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BEARCATS ON THE LOOSE—Muncie's Jack Quisenberry is shown above driving Tech's Charles Caplener [48] out of bounds in the first quarter of the Tech-Muncie Central contest at Tech yesterday afternoon. Ready to go in for the kill are two other Bearcats, Don Winkle, Muncie left end, and an unidentified Central defender. Muncie Central won, 20 to 6.

Tech Tattered, Torn By 3 Straight Losses

Downed by Muncie Central, 20-6, Big Green Wave Is Just a Ripple

By JIMMY ANGELOPOLOUS

Some day Tech's defeat-groggy, once-potent football team will have loose its losing doldrums and get off the floor to do some ailing of its own.

The Capital City's one-time football Goliath has been relegated to the role of just another David trying to slug it out with the big boys. You'll have to thumb back to where the pages are torn and tattered to find a Tech football team whose early-season record of three straight losses is similarly tattered around the edges.

Yet Tech is 20-6-1 now to an mediocre Muncie Central team at Tech yesterday somewhat belies Tech's efforts. Although outscored, 8 to 14 in first downs, the Greenclad managed to outlast the Bearcats, 181 yards to 73, but twice failed in the inches within the shadows of the goal posts.

On one occasion Tech drove to Central's 14-yard line in the second period where two aerials failed. Again in the fourth Tech's grid machine sputtered and stalled on the six after having driven 66 yards in nine plays—a score earlier in the period.

Tech Begins Moving

Moreover, the Eastsiders began moving in the second half with the hard-driving Allen Meyer, a reserve back, showing he might be the climax runner Tech's looking for. He returned 40 yards and three times narrowly missed clearing the last offensive barrier to pay dirt.

Basil Zilson, a welterweight half, and fullback Robert Faccione, another welter, punched through the Muncie line in sieve-like fashion to provide more scoring sparks but Tech couldn't light the big fire things began to brighten or the Green.

The Bearcats scored their first triumph of the year after a tie, 41-to-6 loss to Reitz of Evansville, and a 12-to-7 loss to Ft. Wayne Central, first loss at home for the Bearcats since 1942.

Late in the first, Muncie began driving 74 yards for a TD, made Leonard Edwards on a left end sweep from the 10 on the play of the second quarter. But Kenneth Dels' kick was wide.

Meyerrose Gets 25 More

Then Meyerrose returned the subsequent kickoff 40 yards to the Muncie 40 and picked up another 25 yards before Tech altered on Central's 14.

In the third, Muncie drove 52 yards to score with Ike Campbell's take-hitting 14 yards to make 12 to 0 before Delk booted his first one. An intercepted pass by Bob Boxell on Tech's 47ouched off the second Central ovalward march in the period. A delayed kick by Homer Bradburn preceded Bradburn's center smash from the five. Delk converted.

Meyerrose, Zilson and Faccione abored on Tech's touchdown drive and Martin Walker plunged from the three. But Gene Turnipseed's attempted conversion was blocked by Delk. Then Tech's 57-yard goal kick didn't pan out on the Muncie six.

Tech missed four of five passes and Muncie hit one for three. Score by quarters:

Tech 0 0 6 0—6

Muncie 0 0 14 0—20

Manual Stings Howe

Manual's in-and-out Redskins temporarily snuffed Howe's city title ambitions by stinging the Hornets, 14 to 7, at the latter's field yesterday.

Ray Price, Manual right half, went inside left end for 20 yards to score for the Redskins in the second period and Andy Anderson booted the first of two conversions. In the third period, Harry Landers and David Coppage teamed on the Redskins' second touchdown drive capped by Landers' seven-yard plunge before Anderson split the uprights.

Late in the fourth, Howe continued threatening after Leo Aerni scored around right end from the 13 and Robert Bohm booted the conversion. The Hornets marched from the Manual 40 to the Reds' 11, but Manual held.

Manual made 212 yards off 11 first downs and Howe tallied 142 off eight. Score by quarters:

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Rookie Called To Stop Cleveland

Detroit's Kretlow Can Foil Bid for Pennant

'Little World Series' Begins Today With Bosox Yanks Clutching for Last Straw

By CARL EUNQUIST, United Press Sports Writer
CLEVELAND, Oct. 2.—An unproven rookie who failed miserably in two previous major league chances today tried to halt the faltering, but desperately determined Cleveland Indian pennant drive.

It was only three weeks ago that pitcher Lou Kretlow was called up to Detroit from the Williamsport, Pa., Eastern League farm, but today he was a man of destiny—Cleveland's destiny.

Beaten by the Tigers, 5 to 3, yesterday, the Indians needed a victory today to clinch at least a tie for the pennant, and a win both today and tomorrow to cop the pennant outright without risking a tie with New York or Boston.

Hutchinson III

With that tense situation, young Kretlow took to the mound for Detroit against fast-balling Gene Bearden at Cleveland seeking to make good under withering fire. Veteran clutch hurler Fred Hutchinson, who beat the Indians only last week, originally was scheduled to pitch this vital game for Detroit, but he came down with influenza and a 101-degree temperature last night. So Kretlow, who was sent back down to the minors in two earlier tries at the big time, was thrown into the lion's den.

But victory for him would not be without precedent. In 1940 Detroit needed one victory to clinch the championship, and a rookie named Floyd Giebel straight from the bushes beat Cleveland, 2-0. Unhappily, however, he never won another major

game.

While Cleveland fought for the lead a game ahead of the field with two to go, the Yanks opened their series against the Red Sox at Boston with both teams clutching for that last-straw, a mathematical chance to stay in the race should Cleveland drop the next two to Detroit.

Yanks on Spot

This truly was a "Little World Series" all its own, with lefty Tommy Byrne scheduled to pitch against Boston's Jack Kramer. Byrne has won eight and lost four this season including one win over Boston while Kramers has won 17 and lost five, including three wins over the Yanks.

The Yanks had one heavy aviator hanging over their heads—they've never won two in a row at Boston this season. Too, Boston has won 12 and lost eight in games with the New Yorkers.

But the Sox and the Yanks actually had to worry as much about Cleveland's performance against Detroit as they did their own games.

Bearden went into the game today with a record of 18 won and seven lost. Three of his wins were over Detroit, the only times he faced the Tigers this season.

It is far from conceivable, however, that Cleveland might drop the next two contests; Lou Boudreau's team has lost three in a row five times this year.

Lemon Weeps

Young Bob Lemon, a 20-game winner this season, was the boy who went down to defeat on the motor for Cleveland yesterday, and he cried in the dressing room after it was over. That's understandable, for it was a heart breaker.

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Score by quarters:

South Bend 6 19 13 6 6—44

Washington 0 7 0 7—14

Washington Crushed

A seven-touchdown, 49-12, game proved too much for Washington's Continentals as South Bend, 44 to 14, at South Bend last night.

The defeat was marred by injuries to two Washington players, Frank Fleser and Ed O'Riley, both of whom suffered severe leg injuries late in the game. O'Riley was carried off the field in a stretcher.

Jim Hodson of Washington scored in the second period on a pass from Mike Purichia good for 11 yards and Purichia passed to O'Riley for the point after. In the fourth, Charles Cooper recovered a Central fumble on the Central 14 and Don Leppert dashed from the one-foot line. His pass to Dale Powell was good for the conversion.

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Blue Devils Get 13th

Shortridge gained its 13th victory in 14 games against Southport by rolling over the Cards, 28 to 7, at Roosevelt Stadium last night.

Fred Davis threw 20 yards to Bill Ralph for the Blue Devils' TD in the initial period and Davis passed to Bob Gilchrist for the point after.

Early in the second Davis hit Dick Fleck with a 30-yard aerial for the second Shortridge six-pointer before Davis passed to Ralph for the conversion. In the same period, Southport's Louis Schmalzfeldt intercepted a Central fumble on the Central 14 and Don Leppert dashed from the one-foot line. His pass to Dale Powell was good for the conversion.

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Southport 0 7 0 0—7

Ripple Trips Richmond

After scoring 13 points in the first quarter, Broad Ripple won on a 26-14 verdict over the host team, Richmond, Friday night.

Don Klinger, Rocket fullback, started the attack with a 92-yard touchdown run on the second play of the game and tallied another in the second quarter on a 67-yard double reverse. A 10-yard aerial from Bob Stephens to Bob Shelly and a 65-yard jaunt by the latter accounted for Ripple's TD in the third quarter.

The host team's two tallies were on passes, one covering 34 yards in the second period and the other for 30 in the final quarter.

Score by periods:

Broad Ripple 13 7 6 0—26

Richmond 0 6 0 8—14

Spartans Lose 4th

Sacred Heart lost its fourth straight grid contest to Westfield, 6 to 2, Friday night at the latter's field.

D. Godby tallied for Westfield in the second quarter and was responsible for Sacred Heart's two points in the final period on a safety. Score by periods:

Sacred Heart 0 0 0 2—2

Westfield 0 6 0 0—6

Pike Nips Ben Davis

Pike Township's footballers erased a 1-point deficit with a touchdown in the last quarter to beat Davis, 13-7, Friday.

Pike took the lead in the second period on a tally by Fullback Tempkin. Ben Davis came back in the third quarter to pass Pike on a score by Bolander followed by his conversion.

Pike's right half, Conarroo, pulled the game out of the fire in the last period with a touchdown jaunt and Tempkin converted.

Allen Weckers for the second score in the second frame, King plunging over, then Harold Kunkel powered for 25 and paid dirt before Danny Siler threw 30 yards to Donald Bradon for Lawrence's first tally.

Score by quarters:

Decatur 7 13 7 7—34

Lawr. Central 0 6 0 12—18

Decatur Wins First

Decatur Central broke into the winning column for the first time by shellacking Plainfield, 32 to 7, at Plainfield last night.

Decatur's Ulysses Rice scored from the two in the first period when Jack Plummer passed to him on a 10-yard TD from Harold Butrum converted.

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Hornets Set Back, 26-10

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