

## 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 packs 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 job.

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.

How, 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, Hower 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 at 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 Hower can continue to improve, as they gain experience, the worry over the lack of depth could also be no serious problem.

(Tomorrow: A look at the guard positions, where two starters return.)

Tackle Candidates				
	Ht	Wt	Yr	
John Eichenauer	5-9	190	Sr.	
Darryl Grote	6-1	200	Sr.	
John Meeks	6-2	185	Sr.	
Steve Beavers	6-2	215	Sr.	
Tom Hower	5-10	160	Soph.	

## 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 just 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.

Reservations may be made by calling 3-9486 after 5 p.m., or by contacting Reidenbach or one of the other club officers.

## Shraluka's Slants

By Bob Shraluka

## 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 (Welcome!)

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 Washab 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 invitation softball tournament, by a 4-3 score.

The defeat dropped the Trailer Sales, runner-up in the recent ISC tournament 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.

A two-run fifth inning proved to be the difference in the contest. The tallies boosted the Washab team's lead to 4-0, but Trailer Sales rallied for three runs in the last of the fifth. They were shutout over the final two innings, however.

## Early Lead

Washab 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

Public Invited To Friday Grid Workout

The Decatur Yellow Jacket football squad will stage an evening practice session at Worthman Field Friday night, with the public invited and urged to attend, according to an announcement today by athletic director Bob Worthman.

The practice session will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and a pep session will be held at approximately 8 o'clock.

Worthman 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 complement 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 Brannenburg, 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 Giessler. Mitchell left the system to take a coaching position with New Haven high school, while Kiesler resigned his assistant duties in the gridiron staff.

## 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 ball 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 U. 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.

## Exhibition Baseball

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Breneman, Reniff (7), Mikkelsen (8) and Howard, Blanchard (4), Stallard, Fisher (3), Locke (6), Wakefield (7), Hunter (8) and Gonder. Winner: Mikkelsen. Loser: Hunter. HR — Tresh, Maris, Pepitone.



Chuck Schelsky

## County 'Shoe Title Copped By Riverview

Riverview Gardens copped the 1964 Adams County Horseshoe League season title last night, defeating Preble Gardens by a 7-2 score in a match played at the Three Kings' courts in Hoagland.

League playoffs will open this week, with the top four teams in the A division meeting in competition, and the five bottom teams entered in the B division.

## Rush Wins A

Owen Rush of the Preble Gardens team copped the Class A singles tournament title in the Adams County Horseshoe League last week, according to a report today from league secretary James Johnson.

Rush won the Class A crown with an 8 and 1 record, while Harrison Maitlen of Popular Drive-in won runner-up honors with a 7-2 mark.

Luther Dettmer of Preble Gardens won the Class B title, with Rollie Ladd finishing second. Dettmer defeated Ladd in a playoff for the championship, as both had finished the tournament with identical 7-2 records.

In Class C play, Harman of the F&S Floor Covering team took the title, while M. Keidel of Three Kings No. 2 was runner-up and Norvin Bultemeier placed third. The three had ended the tournament with the same win and lost record, and a three-man round robin was needed to determine the champion.

## Class D Winner

Lee Ellick of F&S won the Class D title with an 8-1 mark, while Bebout, also of F&S was the runner-up. Joe Rush of Preble Gardens won the Class E title, as he won all nine games without a loss. R. Smith of Three Kings No. 1 was the Class E runner-up defeating Braun of Three Kings No. 2 in a playoff.

Norvin Bultemeier of Three Kings No. 2 won the award for the most improved "old" player, with an increase of 18 points. It was previously announced that four players had tied for the honor.

## Meet Wednesday For DCHS Cross-Country

Boo Doyle, 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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Oliva, Minn	124 526 95 176 335
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Robinson, Chi	102 398 69 121 304
Howard, NY	112 411 48 123 299
Frehan, Det	113 391 53 117 299
Ferguson, LA	115 391 69 116 297
Bressoud, Bos	124 452 69 134 296
Tillman, Bos	101 324 84 96 296

National: Mays, Giants, 38; Williams, Cubs, 27; Robinson, Reds; Cepeda, Giants, 26 each; Santo, Cubs, 24.

American: Killebrew, Twins, 43; Powell, Orioles, 31; Colavito, A's, 29; Allison, Twins, 29; Stuart, Red Sox; Wagner, Indians, 28 each.

Runs Batted In: National: Boyer, Cards, 91; Santo, Cubs, 90; Mays, Giants, 89; Aaron, Braves, 88; Callison, Phils; Torre, Braves, 76 each.

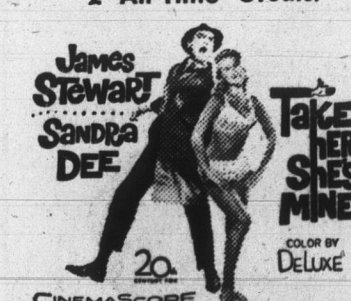
American: Killebrew, Twins, 85; Stuart, Red Sox, 82; Colavito, A's, 80; Wagner, Indians, 81; B. Robinson, Orioles, 85.

National: Koussats, Dodgers, 19-5; Bunning, Phils, 14-4; Marichal, Giants, 15-5; O'Toole, Reds, 15-6; Short, Phils, 15-6.

American: Bunker, Orioles, 13-3; Pizarro, White Sox, 16-6; Kralick, Indians, 10-4; Ford, Yankees, 12-5; Chance, Angels, 14-6; Kaat, Twins, 14-6.

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## Carty Clicking The Brave Turnstiles

By GEORGE C. LANGFORD  
UPI Sports Writer

The turnstiles are beginning to spin again at County Stadium in Milwaukee and the reason is Rico Carty.

Carty (pronounced Car-de) easily is the most popular player in the beer capital and his growing fan club in the leftfield bleachers will be bitterly disappointed if the enthusiastic Dominican is not named rookie of the year in the National League.

The 24-year-old ex-boxer vaulted into fourth place among the league's leading hitters Monday night when he belted three doubles, a home run and a single, raising his batting average to .323.

Carty's pyrotechnics were too much of the first-place Phils, who crumpled under the Braves' 16 hit attack 12-9 and lost a full game to the second-place San Francisco Giants.

Braves Attendance Up  
Carty's bubbling spirit, powerful bat and throwing arm, plus his unpredictable antics in the outfield (he's a converted catcher) have helped the Braves to push their attendance more

## 25th Little League World Series Opens

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (UPI) — Little League championship teams from North America, Europe and Japan launch first round play today in the 25th Little League World Series.

Bartlesville, Okla., meets Monterey, Mexico, in the opener and Mobile, Ala., faces La Puente, Calif., in the second game of the day.

The Wednesday schedule pits Wiesbaden, Germany, against Staten Island, N.Y., and Valleyfield, Quebec, against Tachikawa, Japan.

The winners of the contests will play Thursday in the semi-final round. The losers bracket will continue to play each day.

Friday is an off-day, reserved as a rain date, and the mighty mites will be guests Friday night at a banquet marking the 25th anniversary of the Little League championships.

The championship and consolation games are scheduled for Saturday.

The 1963 winner, Granada Hills, Calif., was eliminated in regional play.