

# Yellow Jackets Lose To Huntertown Wildcats By 78-72 Score Last Night

By Bob Shraluks

Decatur's Yellow Jackets spent four quarters attempting to "find the range" in the Churubusco gym Tuesday evening, while Huntertown's Wildcats were chalking up a 78-72 win.

Senior Steve Gause came up with his biggest point production of his career, tallying a big 29 points, but the rest of the Yellow Jackets were "stone" cold, and it eventually cost them their tenth loss of the season against two wins.

After Jim Martin converted a free throw early in the opening period, tying the score at 3-3, Huntertown racked up eight points in a row for an 11-3 lead, and the Decatur five never led the rest of the way.

## Gause Hits 19

Trailing 15-9 at the first quarter, the Jackets, mainly through the red-hot shooting of Gause, scored 23 points in the second eight-minute stanza, but the 'Cats built their lead to 41-32 at half-time with 26 markers and time.

Gause was nearly the entire Decatur offensive in the second quarter as he tallied 19 points with a terrific array of jump and hook shots. Greg Ladd and Maddox were the only other Jackets to score in the period, each connecting on a field goal.

Huntertown, however, got 14 points from Warner in the quarter, and he received plenty of help from his teammates.

## Cats Build Lead

Martin scored on a charity shot to open the second half, and Huntertown then scored the next six points, building their lead to 43-33, and they coasted through the period with leads of 10, 12 and 14 points.

Dick Ortiz' jump shot from the corner at the buzzer cut the 'Cats lead to 58-48, entering the final stanza.

Substitute Bill Conrad sparked the Decatur quintet in the final quarter, scoring 14 points in all, but the local lads couldn't overcome the Huntertown lead.

A pair of buckets and two free throws by Conrad cut the deficit to 61-56 early in the fourth quarter. Fitch of the 'Cats and Greg Ladd traded fielders, and the Jackets were still in the contest, trailing 63-58 fifth four minutes to

**Week's Schedule For Adams County Basketball Teams**

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play.

A pair of charity shots by Warner and Fitch's rebound effort upped the margin to 67-58. Warner's three-point play with 1:48 to play iced the verdict for Huntertown.

Gause's 29 tallies topped all scorers, but Conrad was the only Jacket to afford any support, with his 14 points. Warner led the winners with 27 markers, and three other Wildcats were in double figures.

The Jackets return to action Friday night, traveling to Auburn for an NEIC affair.

## Decatur

	FG	FT	TP
Gause	10	9	29
G. Ladd	4	0	6
Maddox	2	2	6
B. Ladd	0	1	1
Martin	3	2	8
Gay	0	0	0
Custer	0	2	2
McClure	0	0	0
Conrad	4	6	14
Ortiz	1	2	4
Totals	24	24	72

## Huntertown

	FG	FT	TP
Stonestreet	3	1	7
Freck	4	7	15
Aukerman	3	0	6
Warner	5	1	11
Sordet	0	0	0
Yates	3	4	10
Gordon	1	0	2
Totals	30	18	78

Scores by quarters:

	1	2	3	4
Decatur	9	32	48	72
Huntertown	15	41	56	78
Officials:	Swartz and Griffith.			
Preliminary				
Huntertown, 37-29.				

## Monmouth Second Team Wins Tourney

The Monmouth reserve team defeated Adams Central Tuesday night 32-31 in the championship game of a four-team reserve tournament held at the Berne gym Monday and Tuesday nights.

After trailing throughout the first three quarters, the Eagle reserves rallied in the final minutes of the contest for the close win.

Fleming led Monmouth with 10 points and Ross' 10 points were for Adams Central.

Monmouth had defeated Geneva Monday night, 41-34, and Adams Central downed Berne, 43-28, enabling the two teams to enter the championship game. Berne walked off Geneva, 49-31, in Tuesday's consolation match. Championship game:

## Monmouth

	FG	FT	TP
Conrad	1	1	3
Scherer	2	0	4
Fleming	5	0	10
Holle	4	0	8
Hakes	2	1	5
King	0	2	2
Fuelling	0	0	0
TOTALS	14	4	32

## Adams Central

	FG	FT	TP
Minnier	1	1	3
Ross	4	2	10
Schnepp	3	1	7
Ringier	2	2	6
Ehrsam	2	1	5
TOTALS	12	7	31

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