

# Decatur Leads 'Visitors' To 31-0 Jamboree Win

## Jackets Score Twice On Berne, Once On Airedales

By Bob Shraluka

Decatur's Yellow Jackets and Bluffton's Tigers have been rivals since "way back when," but the two combined forces at Worthman Field last night to trounce Berne and Hartford City by a 31-0 count in the second annual jamboree.

The Yellow Jackets and Tigers were the "visitors" on the scoreboard, and the Decaturites quickly got their "team" into a 6-0 lead with a first period TD against Hartford City. The Jacket had a second score called back in the same period.

Bluffton added six points in the second period against Berne, tossed in seven more in round three against Hartford City, and the Jackets poured two more TD's across in the final stanza to complete the rout.

The Yellow Jackets surprised no one with their three-TD performance, but Bluffton showed they wouldn't be a pushover again this season. Hartford City looked better than what was shown on the scoreboard, while Berne demonstrated it is obviously having its football troubles.

**Huge Crowd**  
A huge throng witnessed the affair, with Decatur fans, sensing a great season ahead, making up about one-half of the crowd. The weatherman did his part, coming up with a fine evening for Decatur's first gridiron jamboree.

The Decatur and Bluffton squads now turn their attentions to the same thing—regular season and conference openers on Friday night. The Jackets will travel to Auburn to open their season and NEIC slate, while the Tigers will be doing the same thing at Kendallville.

Berne opens its regular portion of the 1964 campaign at Geneva at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon in an all-Adams county battle.

**Opens Scoring**  
Veteran quarterback Dave Anspaugh, whose brilliant faking was one of the standouts in the Decatur showing, got the "visitors" into the lead with six minutes and 17 seconds gone in the opening period.

Fullback Sam Blythe made a fine 14-yard runback with the opening kickoff to get the Yellow Jackets in business on the Decatur 44. On second down, Max Elliott picked up nine yards and Sam Blythe followed by going off right guard for a first down on the Airdale 42.

Anspaugh kept his club on the ground, using Sam Blythe mostly, and moved the Jackets to the 19 yard line. The crafty quarterback gained five yards on a keeper around left end, but Sam Blythe got only two more yards in two cracks at the line.

**Scores On Keeper**  
Facing a fourth and three situation on the 12, Anspaugh executed a tremendous fake handoff to Elliott, whom everyone was expecting to carry. Elliott shot around right end while Anspaugh bootlegged the ball around his left end and walked into the end zone for the score. Anspaugh's PAT kick was blocked, but Decatur had the first six points.

Starting from their own 30, the Airdales could move the ball just eight yards in three tries, and punted to Bill Blythe on the Decatur 28.

Anspaugh went to the air on the second series. He pitched to sophomore end Dave Anderson for 10 yards and a first down, and then tossed a strike to end Dave Smith, who had gotten behind the defense, but Smith couldn't hold the ball. Sam Blythe picked up four yards, but Anspaugh lost five attempting to pass, giving Decatur a four and 11 situation and forcing a punt.

Jack Edgemond fumbled Elliott's punt and a wild scramble ensued with one Decatur player and another from Hartford City

grabbing the ball, before Bill Blythe recovered for the Jackets on the Airdale 35.

**Elliott In Action**  
A 15 yard penalty on Decatur gave the Jackets a first and 25 on the midfield stripe with 43 seconds remaining in the period. On the first play, Anspaugh ran backward, held the ball for several seconds, and then flipped a short screen pass to Elliott, and Mighty Max was off to the races.

The all-state halfback electrified the crowd as he bolted down the right sideline, shook two tacklers around the 30, and went in for the score. The officials, however, ruled he had touched out of bounds territory on the 19, nullifying the TD.

Anspaugh, getting great protection, threw a pass that went incomplete, and then scampered around end to the Airdale four yard line with 11 seconds left. There was a fumble in the Decatur backfield on the next play, and Hartford City recovered to kill the threat.

Berne took over the ball on their own 20 to start the second quarter and were quickly forced to punt. The ball rolled dead on the Tiger 36, and Bluffton quickly went to work.

After a fumble snap from center, quarterback Joe Romine handed off to hard-running halfback Ron Bowman who rambled 24 yards to the Bear 40. The Tigers kept banging away at the Berne line and six plays later were three yards from paydirt.

Joe Liechty of Berne shot into the backfield and threw Bowman for a four yard loss, but it only momentarily halted the drive, as Romine stepped back on the next play and pitched the ball six yards to Bowman, who made a fine shoe-string catch in the right corner of the end zone. Romine's kick was low and the "visitors" led 12-0.

Berne couldn't move past their own 33 and were forced to punt. Bluffton took over on their own 48 and Ted Mahensmith threw a pass to Bowman on the Bear 18. Chuck Schaffner of the Bears killed that.

### 50-Yard Line Flashes

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The Yellow Jacket performance was good last night—and even better when you consider it from all angles.

Admittedly the strongest team in the four-school affair, head coach Wally Yeoman had his lads looking ahead to Auburn Friday night, and rightly so. The Red Devils will undoubtedly afford much stronger competition than either Berne or Hartford City did last night.

That is taking nothing away from these two teams. Both gave it all they had, but they were up against a potent Decatur Yellow Jacket team.

When a team scores 18 points in 24 minutes of action, it has done a good job, no matter who provides the opposition. But when you consider the fact that that same team through a full-scale, two-hour workout just a few hours earlier, you'd have to say the performance was quite good—to say the least.

That's right, a full-scale workout Tuesday morning. It was just another practice day for the Yellow Jackets, with the exception that the evening workout started at 7:30 and not 6 o'clock.

You have to consider also that Yeoman and quarterback Dave Anspaugh kept the team "under wraps," using mostly Sam Blythe through the line all night. Anspaugh tried just a few passes, and used all-state halfback Max Elliott to lug the leather only six times in the two periods.

The stars of the team did what was expected of them, although they were in and out of the lineup. Jerry Egly wasn't even used at his normal spot at roving linebacker. But there were several fine jobs turned in by some of the "unknowns," who must produce to make this season what the fans are hoping it will be.

Ron Smith, the big junior end, personally stopped Berne's biggest threat, twice throwing the Berne quarterback for losses. Al-an "Bugs" Sprunger looked equally as good, and this guy, although weighing just 130 pounds, is going to be one of the team mainstays during the upcoming campaign! Soph end Dave Anderson also looked, although used sparingly, and caught the only pass thrown to him.

These lads, and some of the others, are the keys to this season—whether it will be a good one or a great one. Auburn will be one of the toughest teams on the schedule, so it will take a good job from everyone to open the season in victorious fashion. Let's start it off right Friday, Jackets!

threat though when he nailed Romine for a big loss on third down. The Bears still could not move the ball and were forced to punt again, shortly before the first half ended.

**Second Half**  
Starting from their 26 yard line after the second half kickoff, Hartford City began making a determined drive against the Bluffton defense. When Edgemond gained 10 yards to the Tiger 32, and got 15 more yards for having his face mask pulled, the 'Dales owned a 1st down on the Bluffton 17.

But the stubborn Tigers dug in and gave up just three yards in the next three plays, and then Gene Lydy intercepted a pass on the 15 to give Bluffton possession of the ball.

Hartford City forced Bluffton to punt a minute later, but after taking over on the Tiger 40, the Airdales fumbled on the first play and Mike Schwartz of the Tigers recovered.

Aided by a 15 yard penalty, the Tiger quickly moved to the Hartford City 24, and after Mahensmith picked up five yards in two off-tackle carries, Romine pitched out to Bowman who shook two tacklers and roamed left end for another score for the "visitors," whose lead was boosted to 19-0 when Romine connected on the PAT kick.

With seconds remaining in the period, Edgemond broke loose and went to the Bluffton 24.

**Berne Close**  
Berne started the fourth quarter with a second down and one on the Decatur 14, where the Airdales had left off. The Jackets held two plays before an offside penalty gave Berne a first down on the Yellow Jacket nine yard stripe.

Jay Yager, the Bears' 205-pound fullback, gained two yards and Steve Steury was stopped for no gain, before Decatur's junior end, Ron Smith personally halted the threat.

Smith warded off several blockers and tossed quarterback Dave Flueckiger for a four yard loss on an attempted end run, and Smith shot through on fourth down to smother Mike Parks, who was looking for a receiver, on the Decatur 23.

On the first Decatur offensive move, the speedy Elliott shot around his right end and traveled 35 yards to the Berne 42 before finally being hauled down by three tacklers.

A pass interference call gave Decatur a first down on the 25, and on the next play, Sam Blythe went over left tackle, behind some good blocking, bowled over several would-be tacklers, and scampered to paydirt for Decatur's second TD.

**Regain Ball**

Anspaugh's kickoff went into the end zone and Berne started from the 20. The Bears lost five yards, lost another three when tackle Johnny Eichenauer smashed Yager, and were held for no gain on a crunching tackle by "Bugs" Sprunger.

The Bears punted and Bill Blythe returned the ball ten yards to the Berne 30 yard line. With 5:02 left in the game, Anspaugh pulled off another sterling fake and went off the left side all the way to the Berne six, while the Berne defense was "tackling" Sam Blythe.

Sam got four yards off tackle, Anspaugh one more on a sneak, and then Bill Blythe went around left end for the final six points which gave the "visitors" their 31-0 victory.

On the last play of the game, Berne moved to the Decatur 17 on a pass play before Dean Wass knocked the receiver out of bounds.

**Scoring summary:**  
Home ..... 0 0 0 0—0  
Visitors ..... 6 6 7 12—31

**Scoring:** Decatur TD's—Anspaugh (12, run), Sam Blythe (25, run), Bill Blythe (1, run). Bluffton TD's—Bowman (6, pass from Romine), Bowman (19, run). Bluffton PAT—Romine (kick)

**Officials:** Benecke, Leamon and Sitko.

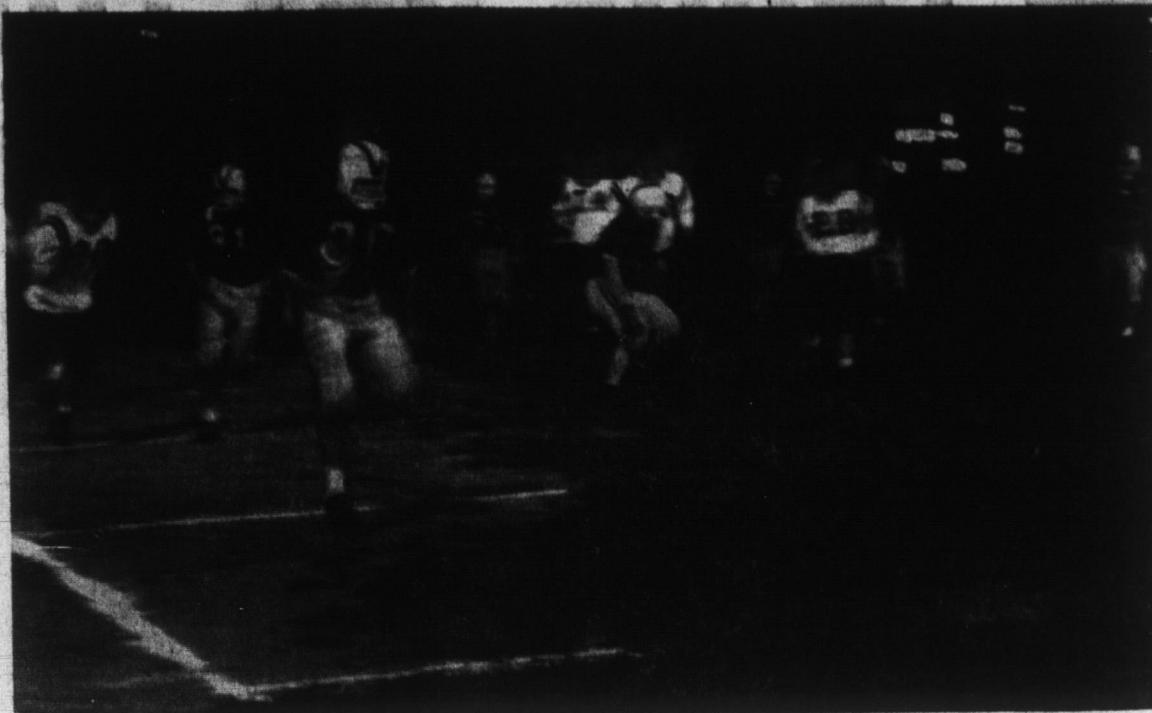
### Auburn, Garrett Cop Win In NEIC Jamboree

Auburn and Garrett proved the toughest of four Northeastern Indiana Conference teams that got together in a jamboree at Auburn's field Tuesday night.

The Red Devils and Railroaders combined their talents to post a 25-7 victory over Angola and Kendallville. Dave Hefley and Cliff Myers scored on an 11 yard pass and eight yard run respectively for Auburn.

Dave Miller scored on an 17 yard pass play from Garrett, and Rick Lewis ran 11 yards for another Railroad TD. Dick Meadows got Kendallville's touchdown, and Angola failed to score. Score by quarters:

Aub. - Garr. .... 7 12 0 6—25  
Ken. - Ang. .... 0 0 0 7—7



**LONGGGGGG GONE**—Mighty Max Elliott, Decatur's four-year veteran star, brought local fans to their feet last night with one of his patented 50 yard jaunts to paydirt in the opening period of action against Hartford City. As seen above, Elliott has left everyone in a cloud of dust, but the officials ruled he had stepped out of bounds several yards before the photo was taken. —(photo by Cole)

### Two Brothers Ousted From Markle Meet

The Convo, O., Merchants eliminated Two Brothers from the 16-team Markle Invitational Softball Tourney Tuesday night, in posting a 6-4 victory.

The Decatur team has ousted another Ohio team, Payne, last week, by a 5-1 score, but fell behind quickly in last night's game

and couldn't recover. Convo scored one run in each of the first two innings, and Two Brothers tallied once in the top of the third. Convo came back in their half of the third with a three-run rally for a 5-1 lead, and then hung on for the victory.

The field is now down to four

teams, and Vernor's Ginger Ale of Bluffton, a member of the Decatur Softball League, will meet Water's Inc., of Fort Wayne, in the first semifinal game Wednesday, while Convo will go against Three Kings of Hoagland in the second contest. The title game will be played Thursday. Two Brothers 001 120 0-4 6 3  
Convo ..... 113 001 x-6 8 1  
Linn and Huston; Beatty, Myers (5) and Thornell.

## Sports

### City Softball Ends Tonight

Roger Stevens struck out the maximum of 15 hitters in a five inning City Softball League game Tuesday night, as McMillen whipped the K. of C. by a 10-0 score.

In the nightcap of the twin-bill, Citizens Telephone Co. got a four-hit shutout performance from Chick Black, and downed Decatur Casting Co., 5-0.

Two games tonight wind up the regular season, and league playoffs will begin next week. Adams County Trailer Sales, league champs with an 18-1 record, meets Vernor's Ginger Ale in the first game, and Decatur Casting plays the K. of C. in the second contest.

Stevens' bid for a no-hit was ruined by a one-hit single by Jim McGill in the fifth inning last night, and the game was called after five due to the 10-run rule.

**Fans 15**  
Stevens struck out the side in every inning, and allowed just two base runners in addition to

the hit. He walked Ron Baker to open the game and walked Baker again in the fifth inning.

Ken Baumgartner and Roe Lehman led the McMillen offense with a home run and double each.

In the nightcap, Citizens scored twice in the first inning and coasted to its win, as Black scattered four singles in tossing the shutout.

An error and singles by Nevil and Carr got Citizens into a quick lead in the first inning, and they added three more in the fifth on singles by Bryan and Black and a home run by Carr.

**Line scores:**  
K. of C. 000-00-0 1 5  
McMillen 602-11-10 10 0  
J. Baker and McGill; Stevens and R. Canales.

Casting Co. 000-000-0 4 3  
Citizens 200-030-x-5 9 3  
G. Thatcher and Schaffner; D. Black and Carr.

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