

Both Decatur Teams Win In Sectional Openers; Will Battle Saturday

By Pete Reynolds

Decatur's two high school teams will wage battle at 12:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the first semi-final contest of the Adams Central sectional tourney as a result of victories scored in opening games of the annual meet before a packed Adams Central gym Wednesday night.

The Commodores eliminated the Adams Central Greyhounds, 66-57, in the tourney opener, and the Yellow Jackets trounced the Geneva Cardinals, 84-57, in the nightcap.

The first round of play will be completed tonight, with the Monmouth Eagles meeting the Hartford Gorillas at 7 o'clock, and the Pleasant Mills Spartans playing the defending champion Berne Bears in the second encounter.

Philip Souder, Adams Central principal and tourney manager, reported that 600 tickets will be available at the gym box offices when the doors open at 6 o'clock.

No Games Friday

No tourney games will be played Friday. Semi-finals will be Saturday, with the two Decatur teams tangling at 12:30, followed by the winners of tonight's games. The championship game will be played at 8:15 p.m. Saturday.

Tickets for the two Saturday sessions, priced at \$1, will be on sale at the four competing schools Friday. Exact number of tickets for each school will be determined following tonight's games.

Commodores Win

The Decatur Commodores overcame an early deficit to oust the Adams Central Greyhounds in the opener Wednesday, with greater accuracy from the foul stripe playing an important part in the victory.

After the Commodores took an early 2-0 lead on free throws by Steve Blythe and Ed Kohn, Don Sharp gave the Greyhounds the lead on a three-point play, and Adams Central then moved to a 7-2 lead after three minutes of play. But the Commodores bounded back with 12 consecutive points and had a 14-7 bulge with 1:33 to go in the quarter. The Greyhounds cut this margin to only three points, 18-15, at the end of the period.

The Commodores held six-point advantages twice in the second quarter, but the Greyhounds came within three, 32-29, at the smoker.

An easy layup on a tipoff play at the start of the third period, and a pair of foul tosses by Gary Workinger put the Greyhounds on top, 33-32, in the first half-minute. The lead changed hands twice and then the teams were tied at 36-36 with 6:30 to go. John Kohn's two-pointer then put the Commodores out in front and the Greyhounds could not regain the lead.

The Commodores zoomed their bulge to nine points, 53-44, at the third period's end and the closest the Greyhounds came in the final bracket was four points.

Steve Blythe led the Commodores with 20 points, although sitting out much of the first half after picking up three fouls in the first five minutes of play. Ed Kohn whipped in 17 points, all but two of them in the first half, and John Kohn counted 14, all two two in the second half. The Greyhounds had four men in double figures, Bob Heyer leading with 14. Dick Habegger counted 13, and Gary Workinger and Don Sharp 10 each. The Commodores hit 26 free throw attempts, the Greyhounds only 13 of 24, as 20 fouls were called on Decatur, 18 on Adams Central.

Jackets Advance

The Decatur Yellow Jackets, after a sputtering start, had little trouble in ousting the Geneva Cardinals in Wednesday's second

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contest.

The Cardinals took the early lead on two-pointers by Mike Newcomer and Paul Moser in the first minute of play. Field goals by Denny Bollenbacher and Bob Walters knotted the count at 4-4. The Cardinals regained the lead on a free throw by Newcomer and a bucket by Bob McCabe, but a brace of foul tosses by Walters and Ike Eichenauer's only field goal of the night put the Jackets on top, 8-7, after five minutes had elapsed, and the Jackets never trailed again.

The Decatur lads built up a 14-9 margin at the end of the first quarter, and upped their advantage to 14 at 57-23 by half-time. Decatur was on top by 20 at the end of the third period, 61-41.

Bob Walters led the Jackets with 20 points and sub Jim Martin popped in 18, all but three in the second half. Denny Bollenbacher chipped in with 14, as all 10 players scored. Mike Newcomer topped Geneva with 12 and Roger Lautzenheiser added 10.

Commodores

	FG	FT	TP
Blythe	8	4-6	20
E. Kohn	4	9-9	17
Heimann	1	2-2	4
J. Kohn	5	4-7	14
Villagomes	4	0-1	8
Hake	1	1-1	3
T. Kohn	0	0-0	0
TOTALS	23	20-26	66

Adams Central

	FG	FT	TP
Heyer	6	2-2	14
Workinger	4	2-4	10
Habegger	5	3-6	13
Hirsch	1	3-6	5
Sharp	4	2-2	7
Egley	2	1-4	0
Knittle	0	0-0	0
Owens	0	0-0	0
Dick	0	0-0	0
Schlickman	0	0-0	0
TOTALS	22	13-24	57

Score by quarters:

Commodores	18	32	53	66
Adams Central	15	29	44	57

Officials:

King & Queen League	W	L	Pts.
Sharp	10	1	20
Mavericks	17	7	24
Kut Ups	16	8	21
Four Ramblers	15	9	21
Jolly Four	15	9	20
B's & C's	14	10	19
B & D	14	10	18
Washouts	12 1/2	11 1/2	13
Border Rats	13	11	16
Rinky Dinks	10 1/2	13 1/2	15 1/2
Gulls Dolls	11	13	13
Team No. 16	10	14	13
Team No. 10	9	15	12 1/2
Dee Jays	9	15	12 1/2
Four Aces	10	14	12
Pinbusters	9	15	12
Team No. 12	8	16	10
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Walters	9	2-2	10
Gause	3	2-4	8
Eichenauer	1	0-0	0
Townsend	4	1-3	7
Gay	3	0-0	0
Ron Kleinknicht	1	0-0	0
Maddox	1	1-4	3
Martin	7	4-7	18
Frauhiger	0	2-2	2
TOTALS	35	14-25	84

Geneva

	FG	FT	TP
Biery	3	1-1	7
Moser	3	0-2	6
McCabe	3	1-4	7
Newcomer	2	8-11	17
Lautzenheiser	4	2-3	10
McGough	0	4-5	10
Burke	3	1-2	7
Buckingham	1	0-0	0
Webb	0	0-1	0
Toland	1	0-0	2
TOTALS	20	17-29	57

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Officials:

Sectional Scores	W	L	Pts.
At Adams Central	66	Adams Central	57
Decatur 64, Geneva 57.			
At Angola	14	Angola	41
Butler 67, Riverdale 48.			
Fremont 58, Salem Center 41.			
At Churubusco	12	Churubusco	53
Auburn 72, Orland 53.			
Angola 72, Churubusco 63.			
At Fort Wayne	73	Fort Wayne Central	50
Fort Wayne Catholic 61, Woodlan 49.			
New Haven 69, Leo 55.			
At Kendallville	29	Kendallville	28
Ligonier 78, Howe Military 29.			