

Jackets Blank Comets, 27-0, For Sixth Victory

A Captured Comet

Scoring Summary:

Decatur	0	14	0	13-27
Kendallville	0	0	0	0-0

Decatur Scoring: D. Smith, 10 pass from Anspaugh (Anspaugh kick); Anspaugh, 1 run (Elliott run); S. Blythe, 4 run (run stopped); B. Blythe, 97 return of an intercepted pass (Elliott run).

DECATUR KENDALLVILLE			
First Downs	9	14	
Yds. Rushing	96	159	
Yds. Passing	80	60	
Total Yardage	176	219	
Pass Attempts	7	15	
Pass Completions	4	3	
Fumbles Lost	1	0	
Punts	3	3	
Yds. Penalized	20	35	
Intercepted By	3	1	
Kickoff Ret. Yds.	1-4	5-59	
Punt Ret. Yds.	6	0	

Individual Rushing Yds.: Decatur — S. Blythe, 71 yds. in 13 carries; B. Blythe — 18 in 7; Elliott, 32 in 6; Anspaugh, 11 in 2. Kendallville — Sibert, 6 yds. in 4 carries; Smith, 34 in 13; Lawrence, 95 in 23; Riehm, 33 in 15; Beights, —11 in 1; Fraze, 2 in 1. Pass Receiving: Decatur — D. Smith, 3 for 56 yds.; Elliott, 1 for 24 yds. Kendallville — Wiedeman, 1 for 27; LaRue, 1 for 20; Smith, 1 for 13. Interceptions: Decatur — Elliott 1 (10 yd. return); Egly 1 (19 yd. return); B. Blythe 1 (97 yd. return for TD). Kendallville — Riehm 1 (no return).

(Statistics by JACK ELY)

Bill Blythe Runs 97 Yards In Most Spectacular Play Of Campaign; End Road Season With Perfect Record

by Bob Shraluka

The Decatur Yellow Jackets ran into a young and inspired band of Kendallville Comets Friday night, and had to battle all the way before recording a 27-0 victory at Comedland.

The triumph was the fourth straight for the Yellow Jackets, and their sixth of the season in seven starts. The win also kept the jackets in second place in the Northeastern Indiana Conference— with a slim shot at the title — on the strength of their 5-1 record. They have now matched their six wins of last season and still have two games to play.

For the second time in two weeks, the Yellow Jackets didn't perform up to normal standards, but their potent offensive and defensive weapons finally wore down the Comets.

Thus the Decatur eleven finished their season with a perfect record on the road, four victories in four games, and now return home to conclude the season with a pair of contests.

They swing right back into action Wednesday night, entertaining Concordia's Cadets, and on Friday, October 30, ring down the curtain by hosting the Angola Hornets.

Comets Game

Kendallville may have been winless in six starts before last night's game, and missing several regulars who were given the gate

for disciplinary reasons, but it wasn't easy to tell.

Actually, the Yellow Jackets had one of the worst nights of the season if the statistics are any criterion. They didn't score until the second quarter, added a second six-pointer in the period, and then chalked up two more in the last stanza, including the most spectacular play of the season — a 97-yard return of an intercepted pass by Bill Blythe, good for a touchdown.

Good Indication

The Decaturites may have been expecting a "laugher" (a term for an easy game) when they walked onto the field for the opening kickoff, but their eyes were soon opened, and open wide.

Starting from the Kendallville 45, after a Comet onside kick opened the NEIC battle, Sam Blythe was stopped for no gain, Bill Blythe got just two yards off tackle, and Max Elliott only three around end, forcing Elliott to punt.

The Jackets got a good break in that the ball rolled dead on the Comet two-yard line. The young Comets quickly swung into action and moved for a pair of first downs, to the Kendallville 28, before 145-pound halfback Tom Riehm went off tackle on a fourth and five situation and run smack

into a stone wall of Yellow Jackets.

Bill Blythe returned Allan Walker's punt five yards to the mid-field stripe, and once again the Comets wouldn't yield. After completing a nine-yard pass to Dave Smith, quarterback Dave Anspaugh fired a pass over the line that was picked off by Riehm on the Kendallville 27.

Elliott Intercepts

Perry Lawrence gained eight yards on a pair of carries, before Jim Beights flipped a short pass that Might Elliott picked off on the mid-field stripe and returned it to the Comet 40-yard line, as the first period ended.

Elliott, who carried the ball only sparingly all night, scooted around right end for 15 yards down on the 25. On the next play, Anspaugh was thrown for a five-yard loss by that hard-charging Kendallville line.

On the ensuing play, however, he stepped back as senior end Dave Smith went into the right flat, and hit Smith with a perfect pass just inside the 10-yard line. Smith juggled the ball momentarily before ramming over a defensive lack and into the end zone for the first score of the game and his first of the season. Anspaugh booted the point at the 11:14 mark,

giving Decatur a 7-0 lead, a lead they never lost.

Rebound Again

Again the Comets rebounded, and after the kickoff began a drive that carried them to a first Whitaker, who came into the game at defensive end and was a standout performer, threw Riehm for no gain on the next play, bringing up a third and seven situation at the Decatur 33, and on fourth down, Beights, attempting to pass, was swarmed on by Whitaker, Dave Smith and Darryl Grote to give the Yellow Jackets possession of the ball.

Once again, the Comet defense stopped the Decaturites cold, forcing a punt that was returned to the Yellow Jacket 45-yard line. Whitaker and Smith stopped Lawrence for no gain on a pair of attempted end runs, before Beights tried the air routes again.

But team captain Jerry Egly was the player, who snared the ball, and returned it 19 yards to the Comet 33. Beights tackled Egly on the play, was injured, and never returned, with freshman quarterback Stan Fraze running the team the rest of the way.

It took the Jackets just seven plays to record their second TD, with Sam Blythe picking up all but 10 of the 33 yards to paydirt. On second down at the Kendallville 1, Anspaugh made a beautiful fake to Sam, who was hit by four tacklers, as Anspaugh bootlegged the ball around right end and into the end zone untouched.

With 1:40 left in the period, Elliott went over tackle for the PAT, giving Decatur a 14-0 lead which they took to the dressing room at halftime.

Second Half

In the third stanza, the Comets still gamely "hung in there," as neither team could get any momentum going.

Starting from their own 20, the Jackets quickly moved to their 39, with Sam Blythe getting 17 of those yards on one off-tackle thrust, as the third quarter ended with Decatur holding a not-to-safe 14-0 lead.

On the first play of the final period, Anspaugh tossed a bullet to Dave Smith, who lugged the leather to the Comet 45. In a pair of off-tackle runs, Sam Blythe moved the ball to the 33, and Anspaugh, on a right end keeper, picked up a first down on the 28.

Sam went off tackle for 18 yards on the following play, then picked up six more, before bulling his way into the end zone from four yards out with 9:38 left to play. Again the Jackets tried to run for the point, and this time were unsuccessful, but they had built their margin to 20-0.

Spectacular Play

The most spectacular play of the game — and probably of the season — was yet to come, however. With less than five minutes to play, the Comets drove to the Decatur 24-yard line. Elliott batted down one pass and two more were incomplete and the Comets were at fourth down.

Fraze faded and fired a long pass aimed for LaRue, but Bill Blythe intercepted the heave just three yards from the goal line — and took off on a 97-yard sprint to paydirt, the longest run of the season.

Elliott came up from behind Blythe to throw the block that sprung him loose, and nearly every player on the field got at least one block on the long trip downfield, as Bill weaved his way in, around and over tacklers. Elliott again ran for the point and the 27-0 final was posted on the board in most-exciting fashion.

Kendallville drove to the Decatur 15-yard line in the dying seconds against substitutes, but the clock killed their biggest scoring threat of the night.

Yogi Out, Keane May Be Yank Boss

By MARTIN LADER
UPI Sports Writer

NEW YORK (UPI) — Johnny Keane, who came out ahead of Yogi Berra in the World Series, appeared today to be the most likely candidate to take his job as manager of the New York Yankees.

The weird turnabout to a strange season of baseball developed Friday when Berra was fired as Yankee manager and Johnny Keane handed in his resignation as pilot of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Yankee General Manager Ralph Houk said a successor to Berra would be named within a week. He said that three or four men were under consideration, including Keane and Al Dark.

However, it was believed that the Yankees already had started negotiations with Keane and that he was their first choice.

Dark, contacted in New Orleans, said he knows nothing about the possibility he will get the Yankee post and added he "has no comment at all."

The firing of Berra came as a complete surprise, even to him, Houk made the announcement at a hastily-called press conference and admitted that the long-time Yankee hero did not know he was out of a job until that very morning. Berra was at a golf course during the day and was not present at the conference.

Berra, who played in 2,116 games over a 17-year period with the Yankees, was given another position in the organization as a "special field consultant" to Houk. He was given a two-year contract at a salary believed well below his pay scale as manager, which was in the \$35,000 bracket.

Houk specified that the Yankees' loss of the World Series to St. Louis had nothing to do with the dismissal of Berra. "We feel that after discussing

the situation with Yogi this morning, this decision would be better for all concerned," Houk said. He added that Berra's new position was created exclusively for him because "we didn't want to lose Yogi" and that Berra "seemed very satisfied with the decision and with the future opportunities offered him."

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Cleveland Is Still Home For Indians

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UPI) — The Cleveland Indians board of directors will not be moving the Tribe for at least one more year, but it appears that there's more smoke coming from the teepee than meets the eye.

In a climactic meeting Friday, the board unanimously voted to keep the Indians in Cleveland and accept the city's offer of a ten year lease with option to renew it on an annual basis after one year.

Some ten days ago, the directors decided to wait and see what the city would do about its proposal for a renewal of the lease after two years, instead of one. The city changed its mind and gave the Tribe what it wanted.

Although most of Cleveland was happy about the decision, much speculation was bantered about concerning the backing down done by the city. The stadium will be overhauled with new seats, a new press box, an escalator, and improved rest rooms.

Also, under the terms of the new lease, the Indians' rent would be reduced to six percent of gross receipts.

But the Tribe was aiming for that one-year clause and everyone was asking "why."

Mets Purchase L. A. Southpaw Miller

NEW YORK (UPI) — Southpaw Larry Miller was purchased from the Los Angeles Dodgers Friday by the New York Mets, who in turn sold outfielder Dick Smith to the Dodger's Spokane farm club.

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By Bob Shraluka

Decatur's Yellow Jackets got a big surprise last night, as Kendallville was a lot tougher than anyone expected.

The Comets weren't a great team, but they gave it everything they had—and a little extra—and held Decatur's offense as well as anyone has all season. Decatur intercepted three passes, and all led to scores, or the Yellow Jackets might have had to go right down to the wire to pull out a close one.

Something was missing in that Decatur team last night, for the second week in a row. There seemed to be confusion on the field at many instances, including several players talking in the offensive huddle.

There wasn't much blocking up front all night, and practically none on the left side of the offensive line. This is reflected in the minus rushing yardage of Bill Blythe, who runs to that side nearly all the time.

Max Elliott wasn't called upon to carry much, only six times in the entire game, and this seemed to bog down the attack. Without another sterling performance turned in by fullback Sam Blythe, and a couple of the opportune passes thrown by Dave Anspaugh, the Jackets could have been in real trouble.

Kendallville seemed to have the one thing the Yellow Jackets have been lacking in the past two games. The Comets were "hungry," the Decaturites were not. Of course, that is one of the problems caused by winning six of seven games.

The Jackets are going to have to get "hungry," however, if they expect to beat Concordia for the second year in a row. The Cadet's towel-chewing boss is still smarting from that 7-0 loss of last season, and we would guess that his lads will be "breathing fire" next Wednesday night.

A couple of players who haven't been seeing a lot of action this season came in last night and did a terrific job. Tom Whitaker played about half the game at defensive end, and played superbly. Dave Snell, the husky junior, did a fine job filling in for Johnny Eichenauer.

"Ike" suffered a wrist injury in the first half and wasn't used the rest of the way. The seriousness of the injury isn't known yet, but everyone has their fingers crossed.

Team captain Jerry Egly, the consistently great star who usually goes unnoticed, turned in a magnificent performance. He made 19 tackles, the highest one-game total recorded this season and also intercepted a pass.

You could tell Jerry doesn't get to run with that ball often, because when Comet first-string quarterback Jim Beights attempted to tackle him, Beights went down and never came back into the game.

It's been a tremendous season thus far and last year's record is already matched. Concordia and Angola are the only ones left, but it will take a "hungry" bunch to whip those Cadets next Wednesday.

Angola Records First Win; Auburn Romps

Decatur and Auburn won Northeastern Indiana Conference games Friday night, and four other league members won non-conference affairs.

In addition to Decatur's 27-0 romp over Kendallville, Auburn romped to a 32-13 triumph over the Eagles at Columbia City. Terry Hagib scored three touchdowns to lead the Red Devils to their fifth win in six games, and third in four conference starts.

Hagib scored on touchdowns passes of three, seven and 37 yards, and also kicked a pair of PAT's. Kenny Cook and Denny Cook scored the Eagle TD's, with the latter's coming on a 70-yard pass play.

Auburn built up a 20-13 half-time lead and scored 12 more points in the third period. The loss was Columbia City's fifth in seven starts, and evened their NEIC slate at 2-2.

Non-NEIC Games

Angola won its first game of the season after five losses and a tie, by downing Howe Military school by a 29-13 score.

Dewey Powers scored on a 47-yard pass play, booted three extra points, and tackled a Howe player in the end zone for a safety, in leading the Hornet win. Carl Ransberg threw the TD pass to Powers, and also connected on a 22-yard scoring pass to Meredith.

Dave Steward scored four times and paced Garrett's Railroaders to a 39-0 romp over Hicksville. Steward scored on runs of 4 and 21 yards, returned a punt 60 yards to paydirt, and went 79 yards with the second-half kickoff for another score. The victory was the fifth in seven tries for Garrett.

Elmhurst Surprises

In the big surprise, Elmhurst, after three losses and a tie in its past four outings, defeated Fort Wayne South Side, 19-12, to record the school's first Fort Wayne City Series victory since entering the competition in 1961.

Ted Barker got two of the Trojan TD's, on runs of three and seven yards, while Jerry Anglin scored the other on a four-yard pass from Jackson. The Trojans evened their record at 3-3-1 for the year.

Woodlan Blanks Berne By 6-0 Score Friday

The Warriors of Woodlan rang up their fourth victory of the season Friday night against a tie and a loss, recording a 6-0 victory over Berne's Bears.

The game's lone touchdown came with 9:27 to play when quarterback Don Baker threw a 42-yard scoring pass to Halfback Keith Gerbers. The Warriors intercepted two Berne passes and recovered one fumble, while the Bears grabbed four Woodlan fumbles.

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