel to Monroeville next Friday night.

## Adams Central

Preliminary			FG	FT	TP
Steiner	2	0	4		
Brown	5	2	10		
Striker	3	4	10		
Foreman	4	2	10		
J. Funk	1	0	2		
Hirsch	4	3	11		
Totals	19	11	49		
Pennville	FG	FT	TP		
Hedges	3	1	7		
Norris	6	3	15		
Davidson	4	0	8		
Myers	1	0	2		
Daniels	5	2	12		
Whitesell	2	0	4		
Totals	21	6	48		
Adams Central	Preliminary				
Adams Central, 37-19.					

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## YELLOW JACKETS



## The Jackets are coming. After nearly frightening a big Angola team out of the NEIC title consideration Friday night at the Hornets' nest, Decatur bowed, 54-48. Angola, Bluffton and Concordia are now tied on the league lead.

But, the Jackets did not seem awed by the impressive Angola record of 11-4 (before last night's ball game) and stunned the Hornets with a terrific display of team work in the first half, taking a four-point lead into the canvas dressing room at half time.

## Hornets Stirred Up

Angola committed 12 first half ball handling miscues as a fired up Jacket ball club moved the ball with the sharpness of a class A ball team. The Hornets pressed to open the second half and Decatur's speed faded. While keeping the same semblance of teamwork, the passing became slower and shodder. Dribbling came to the fore, and the taller Hornets pulled to a tie with 3:30 remaining in the third quarter at 31-31.

Decatur's rebounding against the taller Hornets was quite respectable. And a much needed surprise was the fireman's work done by big Bob Frauhiger. "Frog" came in for the foul-riding Jim Gay after Rudy Klein knight got into the same fix, and took control of the backboards.

With a little luck on his shots, he might have pulled the contest out. Each team stole the ball three times, while Decatur made only three ball handling errors to a total of 14 for the Hornets. Decatur netted 16 of 48 from the field for 33 per cent, while coach John Hammel's team outscored the Jackets with 17 of 69 tries for a less respectable 24 per cent.

## Screen and Block

Most impressive for the Jackets during the entire contest was the screening and blocking around the keyhole. When this was working, the Jackets looked like a world beater. When they failed to pick off the Hornets, shots were hurried, and often blocked by Dwight Brunner, who drove under unmolested for the winning basket.

Brunner topped all scorers with 20 points, while Jack Butler added 13 and Jackson 11 for the Spartans. Bates scored 11 and Riley 10 for Willshire.

Pleasant Mills is now idle until Feb. 12, when the Spartans meet Arcola at the Monroeville gym.

## Pleasant Mills

Angola			FG	FT	TP
Stohler	2	1	5		
Powers	6	8	20		
Heier	4	5	13		
Fleigal	1	0	2		
Berrien	2	2	6		
Hoffman	0	4	4		
Cable	2	0	4		
Totals	17	20	54		
Preliminary					
Decatur, 37-35.					

## Bowling Scores

Bantam League			W	L	Pins
Chiefs	18	7	896		
Hope	11	7	335		
Falcons	14	11	749		
Conrad's 68	11	11	409		
Ravens	12	14	496		
Hawks	6	18	0		
High games: Wurst 155.					
High two-game series: Wurst 294					

## Pro Basketball

New York 128, Cincinnati 113.		
Philadelphia 124, Boston 116.		
Syracuse 119, Minneapolis 112.		
St. Louis 130, Detroit 125.		
High games: Wurst 155.		
High two-game		