

School Officials And Coaches Revise Decatur's Physical Ed. Program

A general re-vamping of the physical education program in the Decatur public school system was started Monday night as the Decatur school board met with three of the coaches, athletic co-ordinator Robert Worthman, and high school principal Hugh J. Andrews. The new plan will be started next fall with the opening of the Southeast school, and will extend to the fifth grade.

The coaches agreed that the athletic program, in reference to the separate sports, was very good. It was the opinion of all at the meeting, however, that the physical education program was in need of some updating. The general feeling was that the boys arrive in high school eager to compete in sports, but lacking some basic fundamentals in various sports, and also lacking competitiveness and strength.

Athletics were not necessarily the prime concern. The school board, coaches, principal and superintendent all felt that the time spent on physical education was sufficient in almost every case. It was the program that needed the improvement, to give more of a boost to the youngsters, whether or not they plan to compete in high school athletics.

The general feeling was that within the system are the men to develop the necessary program, under the direction of Worthman. In the future, these men will develop a physical education curriculum that will fill these needs, and see that the program is carried on throughout the system.

Also given consideration were the scholastic requirements for participation in athletics. While the state ruling says a student may fail one subject and still compete, the school board and principals felt that the local ruling should be that a student must pass every subject to have the privilege of participating in inter-school sports.

States Aims

Coach Worthman, recently appointed athletic co-ordinator, stated some of his aims. They were to: make the program more competitive; develop a program which will be self-supporting; get as many boys to participate as possible; and develop more interest in carry-over activities such as golf and bowling that the student can enjoy for many years after leaving high school.

One of the points raised was the fact that American society has developed to the place that unless people have a cultivated interest in physical education, along with any other interests, it can result in health problems in the future.

It was emphasized by the school board and the coaches that the local system has no intentions of elevating athletics out of its proper place in the total education scheme. The feeling was that within the present program improved curriculum will make a stronger, healthier group of students, and thus result in better teams through a natural process.

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Discuss Curriculum

Possibilities for the new curriculum were discussed by coaches Worthman, Bevelhimer and McColl. These included a separate outline for each six weeks. The courses could possibly include football, wrestling, volleyball, soccer, basketball, track and field, gymnastics, calisthenics, and aerobics.

Besides the general physical education program, a new system of competition between the three elementary schools will be inaugurated next fall, under the direction of Worthman. This is designed to develop a competitive spirit among the young boys that will carry over into high school sports.

The total program, which will probably take several years to get completely organized, will also include the girls' physical education.

The whole idea behind the program is to improve the general health of school children in some measure by giving them a complete exercise program. The development of the mind is still the prime objective of any school system, and the school board and all the men involved in the meeting felt that a healthy, strong body is a contributing factor to a healthy, alert mind.

The school board outlined the duties of Worthman in his capacity as athletic supervisor. They included co-ordination of the programs within the separate sports at the direction of the head coach of that sport; promotion of athletics; promotion of ticket sales for inter-school athletics; responsibility for the physical education curriculum; and development of the intra-mural programs.

Two Adams County Pupils Win Honors

Jeanie F. Cook, of Monmouth high school, and Don A. Germann, of Adams Central high school, are among the Indiana high school students winning scholastic honors in the finals of the 46th annual state high school contests in Latin, mathematics, Spanish and English held Saturday at Indiana University. Forty-two students won first places and received gold medals. Eighty-six students placed second and received silver medals and 204 students received bronze medals for winning third place honors.

Approximately 1200 winners of regional meets held in 36 Indiana cities competed in Saturday's finals. Miss Cook received a bronze medal in the English contest and Germann a bronze medal in mathematics.

SPORTS

MAJOR League Results

National League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	12	4	.750	—
San Francisco	11	5	.688	1
Milwaukee	8	6	.571	3
St. Louis	8	7	.533	3 1/2
Los Angeles	8	8	.500	4
Chicago	5	10	.333	6 1/2
Philadelphia	5	11	.313	7
Cincinnati	5	11	.313	7

MONDAY'S RESULTS

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	7	5	.583	—
Cleveland	7	5	.583	—
Baltimore	8	6	.571	1
New York	8	5	.545	1 1/2
Detroit	5	6	.455	1 1/2
Boston	5	6	.455	1 1/2
Washington	5	7	.417	2
Kansas City	5	8	.385	2 1/2

Major League Leaders

National League

Player & Club	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Mays, S. F.	16	62	15	28	.452
Burgess, Pitts.	11	36	9	15	.417
Aaron, Milw.	14	56	8	23	.411
White, St. L.	16	62	14	23	.371
Moon, L. A.	16	61	11	22	.361
Cleminte, Pitts.	16	65	14	23	.354
Spencer, St. L.	15	57	11	20	.351
Bruton, Milw.	12	53	13	18	.340
Skinner, Pitts.	16	56	15	19	.339
Callahan, Phi.	14	42	7	14	.333
Davison, S. F.	13	45	9	15	.333

American League

Player & Club	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Lumpe, K. C.	13	51	4	24	.471
Skowron, N. Y.	11	46	6	20	.435
Allison, Wash.	12	49	10	20	.408
Mantle, N. Y.	11	35	16	23	.343
Minoso, Chi.	12	48	7	16	.333
Hansen, Balt.	14	45	6	15	.333
Buddin, Bos.	11	42	8	14	.333
Rumels, Bos.	10	38	7	12	.333
Power, Cleve.	12	52	4	17	.327
Held, Cleve.	12	44	6	14	.318

Runs Batted In

National League	M	C	O	V	E
Giants	21	Banks	Cubs	19	Clemente
Pirates	18	Mazeroski	Pirates	17	Skinner
Reds	6	Boyer	Phillies	5	Spencer
Browns	6	Banks	Cubs	5	Callahan

American League

National League	M	C	O	V	E
Red Sox	20	Portocarrero	Orioles	17	Skinner
Yankees	14	Minors	White Sox	13	Maris
Indians	4	Callahan	Yankees	11	White Sox
Senators	14	Minors	Indians	5	Skowron
Red Sox	14	Minors	Senators	11	Callahan
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