

Kickoff At 8:

Yellow Jackets In Biggest Test Of Season Tonight, Host New Haven

Back in the 1960 season, the Decatur high school football team was unbeaten after three games, with two wins and a tie against Garrett. The fourth opponent on the schedule was New Haven's Bulldogs.

A story in the Friday, Sept. 23, 1960, edition of the Daily Democrat made the following statement: "Decatur hopes for a Northeastern Indiana Conference title will be known around 10 o'clock tonight."

A little before 10 that night, the chances were known—known to be very slim, as the Bulldogs walked off the field with a 39-0 victory!

The teams were figured to be about even, but Decatur was never in the contest, which was played at Worthman Field. The trouncing seemed to take some of the starch out of the Jackets, as they won just two of their final five games that year.

Same Story

Five days less than four years later, the pre-game story is the same. Tonight's Decatur-New Haven game at Worthman Field is a crucial contest for the Yellow Jackets.

Once again, their hopes for a Northeastern Indiana Conference championship will be known around 10 o'clock tonight. A victory tonight will give the Decatur eleven three wins without a loss, and three of the four toughest teams on the NEIC slate will have been defeated by the Jackets.

But, registering a victory tonight won't be as easy as it was against Auburn and Garrett, which were anything but "easy" wins.

Bigger Team

The Bulldogs will present a big

Probable Starters For Tonight

DECATUR

Anderson (6-1, 160)	E	NEW HAVEN
D. Smith (6-1, 160)	E	Sauers (6-2, 185)
Eichenauer (5-9, 185)	T	Koehlinger (5-10, 150)
Grote (6-0, 200)	T	Diehl (6-1, 200)
Magley (5-8, 150)	G	Werling (6-1, 178)
Egley (5-10, 160)	G	Wright (5-11, 168)
Smitley (5-10, 235)	C	Widdifield (5-7, 170)
Anspaugh (5-10, 165)	Q	Austrup (6-4, 215)
Elliott (5-10, 180)	H	Lake (5-7, 145)
B. Blythe (5-8, 175)	H	Hosier (5-7, 165)
S. Blythe (6-1, 175)	F	Hendricks (5-10, 165)
		Rohrbacher (6-1, 200)

ger outfit than in recent seasons, but still have that annual New Haven speed. Their biggest player is Jud Austrup, a 64, 215-pounder, who plays center in offense.

The Dog tackles weigh in at 200 and 178 pounds, and their guards tip the scales at 170 and 163 pounds.

The New Haven backfield is fast, and also includes one of the most powerful runners in the NEIC, 200-pound fullback Bob Rohrbacher. Rohrbacher scored both TD's on short runs last Friday as the Bulldogs opened their campaign by battling Fort Wayne

Central to a 13-13 tie. As against Garrett, the Yellow Jackets will be bucking another "jinx" tonight. It has been seven seasons since Decatur has beaten New Haven in football, by far the longest losing string on the Decatur books after last week's win over Garrett.

Jackets Healthy

The Yellow Jackets are physically healthy, and will probably go with the same offensive unit that started the first two games.

With the several good performances turned in by supposed substitute players in the Garrett game, such as Dave Hammond

Bluffton Whips

Decatur Teams,

Adams Central

Junior High Rallies To Open With Victory

Decatur's junior high football team pulled out a 7-6 victory over Parkway, O., with a fourth-quarter rally at Worthman Field Thursday afternoon, in their season opener.

Parkway jumped into a 6-0 lead in the first period which they held through the first half. Decatur's eleven finally got moving in the third period, but still failed to score.

In the fourth quarter, however, Kenny Gause got loose on a 60-yard jaunt to paydirt to knot the score at 6-6. Mike Curnin then got the all-important extra point on a run, providing the margin of victory.

The local junior high team will play host to Village Woods' junior high of New Haven in a 4:30 p.m. affair at Worthman Field next Thursday.

Meet Tonight

The two Decatur cross-country teams meet tonight in a dual match at the Bellmont Park layout, beginning around 4 o'clock.

Phil Captain of Bluffton led his team to the Thursday victory, coming in first in the fine time of 10:11.5. Huffman and Lewis Captain of the Tigers were second and third, while Johnny Lose of Decatur Catholic was fourth.

Bluffton took 5th, 6th and 7th places (another Captain, Kenny, was 7th), while Birch of Adams Central was 8th and Brown of the Jets was 10th.

Arthur Ybarra, Yellow Jacket two-miler, paced his team by placing 11th. Dave Adams of Decatur high, battling a heavy cold, was 1st. Adams has been ruled out of tonight's meet by doctors. Ed Cravens of the Yellow Jackets was 19th.

Top 30

The top 30 finishers, with times listed for the top 10, were as follows: P. Captain (B), 10:11.5; Huffman (B), 10:38; L. Captain (B), 10:40; J. Lose (DC), 10:54; Sprunger (B), 10:56; Dubach (B) 10:57; K. Captain (B), 10:57; Birch (AC), 11:08; Gass (B), 11:14; Brown (AC), 11:23.

Ybarra (D), D. Green (AC), Isch (AC), Shaffer (B), Adams (D), C. Striker (AC), Habegger (AC), Cravens (D), Raudenbush (AC), Ehrsam (AC), Mettler (B), Hyerly (AC), Anderson (B), Conrad (D), Anderson (B), P. Green (AC), Stucky (AC), Andrews (DC), Hitchcock (D).

Only games scheduled

Friday's Probable Pitchers

St. Louis at Cincinnati, night — Steiner (14-11) vs. Tostivitis (7-11).

Chicago at Milwaukee, night — Borch (14-15) vs. Fischer (11-9).

New York at Houston, night — Jackson (10-14) vs. Larsen (4-7).

Philadelphia at Los Angeles, night — Short (17-7) vs. Richert (2-1).

Pittsburgh at San Francisco, night — Gibbons (9-7) vs. Estelle (0-0).

Saturday's Games

St. Louis at Cincinnati, night — Chicago at Milwaukee, night — New York at Houston, night — Philadelphia at Los Angeles, night — Pittsburgh at San Francisco, night.

Southeast, Monmouth Win 5th-6th Games

Rallying for eight runs in the fourth inning, Southeast elementary school scored an 8-2 victory over Lincoln A at the Southeast diamond Thursday afternoon.

In another 5th and 6th grade league game, Monmouth romped to an 18-13 victory over Zion Lutheran of Decatur Line score of the Southeast win:

Lincoln A 001-001 — 2 1 2

Monmouth 002-003 — 8 4 3

Archer and Patch; Knape and Ginter.

Sports

'57-'63: 0-7

1957—New Haven, 22-7
1958—New Haven, 19-13
1959—New Haven, 20-0
1960—New Haven, 39-0
1961—New Haven, 40-7
1962—New Haven, 20-6
1963—New Haven, 22-6

and Steve Beavers, the defensive chores will probably be handled by as many as 20 players throughout the night.

Hammond did a spectacular job at defensive end, in his first game, and led the team in tackles. Beavers also played a good game, and caused the fumble that got Decatur's first of two touchdowns. Sophomore defensive halfback Lon Hawkins also did a good job, intercepting one pass, and will see plenty of action.

Large Crowd

Another large crowd is expected for tonight's game, the finale of the Big Three games that the Yellow Jackets were figured to have to win in early predictions for a shot at the conference title.

After tonight's game, the Yellow Jackets will host Portland the following Friday in non-conference battle, before hitting the road for the next three contests.

Athletic director Bob Worthman said today that general admission tickets will be on sale at the northeast gate tonight, and there are general admission seats in the bleachers, on the far west side.

Last Week

All 10 teams played last Friday night, with four engaging in non-conference battles. The Yellow

Jackets, Trojans Lead NEIC Race

The Decatur Yellow Jackets go into tonight's crucial battle with New Haven as one of the co-leaders of the Northeastern Indiana Conference.

The Yellow Jackets, and Elmhurst's Trojans, rest atop the NEIC, each with a pair of wins in two starts. Only four teams of the ten are unbeaten and untied, Decatur, Elmhurst, New Haven and Angola respectively. The third game also produced a shutout, as Auburn's Red Devils made it hot for Bluffton with a 27-0 victory.

The defending NEIC champion New Haven Bulldogs opened their season in a 13-13 tie with Fort Wayne Central, while Concordia took a 33-7 pasting from Fort Wayne Central Catholic. Alexandria laced Columbia City, 33-14, and Nappanee nipped Kendallville, 13-12.

How They Stand

As the teams enter tonight's big card, here are the NEIC standings with the overall records, and the total points scored and points allowed in all games for each team:

NEIC ALL TP Opp.				
DECATUR	2-0-0	2-0-0	20	6
Elmhurst	2-0-0	2-0-0	32	14
Auburn	1-1-0	1-1-0	33	7
Bluffton	1-0-0	1-0-0	26	36
Concordia	0-0-1	0-1-1	7	33
New Haven	0-0-0	0-0-1	13	13
Col. City	0-0-0	0-2-0	26	48
Angola	0-1-1	0-1-1	0	13
Kendallville	0-1-0	0-2-0	21	45
Garrett	0-2-0	0-2-0	14	32

Start Rally

The Trailer Sales rallied for three tallies of their own in the second frame.

Ralph Busse opened the inning by slapping a home run, and with one out,

Wayne Colclasure doubled and scored on Bruce Hirsch's single.

Hirsch was tossed out at the plate, attempting to score on Don Meno's hit, but Meno scored after Bob Hoffman rapped out a single.

Trailer Sales, with one defeat in the double-elimination tourney, had defeated the Casting Co. and McMillen on Wednesday night, to force the Thursday night clash for the championship. Their efforts, however, were to no avail, as things turned out.

Big Inning

McMillen hit the Trailer Sales with big first inning and then held on for the victory, behind the right arm of Roger Stevens, working his third game in three nights.

The junior Yellow Jackets scored again in the second stanza, when Ed Miller pitched out to Terry Hilary who scampered 50 yards for a touchdown. Landrum ran over the extra point, giving Decatur a 13-0 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, Bill Brown added insurance when he pitched a 25-yard scoring strike to Dan Miller.

The reserve eleven, with a 1-1 record, will play host to Berne in a game at Worthman Field next Thursday night, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Score by quarters:

Decatur 0 13 6 0—19

Portland 0 0 0 0—0

Eagles Romp To 7-2

Win Behind Whitman

Richard Whitman tossed a one-hitter Thursday afternoon as Monmouth whopped Lancaster by a 7-2 score in a high school baseball game at the Eagle diamond.

Trout won the Chamber's trophy for the low handicap (net) score, among Chamber members.

Baumann copped the trophy for the low handicap (net) among non-members of the Chamber.

In addition, Bob Helm won the \$3 award for the low gross (actual).

The following won special prizes of \$2 each:

Kenny Gaunt, longest drive on No. 1; Dean Barkley, closest to target on No. 2; Tom Burk, longest putt on No. 3; Dr. Ed Peck, closest drive to pin on No. 4; Jack Joy, closest to target with iron on No. 5; M. Neal, longest drive out of rubber tire on No. 6; Howard Eley, closest drive to pin on No. 7; Bob Barma, longest putt with croquet mallet on No. 8; Doc Vizard, closest chip to putting green.

Eley just missed a \$25 credit award at NIPSO for the first hole in one. His drive landed six inches short of the hole on No. 7.

Whitman, a sophomore, chipped in with a double and triple in the winners' offensive attack, while Fred Fuelling a single and double and scored twice. Conrad also had a pair of hits for Monmouth, and Graves and Bucci added one each.

Monmouth plays three games at home next week, entertaining Adams Central on Tuesday, Ossian on Wednesday and Monroe on Friday. Thursday line score:

Lincoln A 001-001 — 2 1 2

Monmouth 002-003 — 8 4 3

Archer and Patch; Knape and Ginter.

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