

Decatur Yellow Jackets

Open Football Card With 19-0 Victory Over Angola

Football returned with a bang to Decatur Tuesday night — the bang of shoulder pads — as the Decatur Yellow Jackets blocked and tackled their way to a 19-0 victory over the Angola Hornets at Worthman field. John Cowan scored two touchdowns, and Dennis Ahr added gravy to the Yellow Jacket banquet with another six-pointer. It was the first Decatur football victory since October 7, 1958, but from all indications, should not be the last.

The Jackets suffered early in the game from early-season fumbles, but a tough Jacket line refused to crack, and Decatur came back strong against a game but out-played Angola eleven. It was a team victory, as any eleven men coach Bob Worthman put on the field looked and acted like they "came to play."

After receiving the Angola kickoff, the Jackets fumbled on the first play, and Angola recovered on the Decatur 39. The rough Decatur forward wall held the Hornets, though, and they punted to the Decatur 19. The rest of the first quarter was a case of Decatur fumble and then hold on defense. At the end of the first period, the Jackets had managed to hold onto the ball long enough to have a second and five on the Angola 30.

Decatur continued its drive as far as the Angola 12, but an illegal motion penalty put the Jackets back, and they lost the ball on downs on the Hornet nine. Again, the Jacket line came through. Angola managed one first down, and was then forced to punt. The center bounced the ball over the punter's head, and Tom Sharpe recovered the ball for Decatur on the Angola one-foot line. Cowan plunged over for the touchdown, and Tom Grabill, who played a great game all night, powered over for the PAT. The rest of the half was an exchange of the ball. Angola got as far as the Jacket eight, but a seven-yard loss engineered by Steve Gause and the clock kept them out of the scoring column.

The third quarter was a case of Decatur fumbles and penalties stifling every drive, and that hard-charging Jacket line doing the same to Angola's threats. At the end of the period, Bill Conrad rammed 17 yards to give the Jackets a first down on the Angola 38.

Decatur managed seven more yards, but an intercepted pass ended another threat. Refusing to

Little League Indians Will Meet Thursday

The Indians Little League team will have its team pictures taken at the Stratton ball field at 6 p.m. Thursday, and all members are urged to be present. The uniforms have been turned in, but the coaches will arrange to have them there, so each boy can be pictured in his suit. Team members are asked to check with others on the team to make sure everybody will be present.

Bowling Scores

Classic League

	W	L	Pts.
Evans Sales & Service	3	0	4
Peterson Grain Co.	3	0	4
Leland Smith Ins.	2	1	3
Decatur Farms	2	1	3
West End Rest.	1	2	1
Don's Texaco Service	1	2	1
Acker Cement	0	3	0
Citizens Telephone Co.	0	3	0
High series: Don Burke	614		
	(221, 183, 210)		
High games: P. Smith 211, J. Ehr 223, C. Hooper 214, A. Schrock 207, G. Baumgartner 202, A. Buick 202.			

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The win makes Decatur's record 1-0 for the season, and leaves Angola with an opposite record. For the first time, Angola games count in the conference standings, and last night's win gives Decatur a good boost in the conference race.

The next Decatur game will be against their old nemesis, the Auburn Red Devils, at Auburn for another conference game Friday at 8 p.m.

Pos. Decatur

LE	Johnson	Angola	Tyler
LT	Gause		Cole
LG	Sharpe	Southern	
C	August		Dailey
RG	Theobald		Libey
RT	Magley		Anderson
RE	Knodel		Siebert
QB	Cowan		Page
RH	Nelson		Cable
FB	Ahr		Sunday
LH	Grabill		Sapp

Score by quarters:

Angola 0 0 0 0

Decatur 0 7 0 12-19

Scoring—Decatur:

Touchdowns—Cowan, 2; Ahr.

PAT—Grabill, plunge.

Officials—Davidson, Hinga, Sitko.

50-yard Line Flashes

By Jack Heller

You name him, and he played good football.

That pretty well sums up a fine team effort by the Decatur Yellow Jackets last night. Just about everybody got into the act, and they all played as though they liked the game. And from the jubilation at the final whistle, there was no doubt about whether or not they liked the game.

It is hard to mention any names, because the whole team did a great job. The backs were running hard and fast, and the line, the unsung heroes of any good football team, blocked, and blocked, and blocked again. On defense too, the linemen came through time and again. Tom Johnson personally accounted for a total of 23 yards of losses for Angola as he threw varied ball carriers for setbacks of seven, seven, five, two and two yards.

And there's no doubt as to whether Bob Theobald likes football. Bob's no giant, and he plays in there where the going gets pretty rough. But he blocked, and blocked hard. On play after play, he was downfield to block for the backfield men. That is what makes a good football team.

In fact, some wise person has said that 90 per cent of football is blocking and tackling. Last night was a good example of that. John Cowan, Ed Nelson, Dennis Ahr, Tom Grabill, Bill Conrad and Dave Magley all took turns knocking down opposing players for their teammates. And the thing that gladdened the hearts of Decatur football fans was that these backfield men looked like they were having more fun blocking for each other than they did carrying the ball.

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There are some rough edges to smooth down. First game jitters accounted for some of the fumbling, and backfield timing was a little off, but it wasn't because anyone was waiting—it was because they were anxious. Improvement should come with time. After all, there are some boys on the team who are pretty young, experience wise, but they showed they were willing. If they are willing to practice between games as hard as they play, the 1960 version of the Decatur Yellow Jackets football team promises to be one we can be proud of for many years. And, after the season is over, if they continue to work, no one will have any right to be prouder than the team.

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Now, you stop and think about it, and Auburn isn't too far. About an hour and a half, and you're in the stands, ready to cheer. The boys have shown they can, and will, play. Until they show different, the fans owe it to them to be there at the games. Like in Al Smithsville, Dad, "Happy Days Are Here Again."

Injured Giants To Return To Action

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — San Francisco Giant players Felipe Alou and Andre Rodgers, injured when hit by pitched balls in Monday's doubleheader with Los Angeles, are scheduled to return to action this week.

Alou, thought to have had a broken hand, suffered a bad bruise, while Rodgers was hit on the left elbow.

Player Awards Listed After Jackets' Win

Tom Johnson and Tom Grabill were named by a five-man Booster club committee late Tuesday night as the most valuable players in last night's rock-em-sock-em victory over the Angola Hornets. These two boys will be presented with certificates by coach Bob Worthman today recognizing their outstanding play in an outstanding team victory last night.

Herb Magley, Steve Gause, Stu Knodel and Johnson will also receive certificates for making the most tackles in last night's victory. All four boys played outstanding defensive games, making eight or nine tackles, plus being on a lot of "gang" tackles.

These certificate awards will be given by the Booster club after each game, naming the MVP and the boy who made the most tackles. At the end of the season, the most valuable for the season and the boy who made the most tackles during the season will be presented with trophies at the football banquet.

Last night's awards were tough to make as the victory was definitely a team victory. The committee, however, after working into the early hours of the morning, finally decided that Johnson and Grabill stood out just a tiny bit more than the other boys.

Johnson was terrific on defense and played a fine offensive game. He also received an award for making the most tackles, five of his tackles were made in Angola's backfield, throwing the Hornets' backs for about 23 yards of loss.

Grabill, playing his first game at halfback, was all over the field on offense, making beautiful, twisting runs, blocking and carrying out his fakes beautifully. He made some of the nicest runs seen around Decatur in a long time.

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The committee, in singling out these boys for awards, said that the decisions, especially for MVP, were hard to come by. Last night's victory was definitely a team victory which couldn't have been achieved without the outstanding play of all the boys who were in the game. One of the committee men stated that, "It was a lot nicer making a hard decision in a team victory than singling out the boy who showed best in a losing cause."

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TUESDAY'S RESULTS

National League

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Pittsburgh	82	51	.617	—
St. Louis	74	57	.565	7
Milwaukee	74	58	.561	7 1/2
Los Angeles	70	61	.534	11
San Francisco	66	65	.504	15
Cincinnati	60	74	.448	22 1/2
Chicago	52	78	.400	28 1/2
Philadelphia	49	83	.371	32 1/2

American League

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Baltimore	80	54	.597	—
New York	77	54	.588	1 1/2
Chicago	75	58	.564	4 1/2
Washington	67	66	.504	12 1/2
Cleveland	66	66	.500	13
Detroit	61	72	.459	18 1/2
Boston	58	75	.436	21 1/2
Kansas City	47	86	.353	32 1/2

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston 7, New York 1.

Kansas City 3, Chicago 2.

Cleveland 10, Detroit 8 (10 innnings)

Only games scheduled.

CAPTAIN EASY

LOS ANGELES 7, SAN FRANCISCO 0.

PITTSBURGH 5, MILWAUKEE 3.

CINCINNATI 6, PHILADELPHIA 1 (10 innnings).

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LOS ANGELES 8, NEW YORK 1.

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