

Pigskin Preview:

Tackle Strength Depends On Center; Eichenauer Returns

By Bob Shraluka
(Editor's Note: Second in a series of five articles previewing, position by position, the 1964 Decatur high school football team).

A prime necessity for any good football team is a pair of good

tackles, which the Decatur Yellow Jackets will have this season — IF.

For an honest evaluation of the strength, or weakness, at tackle positions for the Yellow Jackets, one must look to the center position, currently manned by Terry

Smitley.

If Smitley can "cut the mustard" at center, and thus far he is showing he can, the Decaturites will be strong at tackle, barring any injury problems. If Smitley can hold his own at center, the "if" concerning the tackle spots will vanish.

For with Smitley handling the snapping duties, rugged Johnny Eichenauer is free to stay at tackle. And if Eichenauer is at tackle, at least one side of the offensive line will be capable of opening many a hole for Decatur's explosive backfield.

Team Best

Eichenauer, a 5-9, 190 senior, is the team's outstanding player fundamentally. "Ike" is a strong rugged competitor, who plays his position low — as do all good tackles.

Mostly an unknown before the start of last season, he stepped into the lineup one night and stayed there most of the remainder of the campaign. Lessons learned from last season should make him even tougher this year.

If Smitley should falter at center, it may necessitate moving Eichenauer to center, which he played some of last season, and which would weaken the tackle position considerably, unless one of the younger candidates comes through quickly.

Other Side

As things stand now, the other side of the line, at tackle, will be handled by big Darryl Grote.

Grote got into several games last season, but is still short on experience. The senior has all the strength you could ask of a high school tackle, as he pack's a strong 200 pounds on his 6-1 frame.

In the games in which he saw action last season, Grote demonstrated that he wasn't to be pushed around, but showed also his inexperience by getting "trapped" in rushing into the backfield. This should be a thing of the past soon though, after he sees some stiff competition in the first few games.

The Jackets lack depth at tackle, however, which may cause quite a bit of trouble before the campaign is over.

Tackle Shortage

At present, only seniors Steve Beavers and John Meeks, and sophomore Tom Hower are listed behind Eichenauer, and Grote as tackles on the varsity roster.

Beavers is big enough, totting 215 pounds on his six-foot, two-inch frame, but has very little experience. This big senior learned to get tough as a heavyweight wrestler during the winter, and with some experience under his belt he just might move one of the other two out of a starting

lineup. Meeks, although not as big as Beavers, is strong enough to handle a tackle's duties. A well-proportioned 6-2, 185 pounds, he too lacks experience, but Meeks has worked hard in pre-season training, and if he and Beavers can continue to show improvement, there may no longer be a lack of depth.

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Howe, at present, doesn't appear to be a serious threat to one of the other four. But the future is a different story.

Only a sophomore, Howe stands five feet, 10 inches tall, and weighs 160 pounds. He is one of the hardest workers on the squad and with another year of growth, could develop into a "good one" before his high school career is finished.

There is also the possibility that Smitley, or another center candidate, Dave Snell, may be used as tackle before the season is over.

In summarizing, much will depend on Smitley, as said previously. With Eichenauer at one tackle and Grote at the other, the Decaturites could be extra strong at tackle. If Beavers Meeks and Howe can continue to improve, as they gain experience, the worry over the lack of depth could also be no serious problem.

The defeat dropped the Trailer Sales nine came to tie in their half of the fifth scoring three times. W. Colclasure opened the inning with a double and scored on Ralph Busse's double. Lee Hoopingarner drew a walk and both he and W. Colclasure scored on R. Colclasure's single.

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Shraluka's Slants

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So Long Redhead!

Good news for most National Football League fans in this area who sit back in their box-seat in their living room each Sunday, just a line plunge from the refrigerator, came across this writer's desk yesterday in the NFL press information kit distributed by the Columbia Broadcasting Company (in case you haven't heard, that is the organization that pulled out some small change the other day to purchase a baseball team).

We had heard it rumored in the past few weeks, but couldn't find any facts to back it up. Now its official — Red Grange, who can't broadcast like he could play football, will no longer be a visitor each Sunday in the household of the NFL fans in the Chicago area.

Without any fanfare, and publicity, the Old Redhead has stepped down. Thank goodness! It wasn't that Red made a lot of mistakes, he just forgot every once in a while the name of team the Bears were playing. There were a few times when the Bears were having a

good game, that he even forgot to mention the fact that there was another team playing. The Bears, at least those of last season, didn't pull off many exciting plays, and usually didn't permit their opponents to do so either. If that wasn't bad enough to watch, we had to listen to Red trying to explain what was going on on the field.

Jack Buck, the veteran announcer for KMOX

radio, St. Louis, and a member of the baseball Cardinals' radio and television team, has replaced Grange for the coming season. Buck, who is sports director of the CBS-owned KMOX, began his career as a sports broadcaster in 1948 doing the play-by-play of Ohio State football and basketball games.

In 1950 and 1951, he added the baseball games of the Columbus Redbirds to his list and the following year did the Rochester Red Wing ball games. He joined the Cardinal crew in 1953 and has been with them ever since. He also broadcasts the St. Louis University Billikins' basketball schedule.

His microphone partner, or analyst for the Bear games this season, will be the guy who should have been talking in the past instead of Grange — George Conner. After a tremendous career with Notre Dame and the Bears, Conner turned to the TV booth in 1958, announcing for Green Bay, and the following year began the Chicago assignment.

How well Buck can handle a football game is unknown to this writer, but we do listen to his descriptions of Cardinal baseball games quite frequently, and think he does a fine job. Anyway, he certainly can't do any worse than Grange. He can make one major improvement by letting Conner talk once in a while.

Trailer Sales Lose 4-3

The Wabash Majors used a pair of two-run innings to defeat Adams County Trailer Sales in the opening night of action in the 16-team Markle Invitational softball tournament, by a 4-3 score.

The defeat dropped the Trailer Sales, runner-up in the recent ISC tourney at Markle, from further competition in the single-elimination meet. Decatur's other entry in the field, Two Brothers, meets Club 49 of Payne, O., in a first-round game at 9 o'clock Thursday night.

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Early Lead

Wabash took an early lead with a pair of first inning runs on a single, two hit batsmen, and two Decatur errors.

After being held scoreless the next three frames, the winners

Must Make Breakfast Reservations Now

Dick Reidenbach, president of the D.H.S. Booster Club, reminded club members today they must make reservations for the football "kick-off" breakfast before the end of the week.

Reidenbach said only a few reservations have been made thus far for the affair which will be held at the Youth and Community Center at 6:45 a.m. Tuesday, to send the Decatur Yellow Jackets into the jamboree. Cost of the breakfast is 50 cents to each member which will be paid at the door. The Club must make its reservation with the Youth Center no later than Saturday.

Reidenbach said that students who want to sign up for the bus to Auburn, for the regular season opener on Friday, September 4, may do so Friday night at Worthman Field.

New Grid Coach At Decatur High

Decatur high school's football coaching staff returned to its full compliment of four today, with the announcement by the North Adams school board of the hiring of former Purdue quarterback Chuck Schelsky.

Schelsky, who arrived in Decatur for the first time Monday, will work with assistant coach Phil Miller in handling the fortunes of Decatur high school's freshman-sophomore, or reserve, football team.

Wally Yeoman is the head of the four-man staff, and Steve Brandenburg, starting his second season, is the varsity line coach.

A vacancy in the coaching ranks occurred recently with the resignation of Jerry Mitchell and Gary Glessner. Mitchell left the system to take a coaching position with New Haven high school, while Kiesler resigned his assistant duties in the gridiron sport.

Purdue QB

Schelsky, a native of Clinton, Ind., has a wealth of football experience. He played three years in grade school, four years of high school at Clinton and four years at Purdue.

During his tenure at Purdue, he had the misfortune of being a quarterback the same time Len Dawson, now an American Football League star, was doing the tossing for the Boilermakers.

His teaching duties at Decatur high will be in the physical education department, at the high school level.

Needs Home

Schelsky, his wife, Barbara, and their two children, Randy, a six-year-old, and Sheri, four years of age, are currently looking for a home to rent in Decatur.

As soon as they can locate a place to live here, they will be moving to this city from Lafayette.

Schelsky received his degree from Purdue in 1958, and since that time has worked at the university as an assistant intramural department.

The new coach possesses a master's degree in educational guidance, psychology.

Reserved Seat Ducats Must Be Picked Up

Decatur high school athletic director Bob Worthman reminded football fans this morning that they must make their reserved seat reservations this week.

Fans who had reserved seats for home games last season, and want to retain the seats for the upcoming campaign, must contact Mrs. Annie Alton in the superintendent's office at Decatur high school.

If the tickets are not picked up within the next few days, they will be sold to those who did not have reserved seats last year, but would like them for this season.

Non-reserved season ducats are on sale at the school and at Holt House-on-the-Highway, priced at \$3 for adults and \$2.50 for students. The ticket is good for five Yellow Jacket home games, but does not cover the Tuesday night jamboree.

Jamboree tickets are on sale at the same two locations and are priced at \$1 for everyone. There are no reserved seats for the jamboree.

Meet Wednesday For DCHS Cross-Country

Bob Boyle, new head coach at Decatur Catholic high school, has reminded all boys interested in cross-country on the scheduled Wednesday morning meeting. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the school gymnasium, and anyone wanting to participate in cross-country should attend.

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MIDGETS

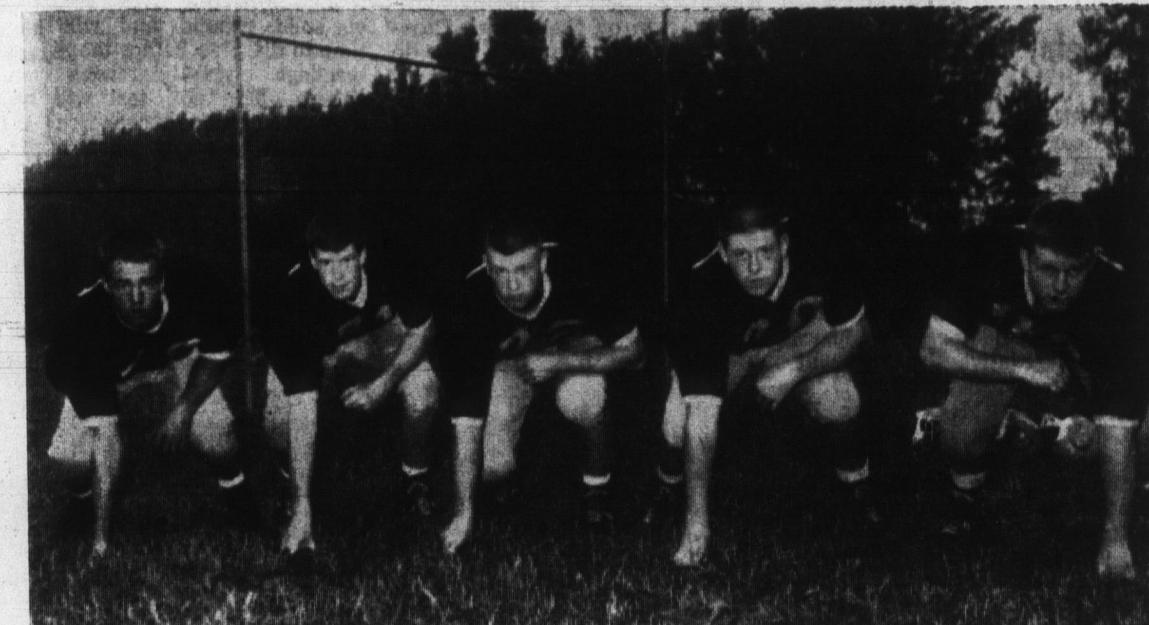
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28th

Such Stars as: — Bobby Grim, Bob Wente, Mel Kenyon, Tommy Copp

TIME TRIALS 7:30 P.M.

RACE 8:30 P.M.

ADMISSION \$2.50 CHILDREN \$1.00



Major League Leaders

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National League	G. A. B. R. H. P.
Clemente, Pitt	124 526 95 176 345
Williams, Chi	125 498 76 163 327
Santo, Chi	124 450 70 150 326
Carty, Mil	94 303 48 98 323
Aszoy, Mil	122 492 89 157 319
Allen, Mil	122 492 89 157 319
Mayo, SF	123 458 98 144 314
Christopher, NY	117 407 98 126 312
Redman, NY	114 424 63 131 309
Robinson, Chi	119 427 81 131 307
Cepeda, SF	107 398 57 122 307

American League	G. A. B. R. H. P.
Oliva, Minn	124 526 95 176 335
Marlins, Chi	108 398 57 122 335
Elston, Balt	124 474 64 144 308
Chance, Cle	94 365 89 93 305
Robinson, Chi	107 398 92 121 304
Howard, NY	112 411 48 123 299
Freeman, NY	112 411 48 123 299
Ferguson, Det	115 398 69 116 297
Ferguson, Bos	124 452 69 134 296
Tillman, Bos	101 324 84 96 296

Home Runs	
Nationals	Mays, Giants, 33;
Williams, Cubs, 27;	Robinson, Reds, 26;
Redman, Cubs, 24;	Robinson, Orioles, 25;
American	Killebrew, Twins, 42;
Williams, Red Sox, 32;	Coleman, Orioles, 26;
Redman, Cubs, 24;	St. Louis, Red Sox, 25;
American	Williams, Twins, 42;
Williams, Red Sox, 32;	Williams, Indians, 25;
Redman, Cubs, 24;	Williams, Indians, 25;
American	Williams, Twins, 42;
Williams, Red Sox,	