

7:30 Opening Kickoff:

Yellow Jackets Host Football Jamboree Tonight

Decatur Fans Looking For Great Season

The Yellow Jackets of Decatur open this evening what could possibly be one of the finest seasons in the history of the school.

When one looks at the roster of the Yellow Jackets, it isn't difficult to understand why local fans are looking for a great season. Last year's team won six of nine games, posting a 5-3 NEIC record. It has been more than 20 years since a Decatur team recorded more than six wins in a single campaign.

A backfield that averaged nearly 22 points a game in 1963 returns intact, and led by all-star Max Elliott. Elliott, one of five halfbacks named to the AP all-state for underclassmen last year, begins his fourth season as the regular left halfback.

His backfield mates of last season also return. They are Dave Anspaugh at quarterback, Bill Blythe at right halfback and Sam Blythe at fullback.

Line Loses
Several key performers from last season's line are missing, but several standouts are back for another year, including Jerry Egly, all-conference the past two seasons, Tim Magley, and John Eichenauer.

The starting offensive line will average just under 180 pounds per man, headed by 235 pound center Terry Smitley, and tackle Darryl Grote, a 200-pounder.

The backfield, which has a wealth of speed and power, averages 174 pounds per back.

Football has been on the up-swing in Decatur in the past few seasons, and early indications this year are for one of the finest campaigns yet. The team members, student managers and coaches, were guests of the Decatur high school Booster Club at a "kick-off" breakfast at the Youth and Community Center this morning.

Yellow Jacket Starters

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E Dave Anderson	6-1	160	2
E Dave Smith	6-1	160	4
T Darryl Grote	6-0	200	4
T John Eichenauer	5-9	185	4
G Jerry Egly	5-10	160	4
G Tim Magley	5-8	150	4
C Terry Smitley	5-10	235	4
Q Dave Anspaugh	5-10	165	4
H Max Elliott	5-10	180	4
H Bill Blythe	5-8	175	4
F Sam Blythe	6-1	175	3

MAX ELLIOTT
(All-State)TIM MAGLEY
(Grand Guard)BILL BLYTHE
(Star Half)
(Anspaugh photos)

Jackets Honored At Breakfast Today

The 1963 victory over Auburn in the season's opener was re-lived this morning on film, as members of the varsity unit, the coaching staff, and the student managers, Herman Hammond, the Decatur High School Booster father of Yellow Jacket end Dave, opened the "kick off" breakfast by giving the invocation.

Following the breakfast, Reidenbach welcomed the team, coaches, and managers, and athletic director Bob Worthman. Varsity line coach Steve Brandenberg, assistant coaches, Phil Miller and Chuck Schelsky, and Worthman, each spoke briefly to those present.

Hold Their Own
Brandenburg, beginning his second year as a Decatur coach and first with the varsity, thanked the Booster Club, and said he thought the Northeastern Indiana Conference "will be a pretty tough league again," but added that the Decatur lads could hold their own. "We are expecting big things from them," he concluded.

Worthman thanked the club for "building up and promoting athletics" in Decatur, and thanked the club on behalf of the school.

Show Film
Reidenbach then introduced head coach Wally Yeoman who introduced his players and outlined the club's offensive and defensive alignments. Yeoman then narrated a film of the 1963 season opener, a 21-7 win over Auburn.

Yeoman concluded his talk — and the breakfast — by expressing his appreciation to the Booster Club. "Not as much for the material things, but more for the fine support given us," he stated.

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