

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 sectional 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.

Phil 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 Kohne, 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 bounced back with 12 consecutive points and had a 14-7 bulge with 1:53 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 smother.

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 Kohne'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 Kohne whipped in 17 points, all but two of them in the first half, and John Kohne counted 14, all two two in the second half. The Greyhounds had four men in double figures. Bob Heverly leading with 14. Dick Habegger counted 13, and Gary Workinger and Don Sharp 10 each. The Commodores hit 20 of 36 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

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 37-23 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.

Sectional Scores

At Adams Central
Decatur Catholic 66, Adams Central 57.
At Angola
Butler 67, Riverdale 48.
Fremont 58, Salem Center 41.
At Churubusco
Auburn 72, Orland 53.
Angola 72, Churubusco 63.
At Fort Wayne
Fort Wayne Central 73, Fort Wayne Concordia 50.
Fort Wayne Catholic 61, Woodlan 49.
New Haven 69, Leo 55.
At Kendallville
Ligonier 78, Howe Military 29.
Springfield Twp. 55, Wolcottville 35.
Avilla 99, Wolf Lake 42.
At Bluffton
Hoagland 70, Lancaster Central 58.
Liberty Centre 68, Union Center 61.
At Columbia City
South Whitley 53, Elma Green 49.

COMMODORES

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

Adams Central

FG	FT	TP	
6	2-2	14	
Workinger	4	2-4	10
Habegger	5	3-6	13
Hirschy	1	3-6	5
Sharp	4	2-2	10
Egley	2	1-4	5
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 23 44 57
Officials: Kilby, Lillie.

Yellow Jackets

FG	FT	TP	
6	2-3	14	
Bollenbacher	9	2-2	20
Gause	3	2-4	8
Eichenauer	1	0-0	2
Townsend	4	1-3	9
Gay	3	0-0	6
Ron Kleinknight	1	0-0	2
Maddox	1	1-4	3
Martin	7	4-7	18
Frauhiger	0	2-2	2
TOTALS	35	14-25	84

Geneva

FG	FT	TP	
3	1-1	7	
Moser	3	0-2	6
McCabe	3	1-4	7
Newcomer	2	8-11	12
Lautzenheiser	4	2-3	10
McGough	0	4-5	4
Burke	3	1-2	7
Buckingham	1	0-0	2
Webb	0	0-1	0
Toland	1	0-0	2
TOTALS	20	17-29	57

Score by quarters:
Yellow Jackets 14 37 61 84
Geneva 9 23 41 57
Officials: Lillie, Fuller.

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Tourney Notes

By Bob Shraluka

Wednesday night's opening round of the sectional meet assured one thing — Decatur will be in the championship game Saturday night.

The Commodores and Yellow Jackets, after impressive wins last night, will renew their city-series Saturday in the 12:30 p.m. game. This is the only way the two teams ever meet each other, in the sectional tourney, and this will be only the fourth clash of the two in history.

Tonight's games will decide the two teams to tangle in the second game Saturday and to meet Decatur in the championship tilt.

All four teams participating in the opening night of action hit very well from the field. The Decatur Yellow Jackets topped the teams with a mark of .427, compiled on hitting 35 shots in 82 attempts. The Commodores of Decatur shot at .411, bucketing 23 of 56 shots. Adams Central took 54 shots for their 22 fielders, a .407 figure, and Geneva, playing much better ball than they displayed in the county tourney, hit at .370, 20 fielders in 54 shots.

The Commodores easily topped the four teams in free-throw shooting hitting a torrid .769 from the 15-charity stripe. They were given 26 chances at the line, and hit on 20 of them. Geneva bucketed .586, and the Yellow Jackets 17 of 29 free throws for a mark of .586, 14 of 25 for a .560 figure. The Greyhounds were good on 13 of 24 attempts, a .542 state.

In the individual shooting department, Jim Martin, junior guard for the Yellow Jackets, compiled the high-water mark of boys who took ten or more shots. Martin canned seven buckets in 13 attempts, a .538 figure.

Other outstanding shooters included: Walters, Yellow Jackets, 9 of 20; Townsend, Yellow Jackets, 4 of 7; Blythe, Commodores, 8 of 17; John Kohne, Commodores, 5 of 11; Jerry Villagomes, Commodores, 4 of 6; Workinger, Adams Central, 5 of 7; Habegger, Adams Central, 5 of 8; Sharp, Adams Central, 4 of 6; Heverly, Adams Central, 6 of 15; Rog Lautzenheiser, Geneva, 4 of 6; Paul Moser, Geneva, 3 of 6.

The Commodores' sensational sophomore Ed Kohne easily topped the individual free-throw shooters, hitting all nine chances awarded him.

In the rebound department, the Yellow Jackets were high for the night, pulling down 41, 22 of them defensive, against the small Cardinals. Adams Central pulled down 36 rebounds, 22 of them defensive, while the Commodores were credited with 33 rebounds, 21 off the defensive board. Geneva hauled in 20 rebounds, 14 defensively.

Individual rebound honors for the first night's firing went to Denny Bollenbacher of the Yellow Jackets, playing in his fourth sectional. "Bolly" pulled down 14 stray shots, seven offensive and seven defensive.

Dick Habegger of Adams Central, the tallest player in the local sectional, grabbed 13 rebounds seven off the defensive board, and Ed Kohne, who did a tremendous job for the Commodores, grabbed 13 caroms, nine from the defensive board. Gary Workinger of Adams Central also reached twin figures, pulling down 11 rebounds, six offensively.

Steve Gause of the Yellow Jackets, a "Johnny-come-lately" at the center spot for the Jackets, pulled down nine rebounds, seven of them defensively. Bob McCabe of Geneva topped the Cards in rebounding with six, four off the defensive end.

The gymnasium was packed early in the evening and it didn't take either the Greyhounds or Commodores cheering section long to get worked up.

The Hothouse Drug company's "Pick the Winner" contest shows the Bears of Berne and the Yellow Jackets to be heavily favored to take tourney honors. The Yellow Jackets were favored by 47.4 per cent of the entrants and the Bears by 40.8. The Commodores and Adams Central were each favored by 3.3 per cent of the persons who entered to take all the honors, and 3 per cent of the entries chose Monmouth to "fly high."

The other 2.2 per cent picked one of the other three teams, with each of the eight teams getting at least one vote to win the championship. Some of the total of 1,200 entries had to be discarded as they were not signed, which happens every

Women's Tourney Events Scheduled

The women's city bowling association will hold the singles and doubles events of the annual tourney this weekend at the Villa Lanes, Isabel Bowman, president, announced this morning.

Bowlers are requested to check in before their times to draw for lanes. Day and times are as follows: Saturday, 3:30 p.m. — M. Giessler and M. Bashara, M. Baker and B. Moran, E. Gallmeyer and G. Buuck, A. Holle and L. Bulte-meyer, M. Koons and M. Miller, V. Merriam and J. Heshner, V. Williamson and H. Graber, F. Williamson and M. O. Ladd, M. Merriam and O. Jeffrey, B. Ainsworth and H. McClure.

Sunday, 1 p.m. — S. Ross and K. Young, S. Baxter and L. Gehrig, B. Reynolds and P. Schrock, S. Libby and F. Rowden, J. Smith and B. Lane, G. King and N. Hoffman, D. Affolder and J. Hoffman, D. Fleming and P. Johnson, P. Affolder and D. Holle, D. Hoffman and M. Uhrick, M. J. Gage and V. Gallmeyer, M. Schindler and J. Emick, B. Terveer and R. A. Schmitt, C. Arnold and J. Ainsworth, C. Hirschy and A. Sharpe, M. Mies and E. McFarren.

Sunday, 3:30 p.m. — T. Baker and N. Bodie, M. Koons and M. Briede, J. Kelly and N. Treon, J. Vogelwede and D. Johnson, L. Hooper and B. Drake, J. Reidenbach and F. Reidenbach, M. Gage and A. Gage, S. Taylor and P. Kintz, C. Steele and J. Shaffer, R. Frauhiger and M. Reef, L. McKean and E. Strickler, B. Andrews and N. Rowland, J. Bush and M.

Here are the 1962 sectional tourney "firsts": 1st tip, to Don Sharp of Adams Central; 1st shot attempted, Ed Kohne, Commodores; 1st shot made, Sharp; 1st free throw attempted, Steve Blythe, Commodores; 1st free throw made, Blythe; 1st violation, Adams Central, a bab pass; 1st rebound, Ed Hirschy of Adams Central, a defensive rebound; 1st personal foul, Sha rp; 1st foul out, Sharp at 3:36 of the fourth quarter.

SIDE LIGHTS — Steve Blythe of the Commodores was the first player to get into foul trouble, picking up his third with 3:11 left in the initial quarter. . . . but he still came back to score 20 points. . . . the Commodores played a sticky man-to-man defense, the best defense of the night. . . . both teams were "red hot" at the start of the second half in the first game, and the Commodores hit nine of 17 shots in the third period. . . . the first fielder of the tourney came at the 6:17 mark when Sharp counted a three-point play, putting his team into a 3-2 lead. . . . Tom Kohne did a real fine pinch-hit job for the Commodores, and brother Ed kept the green and gold in the lead in the first half with some outstanding rebounding and scoring. . . . the Yellow Jackets missed their first six shots and got their first lead at 3:07 of the first quarter when Max Eichenauer scored his only fielder on a drive-in. . . . as stated before, Geneva looked much better than they did in the county tourney and gave it a lot of hustle. . . . the Commodores were really sensational at the free throw line, especially in the final, pressure-packed minute and two seconds of the game when they hit six of six.

Charley Conerly Ends Pro Career

NEW YORK (UPI) — Charley Conerly, one of the National Football League's top passers and quarterbacks for the last 14 years, has decided he's checked his last pass.

Conerly, 42, announced Wednesday that he is retiring after a career during which he threw 173 touchdowns passes and led the New York Giants to four Eastern Division championships.

"Football got tougher every year," said the greying ex-University of Mississippi All-American. "And I mean mentally as well as physically. You lose something every year. The other players on the club took pretty good care of me the last few years so I wasn't bumped around much but it was tough to get set mentally for so many games."

Conerly has a 225-acre cotton farm near Clarksdale, Miss., and is an advertising model for newspaper, magazine and television layouts.

"I'd like to stay in football or in sports but I'm not interested in coaching as a career or in reporting games on radio or TV," he said.

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