

Bill Wilson's Jets Headed for Outstanding Campaign

9/11/54

By News Staff Writer

CARLETON — Football fans in the northeast corner of Monroe County are all excited about the coming grid campaign for Airport Community High School.

Talk of an "unbeaten season" is heard from optimistic supporters, but even the pessimistic boosters will grant that another 1940, 1945 or 1951 is very possible.

All the enthusiasm has a very sound basis in fact — facts that currently are on paper but could be translated into action if Coach

Bill Wilson's Jets are as good as he thinks they are.

"For the first time in my coaching career, I feel I can turn the boys loose in a game and sit back with confidence in their performance," the former Michigan Normal lineman said.

He has good reason to feel that way. His first string line averages 193 pounds to the man and he has six backs who can run the 100-yard dash under 11 seconds. Even more amazing is the fact that only three squad members are seniors.

Hardest workers on the practice field are Co-Captains Jim Whiteside and Jerry Spalding. Whiteside, one of the few juniors ever to head an area team, has grown to 6-1 and 180 pounds. He has a fine pair of hands and should do his share of pass-snaring.

Spalding, 190-pound six-footer, holds down the other flank after being transferred from fullback.

Tackles are 210-pound Bob Reed and 240-pound Norman Allen. Reed, who stands 6-3, has been the best lineman in practice, while

Allen, a brother to 6-6 Bob Allen of last year's club, is the strongest man of the squad. However, both are being pushed by Ken Pflser, a transfer from Huron Township. Small by comparison are guards John Jobe, 170, and Clyde Ploeger, 180, with center Earl Wiseman standing 6-2 and hitting 180. He was an end last year.

Ron Anson, one of the track team's top sprinters, has learned to change directions and pace until he is Coach Wilson's best ball-carrier to date. Clarence Frankhouse, another speedster,

has been switched from quarterback to fullback and has taken the change in stride.

Others among the 13 returning lettermen are Ron Hatcher, junior end; Roy Poore, junior end; Charles Lambrix, junior guard, and Chuck Ramsey, sophomore halfback.

Despite the size of the veteran forward wall (five boys over six foot), the heaviest man on the squad is a former reserve player. Mark Allen, brother of Norm and Bob, stands an even six foot and ups the scales at 205. "He may

be my middle guard on defense," Coach Wilson said.

Others up from the reserves, only six of them juniors, are Ed Anglum, Owen Blackmore, Ron Bretner, George Chopson, Jim Connelly, Raymond Doede, Max Hammer, Roger Hoog, Ron Kellman, Lloyd Lambrix, George Mell, Doug Ramsey and George Tilley.

Bretner is in line for the No. 1 quarterback job, while Tilley is one of the boys who can travel.

The speedster list also includes Chuck Ramsey and a pair of

freshmen, Theodore Price and Larry Belanger. Price is a 6-3, 175-pound fullback with Belanger playing the halfback position.

Other promising newcomers include Larry Addison, a transfer from Belleville, and Stanley Rogers, 6-2, 180-pound sophomore.

David Shipman, sophomore quarterback, and Pat Miles, sophomore fullback, round out the newcomer list. Both started with the reserves last year but were injured in mid-season.

Coach Wilson said all 34 boys working with the varsity were

those invited to early practices and only senior letterman Robert Hollister has not reported. A call for reserve performers will be issued later.

The Jets will be competing in the Southeastern Michigan League for the first time after five seasons of independent play. They were the last of nine area schools to play without league affiliation.

Coach Wilson has had only one losing season at Airport, that coming in 1949. His club posted a 5-2-1 mark last season.

Airport Community 9/14/54

Coach: William Wilson
Co-Captains: James Whiteside, Jerry Spalding

- Sept. 17—Saline, 8 p. m.
 - Sept. 24—at Grosse Ile, 8 p. m.
 - Oct. 1—at Bedford Rural*, 8 p. m.
 - Oct. 8—Monroe Cath. Cen., 8 p. m.
 - Oct. 15—Hillsdale*, 8 p. m.
 - Oct. 22—at Tecumseh*, 8 p. m.
 - Oct. 29—at Ida Rural, 8 p. m.
 - Nov. 5—at Manchester, 8 p. m.
- *Southeastern Michigan Conference

Prep Grid Year Opens 9/16/54

Non-League Tilts Provide Previews

The thud of cleated foot against inflated rubber and of plastic helmet against fiber shoulder pads will resound across area high school fields Friday night as the hopes and aspirations of hundreds of school boy athletes and dozens of adult coaches swing in the balance. By mid-November, when all the results are in, championships will have been decided in a half dozen leagues and literally thousands of spectators will have been thrilled by the gridiron exploits of their favorites.

The Monroe-Adrian tilt, 49th in the long series and traditionally the season's finale for both elevens, gets the opening game spot for the first time and it brings together two new coaches, Cleo Winchell of the Trojans and Roger Chlaverl of the Maples. Both teams have changed their systems of offense, Monroe from the T to the single wing and Adrian from the split T to the straight T. Coach Winchell has 20 returning letter winners out of 32 receiving awards for play on last year's Border Cities co-championships. Coach Chlaverl, making his first start as head coach and who served 4 years at Homer before coming to Monroe as an assistant to Coach Schlosser a year ago, has 12 returning lettermen from a squad which posted a 1-7 season record. The Trojans shellacked Adrian, 42-0, last year. The game, at The Island, is scheduled for an 8 p.m. kickoff.

Catholic Central's Falcons, beginning their second season, under Coach Jack Castagnaola with 14 returning lettermen, wait until Sunday for their opener and then travel to Jackson for an encounter with St. Marys. The Celts, undefeated in 1953, took the Falcons into camp by a 20-6 score. The Jackson eleven lost much of its strength through graduation, however, and is not rated as tough this year.

The area's only other new coach, Edward Knecht at Dundee, has a home opener Friday night against Blissfield's Sugar Boys who are smarting from an unexpected 18-0 setback a year ago. The Vikings went through the season unbeaten and copped the Huron League championship while Blissfield finished third in the Lenawee County League. Blissfield has 18 re-

turning lettermen while Coach Knecht, who replaces Chuck Lane, has but 13. Dundee's principal problem is lack of depth. Coach Knecht believes his starting eleven will be fully capable of championship play but fears the loss of any key player through injury.

Coach Marvin Mittelstat, with the smallest group of returning lettermen in the area, sends his Flat Rock Rams against Grosse Ile on the Flat Rock field. The Rams lost to Grosse Ile, 20-14, a year ago but finished with a 5-3 season and tied Ypsilanti Lincoln for second place in the Huron race. The passing of Don Mathews, senior quarterback, makes the Rams dangerous. Coach Howard Herman, continuing to rebuild at Milan, has a squad which can cut quite a swath in the Huron League. The Big Reds have a trio of big backs in Dave DuCharme, Dan Strabie and Leonard Love. They open at Belleville Friday night.

Bedford Rural Ag, defending champion in the Southeastern Michigan Conference and expected to battle it out for the 1954 title with Airport Community, plays the first of five Ohio opponents at Sylvania Friday night. Airport, making its debut in the SMC this year, entertains Saline of the Huron League on the Carleton field. Coach Arthur Maschke and Coach William Wilson look forward to good seasons with both Bedford and Airport blessed with plenty of grid talent. The clash of the two Oct. 1 should be one of the area's grid classics.

The remaining area teams, Summerfield Township and Ida Rural Ag, meet in their openers on the Ida field. Coach Eldon Rouse has 40 candidates, the largest number in years, reporting at Summerfield while Coach Jack Reisser has a veteran team of 16 returning lettermen at Ida. Summerfield is on the upbeat in the Lenawee County league while Ida is the defending champion in the Little Six circuit.

Hornets Outfly Jets, 13-12

(Special to The Evening News)

CARLETON — Airport Community Coach Bill Wilson today is hoping that Saline's Hornets stung some life into his Jets with their 13-12 victory over the locals here Friday night.

The Newport-Carleton-South Rockwood consolidated school blew a 12-0 lead to the visitors and blew all chances for the first unbeaten season in the school's history. Saline's triumph must be rated as an upset, although Coach Wilson has feared the Hornets all through pre-season.

Airport's big line and speedy backfield functioned well enough but both were hampered by fumbles. All four touchdowns were set up by bobbles, but the Jets gave Saline their big opportunity on the 20-yard line with five minutes to play in the fourth quarter.

Co-Captain Jim Whiteside re-

covered a Hornet fumble on the visitor's 38-yard-line to launch a scoring drive that sent Chuck Ramsey over for the two a few plays later. Anson's run for the extra point was stopped.

The Jets threatened to make it a rout early in the second period as Clyde Ploeger recovered a bobble on Saline's 37 and Frankhouse finally slammed into pay dirt from the six. Anson again was thwarted.

Coach Jack Hayes' visitors woke up in a hurry and used the fine running of Chuck Steiner and Si Woods to spoil the opener of what Jet fans think will be a big year.

A fumble by Frankhouse precipitated a 41-yard scoring surge with Steiner going five yards to register. The conversion was no good.

Airport held its small advantage until the fourth stanza when the

Jets handed the ball to Saline on a 20-yard-line bobble. Steiner wasted no time in blasting seven yards for the tying points and the same back converted for victory.

The Jets fumbled four times in the last five minutes, the last bobble coming with a minute to play and Airport on Saline's three-yard-line.

SALINE 13

Ends—Rhoades, Simpson
Tackles—Conser, Anderson, Reed, Culliton, Finch, Roehm
Guards—Young, Desbrough, R. Gross
Centers—Miller
Backs—Steiner, A. Gross, Woods, Hoeff

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Ends—Spalding, Whiteside, Hatcher
Tackles—Reed, Allen, Hollister
Guards—Ploeger, Jobe
Centers—Wiseman
Backs—Ramsey, Anson, Frankhouse, Brellner, Price, Belanger

Score by Periods:

SALINE	0	6	0	7	13
AIRPORT	6	6	0	0	12

Touchdowns—Steiner, 2, Ramsey, Frankhouse
Points After Touchdowns—Steiner (run)

Big Fourth Quarter Gives Jets 1st Win

(Special to The Evening News)

GROSSE ILE — Airport's slumbering giants woke up in the fourth quarter here Friday night, overcame a one-point deficit and proceeded to give a veteran Grosse Ile aggregation a sound spanking. The final score was 22-7 with all but six of the Jet points coming in the final period.

The Red Devils recovered a Ron Anson fumble in the opening stanza and a play later Paul Babas hit Jackson for the touchdown. Pat Raum ran the conversion.

A fumbled pass from center set the stage for the initial Airport tally with Freshman Larry Belanger running 18 and 28 yards in succession to chalk up his first varsity TD. The try for point failed.

A scoreless third period made the Jets wonder if they were in for their second straight one-point setback. But Grosse Ile wore out in the last 12 minutes and the visitors poured home two touchdowns, as many conversions and a safety.

A 42-yard drive produced what proved to be the winning tally, Clarence Frankhouse scoring from five yards out after contributing a 16-yard scamper during the march. He also hit for the extra point.

A Heneman got into the act after penalties had driven the home team back to the five-yard stripe.

Bob Hollister broke through and nailed Phil Mousseau in the end zone for a safety.

Coach Bill Wilson's promising charges rolled 58 yards in a penalty-interrupted march for their third six-pointer. Another frosh, big Ted Price, bore the brunt of the attack with runs of 17, 11 and 21 yards but a pass from Ron Breitner to *Ron Hatcher registered the TD. Chuck Ramsey ran for conversion.

The victory was Coach Wilson's first at Grosse Ile in four attempts. He credited Bob Reed, Co-Captain Jim Whiteside and Earl Wiseman on defense and Belanger, Price and Frankhouse on offense. *Hatcher played a steady game both ways.

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Ends—Spaulding, Whiteside, *Hatcher, Hoog

Tackles—Reed, Allen, Hollister

Guards—Ploeger, Jobe, D. Ramsey

Centers—Wiseman, Molt

Backs—Breitner, Frankhouse, C. Ramsey, Anson, Belanger, Price, Lambrix, Tilley

GROSSE ILE 7

Ends—Jackson, Swader, Boschma, Norris, Peabody

Tackles—Donnan, Lowrie

Guards—Droege, W. Gronda, Wilson

Centers—Miller

Backs—Babas, Mousseau, Raum, Bennett

Score by Periods

Airport Com.	0	6	0	16	22
Grosse Ile	7	0	0	0	7
Touchdowns	— Belanger, Frankhouse, Hatcher				

Points After Touchdowns—Frankhouse, C. Ramsey, Raum (PAT)

Bedford Mules Face Strong Airport Foe

Undefeated teams in three of the five leagues in which area prep elevens hold membership will clash in Friday night's games with the local spotlight focussing in a fourth league, the Southeastern Michigan Conference, where the once-beaten defending champion is faced with the newest league member and the pre-season title favorite. Sharing the spotlight is the home opener of Monroe's Trojans against the River Rouge Panthers.

In a loss till Saturday, Catholic Central's Falcons meet East Detroit under the Navarre Field lights at 8 p.m. Both teams will

bring 1-1 records into the engagement.

Coach Cleo Winchell's Trojans (1-1) meet Coach Ed Futrell's Rouge eleven (2-0) in a non-league encounter at Navarre Field Friday night. After Friday's game, the Trojans meet Grosse Pointe, Royal Oak, Wyandotte and Highland Park of the Border Cities league in succession before closing the season at Trenton in another non-league game.

Bedford Rural Ag. (1-1), twice champion of the SMC circuit and unbeaten in league play until dumped by Hillsdale, 21-13, last Friday, battles Airport Community Jets (1-1) on lighted Parmelee Field at Lambertville. Airport joined the SMC March 16, 1953 but will be making its first league appearance Friday night.

The two schools were big rivals for years in the old RVAA as Lambertville and Carleton and they have continued, on a non-league basis, since the Lambertville-Temperance consolidation created Bedford in September, 1946 and Carleton, South Rockwood and Newport merged in June, 1948, to become Airport Community.

Added to the rivalry for Friday night is the fact that Coach Arthur Maschke of Bedford has never been on the losing side in eight games between the two schools. He was the Carleton coach in 1945, 1946 and 1947 when Carleton posted 7-6, 6-0 and 7-0 victories over the Lambertville-Bedford team. He joined Bedford's coaching staff in 1948 under William Early and succeeded as head coach in 1952. Coach Early's Bedford teams won 14-0 in 1948, 30-0 in 1949, 41-6 in 1950 and 12-0 in 1951. The schools did not meet in 1952 but Coach Maschke's crew won, 20-6, last year. Victim of the five losses in 6 years to Bedford is Airport's William Wilson whose teams have posted winning records at Airport in five of the last six years but have never beaten Bedford. The Jets may turn the trick this time.

Huron League

Coach Ed Knecht's Dundee Vikings (2-0), defending their Huron League title and a 10-game winning streak, travel to Saline (2-0) for the first of three successive road games. Saline thumped Milan, 33-7, last week and will give the Vikings plenty of trouble. Further handicapping Coach Knecht is the certainty that Dave Derrmannellian, leading lineman on both offense and defense, will be far under his usual efficiency because of injury. He may not be able to play at all. Several other Vikings are on the injury list.

Flat Rock's Rams (1-1) and Ypsilanti Roosevelt (1-0) tied with the Vikings and Saline for the Huron lead, play Ann Arbor UH (0-2) and Milan (0-2) respectively and will enter the games as favorites. Chelsea (1-1) is at Ypsilanti Lincoln (1-1) in the remaining league game.

Coach Eldon Rouse's Summerfield Bulldogs, (1-1) enjoying the rarified atmosphere of the Lenawee County lead, with Hudson (2-0) and Clinton (2-0) after upsetting Morenci (0-2) travels to Hudson for a showdown battle on the chances. Pittsford (0-2) plays at Clinton with Blissfield (0-2) at Addison (1-1) in other league games.

The Little Six lead will go to the winner of the Ida Rural-Onsted contest on the lighted Ida field. The Blue Streaks have a 2-0 record while Onsted, also with a pair of victories, has an uncrossed goal line. Adrian Catholic Central (0-2) is at Britton (1-0-1) in an afternoon game and Sand Creek (1-1) at Deerfield (1-0-1).

Bedford Crushes Airport, 40-0

By News Staff Writer

LAMBERTVILLE — It was a great victory for Bedford Rural Ag and a humiliating Southeastern Michigan Conference debut for Airport Community.

Coch Arthur Maschke's football-heavy Mules had only a one-point effort to show for their first two games but it was a razor-sharp, ground-eating machine that tore Coach Bill Wilson's proud Jets to shreds in a 40-0 lacing here Friday night. A huge crowd of partisan supporters were stunned by the might of the grid machine that still is Bedford.

Coch Wilson had made no secret of the fact that he was priming his charges for the Mules and it now is apparent that Coch Maschke was anticipating the Airport invasion to as great a degree.

The issue was settled by the churning legs of Kent Kubitz, the clever hands of John Rollman and the strong shoulders of a hole-opening offensive line. The Jets simply were played off their feet by a

better-spirited and more-experienced although smaller opponent.

Ejection of at least four players from the game showed the ferocity of the struggle, while hard tackles and blocks made it evident that the two schools are becoming annual rivals.

The complete destruction of what was a "dream team" on paper is no better explained than in the statistics. The Mules made 18 first downs to three for the visitors and Airport failed to gain the necessary 10 yards throughout the first half.

Coch Maschke's juggernaut rolled to 225 yards rushing and 105 passing for a 330-yard total offense figure. Ron Boehme completed six passes, four of them to J. Rollman.

Too much cannot be said for the offensive line which sprung capable backs into the open with monotonous regularity. The defense scarcely was tested as the Jet maneuvers seemed to lack the crispness and precision of the past.

Redford marched 63 yards in nine plays for their opening tally, Boehme throwing 31 yards to J. Rollman for the six points. The basketball star, who grabbed four heaves for 23 yards and intercepted a pair of Jet losses for good measure, slipped behind Airport's defense and took the ball with comparative ease.

George Rollman's 22-yard punt return on which he nearly went all the way cleared the path for Kubitz' 15-yard pay dirt scamper. The blond fullback, only a junior, came into his own as another of Bedford's long line of leather-liners by displaying a driving, twisting style which reeled off 80 yards in 15 carries.

He got his second touchdown of the night in the same period. The seven-yard plunge followed Airport's 10-yard quick kick and a 30-yard Boehme-J. Rollman aerial.

A pair of Jet mistakes were rammed all the way down their throats in the third period as Airport was forced to gamble. Co-

Captain George Rollman picked off a Ron Breitner pass in the flat and raced 58 yards without a hand laid on him.

Shortly after a snap from center went over Breitner's head on fourth down and nine plays later little Paul McDeavitt was wiggling over from the two-yard-line. By this time, the game that had brought fans from all over the Bedford area and busloads of Airport youngsters had become a 33-0 rout.

The last Mule score was posted after Coch Maschke had reached into his well-stocked bag of backfield men and pulled out Bob Lett and Ed Zak to mention two of them. A one-handed John Rollman pass interception and a roughing penalty set the stage for Zak's one-yard TD drive.

All of the conversions went to Tom Monroe, rugged defensive end. Departing from Bedford's usual conversion runs, he placekicked four through the crossbars.

Some of the Mule stars already have been mentioned. McDeavitt, who raced 38 yards in nine carries, and 240-pound Larry Smith, a brick wall on the left side, were others. But each boy wearing the Red and Gray played as if it were a life contest.

BEDFORD RURAL 40

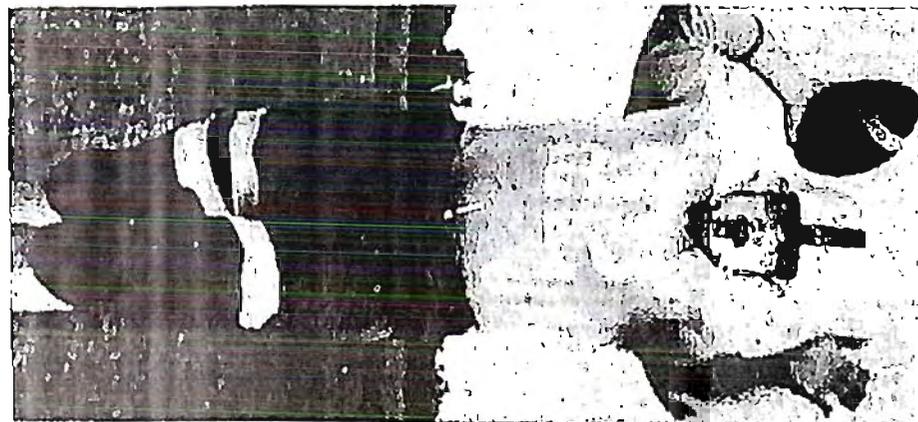
Ends—J. Rollman, Brandsberry, Markos, Monroe, Whalay, Wirwahn
Tackles—Hofbauer, Mulchaff, Miller, Smith
Guards—Moon, Morris, Szymanski, Winkale, Yeager
Centers—Hanson, Snyder
Backs—Boehme, O. Rollman, Kubitz, McDeavitt, Holley, Knapp, Lett, Whitthead, Zak

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Ends—Whithead, Hatcher, Angullin, Hoop, Poore
Tackles—Spalding, Reed, Allen, Hollister, Rogers
Guards—Jaba, Ploeger, C. Lambrix, O. Ramsey
Centers—Wilsman, Mell, Chopton
Backs—Breitner, Frankhouse, Price, Blander, Anton, L. Lambrix, Miller, C. Ramsey, Tilley

Score by Periods

Bedford Rural 4 13 14 7—40
Touchdowns—Kubitz 2, J. Rollman, O. Rollman, McDeavitt, Zak.
Points After Touchdowns—Monroe 4 (Placekicks).
Officials—Darl Mallory, Leo Perelman



RON BOEHME
... Directs Mule Attack

Falcons Sharpen Passes

10/6/54

Central Prepares Improved Offense

Catholic Central Coach Jack Castignola threw the chance of injuries to the winds Monday and Tuesday and sent his Falcon gridgers through a pair of rugged scrimmages on the muddy practice field at the side of the school.

Big objective of the increased effort is to put punch in the thus far inept Central attack. Coach Castignola added a variety of plays to his offense and worked on sharpening the blocking.

Target of the effort is an Airport Community squad which absorbed a 40-0 lacing from Bedford Rural Ag Friday night but has the material to make somebody pay.

The Falcon attack has netted only 423 yards, both running and passing, against Jackson St. Mary's Tecumseh and East Detroit. Central has scored just 23 points, and safeties have accounted for four of them.

With Joe LaHood and Frank Castellese leading the way, the ground game has produced 390 net yards but the biggest concern of the coaching staff is in the air. The Falcons have been unable to show an aerial attack that could "keep opponents honest."

Four Central passers have tossed the ball 23 times and completed

eight of them — four to Falcon ends and four to enemy defenders. Bob Farmer has caught three of the pitches and Dick Viglotti's heave to Larry Nudenu went for six points in the East Detroit encounter.

Hard work on pass patterns and protection for the passer occupied the squad Tuesday along with new plays and concentration on down-field blocking.

The old axiom that a team with a good passing attack often is good against passes and vice versa seems true for the Catholics. Opposing sharpshooters have totaled 184 yards on 11 of 23 completed passes.

The team has no injuries from Saturday's game, although Co-Captain Dick Batent and Jim Falk still are limping. Sophomore guard Dwight Durocher was hurt in Monday's workout.

Half-Way Point

10-7-54

Aroused Airport Community II Hosts Hungry Falcons Friday

A "fighting mad" *Airport Community football team will play host to Catholic Central's victory-hungry Falcons Friday night at Carleton with both clubs needing a triumph to preserve serious hopes for a winning campaign.

The once highly-touted Jets had their gleam tarnished in a one-point loss to Saline in the opener and Bedford Rural Ag wiped the glitter off completely in a 40-0 pasting last week.

But Coach Bill Wilson still thinks "the boys will prove to me that they can play football."

He has subjected the squad to hours of vicious blocking and tackling drills all week in an effort to separate "the men from the boys."

"Our practices have been rough," Coach Wilson said, "but I think they'll be ready to play football Friday night. One thing I do know — the game will be pleasure compared to these workouts."

In an effort to get his potentially-strong Jets on the right track, the Airport pilot has made wholesale lineup changes. Co-Captain Jerry Spalding has been moved to fullback and is using his 190 pounds to advantage. Clarence Frankhouse is back at quarterback where Coach Wilson intends to exploit his passing ability.

Other shifts see Earl Wiseman, formerly a center, at tackle and Doug Ramsey earning a starting guard position. Chuck Ramsey, Doug's brother, and Ron Anson round out the first backfield.

It's been no picnic for Coach Jack Castignola's Falcons either. Hard scrimmages Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday have improved Central's blocking and sharpened the offense. "I'm through trying to bring the boys along slowly — it's either produce or I'll get somebody else in," the Catholic mentor said.

Falcons Finish Airport

Vigliotti, LaHood Spark League Win

By News Staff Writer

CARLETON — Monroe Catholic Central and Bedford Rural Agricultural, arch-rivals for the last three years, finally cooperated on something. They threw a one-two punch that blasted Airport Community with the worst possible initiation into the Southeastern Michigan Conference.

The Mules of Coach Art Maschke started the job with a 40-0 lacing last week and the Falcons of Coach Jack Castiglola completed the dissection of Airport into little pieces with a 19-0 pasting here Friday night. In all, the Jets have been rocked with 59 points in the two games and have been held scoreless.

Airport, a team that was ball-hooped more than any in the area is in the depths of despair today, while Central may have found themselves in the clear-cut victory. Blocking was sharp, tackling hard and ball-carrying the best in two years.

For Coach Wilson, who has not had a losing season in five campaigns, it climaxed the biggest kind of a disappointment—failure of a team that he thought had a good chance of going undefeated.

For Coach Castiglola, who has beaten only Tecumseh twice in 11 grid battles at Central, it marked justification of his methods and restoration of his confidence in the system he has built and is building at the parochial school.

Airport had most of the speed and all of the size on the field Friday night but both meant little against a determined crew of symmetrical blockers and tacklers. The Falcons had trouble denting the Jet forward wall but on end sweeps Airport defenders were cut down like wheat before a combine.

The downfield blocking amazed perennial followers of the sometimes in—mostly out Central fortunes and gave scouts from future

Although the offense must in the final analysis win every game since the defense can gain only a scoreless tie by itself, Coach Castiglola's "little dynamos" in the forward wall gave their coach his first shutout since he took over the reins some 13 months ago.

Frank DiSabatolo, Joe Marchese, Jim Cousins and Sam Solomco are four of the five men on a 3-3-1 setup. None weigh 150 pounds dripping wet but they stopped the body blows of backs like 150-pound Jerry Spalding when it rained.

One example of the brick wall job done by the often warring defenders and then back to the scoring. The Falcons held a 13-0 lead in the third quarter before the Jets reconcentrated their last gasp into a 73-yard march.

Through the help of two penalties the drive reached the one-yard stripe but a submarining guard and a driving linebacker stopped Spalding standing up on a fourth down situation.

Easily the outstanding Catholic runner was Junior Vigliotti. The former Hall of the Divine Child star used his deceptive speed and cut at the right time to rack up 116 yards in eight carries for an average of more than 14 yards a try.

LaHood continued to show improvement and was the only back able to gain through the line. He netted 51 yards on 10 carries, running with power and determination.

It must be added that Vigliotti made his gains despite a bruising open field battle he waged against fullback Spalding. At least four times Spalding broke into the open with only Vigliotti between him and six points.

But the defensive halfback and the big fullback met head on in jarring collisions. Both were none the better for their meeting but both played outstanding games.

The Falcon attack — a ground-eating machine that munched off a net 240 yards on the ground and 23 more in the air — wasted no time in posting a touchdown. Jim LaBeau recovered Chuck Ramsey's fumble (The Jets lost the ball three times on bobbles and twice on pass interceptions.) on the Airport 41 to start the drive.



DICK VIGLIOTTI
... Gains 116 Yards

Vigliotti quickly ripped off 27 yards before LaBeau was stopped first on a run, then on a pass. Finally, on a pretty piece of ball-handling that fooled many spectators, this writer and most of the Airport team, Aniel DiFiore circled his right end for 18 yards. His conversion attempt was short.

The parochials made way for Gov. C. Mennen Williams and the beauty halftime show with a slim six-point lead but Coach Castiglola was saved at least one more gray hair early in the third period when Rudy Komarek recovered another Ramsey fumble and four plays later LaHood got into the open, ran over two defenders and rapped 35 yards into pay dirt.

The last ditch Jet drive that stalled a yard short of its goal followed and Central took advantage of the discernable letdown to push over a "frosting" six-pointer in the final quarter.

A fourth down pass which fell incomplete set up the 77-yard drive with halfback Larry Nadeau diving over from the two-yard stripe to complete the scoring. Co-Captain John Kehres tried a dropkick that went wide.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 11

Ends—Henry, Brian, Parker, Solomon
Tackles—M. Curdino, Maurice
Guards—Kerwin, Paul, Marvyn
Dibs—John, J. Cousins
Center—Dimitris, Konink
Backs—Labeau, Nadeau, DiFiore, Falk, Vigliotti, Brian, Murrel, LaHood

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Ends—Whitfield, Mitchell, Amulian
Halfbacks—Bead, Wiseman, Raven, Nal
Guards—John, D. Ramsey, Florent, C. Lemarie
Center—Hall
Backs—Frankowski, Spalding, Aniel, C. Ramsey, Billinger, Belmont, Piles, L. Lambert, Tilly

Scores by Period:
Cath. Central 14 7 7 19
Touchdowns — DiFiore, LaHood, Nadeau
Points After Touchdowns — Vigliotti, Spalding

opponents—Romulus and Hillsdale—something to think about. It resulted in Aniel DiFiore's 18-yard touchdown scamper in the first period and Joltin' Joe LaHood's 35-yard scoring blast in the third quarter. It also accounted for less meaningful but satisfying runs of 42, 29 and 23 yards by Dick Vigliotti.

In addition Falcon backs had gains of nearly 100 yards—one a 40-yard run by Jim Falk—called back by penalties.

Airport Comeback Narrowly Misses

10-16-54

Hornets Sneak Past Jets

By News Staff Writer

CARLETON — They didn't quite make it.

The Airport Community Jets, a real rugged ball club, held the highly touted Hillsdale Hornets at bay in a driving rain here Friday night for three quarters only to be beaten 7-0, in the fourth quarter on a watersoaked pass. Coach Vern Norris' Hornets who may have been overlooking the Jets for the game with Monroe Catholic Central next week, encountered a stone wall of inspired Wilsonmen, who made them fight for every foot of the soggy turf.

For the Airporters it was the punting of Ronnie Breilner and the great defensive play of Bob Reed that really hurt the visitors. However the whole Jet squad showed a re-birth of spirit and will-to-win as was evidenced when Co-captain Jerry Spaulding was injured in the second quarter. Ted Price, who has played little this year, went in and did a magnificent job both on offense and defense.

The Hornets were stinging Clarence (Red) Frankhouse, the master-mind of the Jet attack, but bruised and battered he still was calm under fire and called plays superbly. For the Hornets Bill Moyer, stubby quarterback, directed his team with equal facility.

The game was largely a contest of short hard gains, bruising line play, hard tackling, and sustained marches.

The Jets dominated play in the first quarter but could not penetrate beyond their own 45-yd. line. It was largely a kicking duel between Airport's Breilner and Hillsdale's Tom Pashegaba. (Breilner averaged 35 yards per kick and Pashegaba averaged 34 yards). On the last play of the quarter the Hornets' Ron Coon broke into the Jets' secondary for the first time,



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BOB REED

... Pacos Jet Defense

leaving only halfback Chuck Ramsey in his path. Ramsey dropped him hard as the quarter ended.

The Jets used the defensive strength of such stalwarts as Reed, Ronnie Hatcher, and Larry Belanger to limit the Hornets to only 10 plays in the second quarter but it was in the second quarter that Hillsdale started their longest sustained march of the evening. The drive started on the Hornet 23-yd. line and terminated under the bruising tackles of big Reed at the Jet 22-yd. line. After a 30-yd. punt by the left-footed Breilner, Earl Duryea, twisting type fullback, fumbled and Price gobbled it up for the Jets, Frankhouse led the team to the visitors'

21-yd. line where a fourth down try was stopped by Gerry Worth.

The lone tally came mid-way in the fourth period. It was the first time this season that the Hornets have scored only once in a game. Before last night the lads of Coach Norris have rolled up 115 points in four games for an average of 28.8 points per game.

The Hornets, paced by the driving runs of David Murry, went from their own 21-yd. line to the Jets' 27-yd. line where southpaw Bill Moyer lofted a wobbly pass to end Bob White who had gotten behind defender Jim Whiteside. With a great spray of water and mud Pashegaba booted the extra point to make the score Hillsdale, 7 Airport, 0.

Even then the Jets would not stop. With Price doing the running and the forward wall blocking well, the soon-to-be-denied Jets rambled 40-yds. only to have the clock run out.

HILLSDALE 7

Ends—Hodgson, Boyse, Ausson, White, Rowe, Moore, Fauver, Barron
Tackles—Hamilton, Glows, Strom, Pashegaba, Cook
Guards—Monroe, Coldron, Worth, Jenkins, Hueston, Harrington, Kneen
Centers—Carlisle, Pichea
Backs—Coon, O'Meara, Ewles, McDrew, Duryea, Hueston, Foulke

AIRPORT 0

Ends—Whiteside, Hatcher, Angullin, Hoop
Tackles—Reed, Rogers
Guards—Hollister, Ramsey, Jaba
Centers—Wlaeman, Mell
Backs—Breilner, Frankhouse, Anson, Ramsey, Spaulding, Belanger, Price, Lambrix.

Score by Periods

Hillsdale	0	0	0	7-7
Airport	0	0	0	0-0

Touchdowns—White
Points After Touchdowns—Pashegaba (placekick)
Officials—Herb Nordquist, Clara Herbert, Jerry Burke.

Jets Break SMC Ice in Beating Tecumseh, 19-9

Frankhouse Passes To Ted Price Pace First League Win

(Special to The Evening News)

TECUMSEH — Airport Community's Jets, after going scoreless in their first three games in the Southeastern Michigan Conference, closed out their SMC schedule here Friday night with a convincing, 19-9, victory over Tecumseh's Indians. Coach William Wilson's club came through with an outstanding performance in snapping the drought of points in SMC play. The Jets had to come from behind to notch the victory, a fumble setting up an Indian touchdown in the first two minutes.

The passing of Clarence Frankhouse, who was threading a needle with his throws, and the pass catching of Ted Price, a freshman halfback, gave the Indians trouble all the way. Price snagged 7 of Frankhouse's passes and forced the Indians to put two and three defenders on him to permit other Jets to ramble. On defense for the Jets it was Robert Reed, senior tackle, Earl Wiseman and Ron Hatcher, junior ends. The Jet attack was smartly directed by Jim Whiteside.

Jerry Spalding, who turned in a good game, had the misfortune to fumble the opening kickoff with Tecumseh recovering on the Airport 25. Betzoldt and Marsh rushed the ball to the 8-yard line and then Davis scored on a sweep of the end and Marsh converted to give Tecumseh a 7-0 lead.

Airport got the ball on its own 40 and Frankhouse hit Price on passes for 4 successive completions in the drive which took the ball to the Tecumseh 15-yard line. Then Frankhouse switched targets. Using Price as a decoy he threw to Whiteside for the touchdown. Chuck Ramsey missed the conversion and the Jets still trailed, 7-6. The quarter ended that way.

Early in the second quarter Ramsey returned a Tecumseh punt from midfield to the Tecumseh 39. Larry Belanger, another freshman back, Price and Ramsey alternated in carries down to the 16-yard line.

Frankhouse's pass to Hatcher drew a 15-yard interference penalty to put the ball on the one-yard line and Frankhouse went over on a quarterback sneak. Belanger ran for the extra point.

The last Jet touchdown was set up by John Jabe, Airport guard, who recovered a Tecumseh fumble on the 31-yard line. Frankhouse passed to Price for 12 yards, Ron Anson circled the end for 4 and Price went to the 8-yard line. Frankhouse, on a bootleg, skirted right end for the touchdown.

AIRPORT 19

Ends—Whiteside, Hatcher, Hoag, Angullum
Tackles—Wiseman, Reed, Rogers, Mall
Guards—Hollister, D. Ramsey, Jabe
Centers—M. Allen
Backs—Frankhouse, Price, C. Ramsey, Belanger, Spalding, Anson, Breilner

TECUMSEH 9

Ends—Browne, Bowser
Tackles—Jackson, Scull
Guards—Daniels, Benham
Centers—Larned
Backs—Davis, Betzoldt, Marsh, Nellinger

Score by Periods:

Airport	4	7	0	6	19
Tecumseh	7	0	2	0	9

Touchdowns—Davis, Whiteside, Frankhouse 2
Points After Touchdowns—Marsh, Belanger
Safety—Tecumseh (Breilner tackled in end zone). 4

Streaks Break Carleton Area Monopoly With 25-0 Crusher

Records Fall in Ida

By News Staff Writer

IDA — If this ancient crossroads community were an incorporated village and if today were election day and if he were a politician, Football Coach Jack Reisser would be a landslide choice for any office he might seek. And furthermore, a pair of high school students, Fabian Geiger and Bob Delker, might be sentimental picks for the village council.

Such are the feelings of an enthusiastic group of partisan football fans who turned out on a bone-chilling night to watch Coach Reisser's Blue Streaks grind a defeated Airport Community squad into the slippery grass that covers Ida's field. The score reached 25-0.

Geiger and Delker were the individual stars, although a hard-charging line played magnificently against heavier opponents. It was Geiger's 95-yard kickoff return to start the game and 78-yard return of a pass interception with less than 30 seconds remaining in the first half that broke the contest wide open.

And it was Delker who held his rank as the highest-scoring back

in the area with two touchdowns in a second half that delighted the Streak-boosting cash customers.

There were many reasons for the glee but one of the biggest was the rarity with which Ida defeats Airport. Perennial fans knew that the Streaks have won very seldom in the series and a look at the record shows that an Ida aggregation had beaten an Airport or Carleton team only once in 17 years. That victory came in 1950 and was by a 20-7 count.

Another cause of the delight was the seeming under dog role Ida assumed as soon as the two teams took the field. On the basis of season records Ida was a solid seven-point favorite but one look at the heavy Jets convinced the faithful that the dopesters were wrong.

The record book also shows three all-time team marks set by the 1954 edition of the Streaks in Friday night's tussle.

It was their sixth victory of the campaign, one more than turned in by the 1950 and 1953 olavans. And the club has a

chance to make it seven against weak Britton next week.

Ida currently has a 6-1 record and is assured of bettering the earlier high percentage of .667 set in 1954 on four victories as against two setbacks.

The 25 points against Airport gave the Streak 145 markers for the year, one more than compiled by the 1950 aggregation in nine outings.

The satisfying shutout victory as its offense. The rocks were as its offense. They rocks were tested on several occasions through no fault of their own as two pass interceptions and a pair of short punts gave Airport the pigskin in Streak territory.

If Coach Reisser has any sad moments in contemplating the smashing victory it will be in regrets that Elmer Bowman and Richard Winkelman were not on hand against Grosse Ile last week to play the kind of defense they exhibited Friday. The 12-6 loss to the Red Devils looms as Ida's lone setback of the season and both



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SCORES TWICE — Bob Delker, Ida Rural Ag wingback, retained his lead in the area individual scoring race with two touchdowns against Airport Community Friday night. He tallied his ninth and 10th six-pointers on reverses of nine and five yards.

Win Over Airport

line stalwarts were among the missing.

Bowman, a 225-pound tackle, plugged up several key line plays and forced the Jets to run the ends or take to the air. He also recovered a fumble to set up the final tally.

The defense had to be good for the Streaks, strangely enough, were far from devastating on the attack. In the first half Ida scored twice yet could manage only two first downs and a net seven yards rushing.

It was different after intermission, the Streaks grinding out 120 yards on the ground for six first downs. Despite his two tackles, Delker was limited to 24 yards on 10 carries and regulars Geiger and Ron Janssen played little in the second half.

But Geiger, along with a defense that contained the Jets five times inside the 40-yard line, made the difference in a first 24 minutes that saw Airport run 29 plays to Ida's 13, yet fall two touchdowns behind.

He took Ted Price's long opening kickoff on the five-yard line,

ran straight up the middle, cut to the left and was home free from his own 35 on. A stunned Airport team managed to block Co-Captain Bernard Bauer's conversion attempt.

The so-near, so-far Airport efforts used up the rest of the first half with a play that started in a Jet pass suddenly ending in a Streak six-pointer.

Clarence Frankhouse failed to throw from the Ida 29. He was jarred by Lyle Angerer in turning the ball loose and it settled in line-backer Geiger's arms on the 22. He cut to his left, got a good block and ripped 78 yards into pay dirt. There were 15 seconds left when Bauer's boot again was blocked.

Coach Relsser's once-beaten charges came out in the second stanza to put together three first downs in their only genuine march, a 34-yard trek.

Bob Geyman's 34-yard pass to Norman Stone was the longest gain with Delker's wide reverse covering the last five yards. Bauer added the point on a fake kick. Co-Captain Jim Roman blocked

Ron Brettner's punt as the third period ended to set up the final drive. It was interrupted only briefly when the home team lost the ball on downs, but Bowman promptly flopped on Brettner's fumble to touch off a 16-yard scoring march. It was fourth and three when Delker used his favorite reverse to cut nine yards into the corner of the end zone.

IDA RURAL 28
Ends—Roman, N. Stone, Kreps, Duvall
Tackles—Bowman, Beaufall, Brown, Hoppert, Winkelman, Schlump
Guards—Angerer, Bauer, Knole, Woolmer, Sorler
Centers—Jones, Burgess
Backs—Geyman, Delker, Janssen, Delger, Smith, Bradner, Webber, Garlick, Lisek, D. Horvath, Boerboom, Monaghan, Galley, R. Stone

AIRPORT 0
Ends—Whiteside, Hatcher, Angulin, Hood
Tackles—Wiseman, Reed, N. Allen, Rogers
Guards—D. Ramsey, Hollister, Doede, Jabo, C. Lambrix
Centers—Mall
Backs—Belanger, Frankhouse, C. Ramsey, Spalding, Price, Connelly, Bietner, Anson, L. Lambrix, Tilley

Score by Periods
Ida Rural 6 6 7 1-15
Touchdowns—Delger 3, Delker 2.
Points After Touchdowns—Bauer (10).
Officials—Leo Parelman, George Miller, Mickey McLaughlin.

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Jet Drive Fails In Last Minute

Fumble Forces 2-6 Mark for Season

(Special to The Evening News)

MANCHESTER — A fumble on the two-yard line in the waning minutes of the game, Manchester recovering, climaxed one of the most disappointing seasons in the history of Airport Community's Jets. The Jets, trailing by five points, had staged a long march down the field and appeared certain to score. Then came the fumble and the Jets had to accept an 18-13 setback for the sixth loss in 8 starts after pre-season expectations had been high.

The Jets were the first to tally although a bad break cost them a touchdown earlier. Jim Whiteside got away for a scoring run but a clipping penalty nullified the dash and gave Airport the ball on the Manchester 35-yard line. They worked the ball down to the 21-yard line from where George Tilley broke through the middle and scored. The try for point was no good.

Manchester drove 60 yards for the equalizer with Brokaw, who scored twice, going around end for the final 10 yards. The ball ended with a 6-6 score.

The home team broke the second half kickoff back to midfield and two long passes put the ball on the Airport 8-yard line. Two plays put the ball on the two-yard line from where Dresden went over. Midway to the period Airport had to punt from its own 2-yard line, the ball getting out the 21. Two plays brought the score, Brokaw going 23 yards around end for the six points to give Manchester an 18-6 lead.

The Jets then scored from midfield on passes from Ron Bretnier to Whiteside and then to Ron Hatcher, the second loss going for 20 yards and the score. Ted Price got the extra point.

Coach Bill Wilson's boys, now fired up, took the ball in the fourth period and staged a long march which looked like a winning one until the fumble ended the threat and victory hopes.

MANCHESTER 18

Ends—Adams, Bull, Egan
Tackles—Meyer, Little, Powers
Guards—Fuller, Orsmond, Oester
Center—Leedy
Backs—Linnon, Emih, Schley, Dresden
Brokaw

AIRPORT COMMUNITY 13

Ends—Hess, Angulin, Whiteside, Hatcher
Tackles—Wissman, Rogers, H. Allan
Kend
Guards—Kallinger, D. Ramsay, C. Campbell, Doby
Center—Mull
Backs—Pitts, Balinger, L. Lemaster, C. Ramsey, Spalding, Frankowski, Bralinger, Tilley

Stats by Period:
Manchester 0 1 11 6-11
Airport 6 6 1 1 13
Touchdowns—Tilley, Hatcher, Brokaw, 6
Points—Price
Late AHS Touchdown—Price



JIM WHITESIDE

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RON HATCHER

Airport Waits

(Special to The Evening News)

CARLETON — Two factors that worked against Airport Community in the recent season, its worst in history, may become assets next year.

The Jets of Coach William T. Wilson had 15 returning lettermen at the start of the 1954 campaign. And they were big and fast.

But instead of the winning record that everyone expected, the Newport-South Rockwood-Carleton consolidated school went into a tailspin. They failed to score in three straight mid-season encounters and they wound up with a 2-6 mark.

Next year Airport is certain to be much more lightly regarded. But Coach Wilson has nearly the same potential as he had this season and if the boys play up to their capabilities, the Jets could pull some surprises.

The second element that blocked Airport was youth. The 1954 squad was big and fast but many of its members were juniors and only a few were seasoned performers.

Next year that same youth will allow all but three of the 17 lettermen named by Coach Wilson to return with a year's growth and experience.

The Jets have elected *Ron Hatcher and Jim Whiteside, a pair of ends who have played since Airport out of the doldrums in 1955. Hatcher is a fine receiver and blocker and plays a defensive halfback.

Whiteside co-captained the 1954 squad with Jerry Spalding, a hard-running fullback who was bothered by injuries. The 1955 leaders scored three touchdowns between them. Most Valuable Player and Most Improved Player awards will be given at the spring athletic banquet.

Coach Wilson, who has compiled a brilliant record in seven campaigns at Airport, finally had the bad season that sooner or later strikes every coach — often without warning. The 1954 Jets set or tied six school records for ineffective play.

Nevertheless, Coach Wilson's career stands at 32 wins and 23 losses for a .582 percentage. It was 30-17 before the last go-round which marked only his second losing season.

In addition to the poorest win-loss mark in Airport history, the slowed-down Jets set a new record for most points-against with 138 and tied the 1949 club for fewest points-scored at 66.

Consecutive losses to Bedford Rural Ag, Catholic Central and Hillsdale in mid-season was the first such stretch for Airport and the club failed to score in all three games for another undesirable mark.

The sixth record was for the biggest losing margin, a 40-0 loss to Bedford which duplicated a 40-0 reversal at the hands of the Mules five years ago. Bedford also holds a 41-6 win over the Jets for the

most points scored against Airport in a single game.

High-scoring honors went to fullback-quarterback Clarence Frankhouse, a junior who counted four touchdowns and an extra point for 25 markers. His best game and the squad's top performance came in a 22-7 victory over a strong Grosse Ile club.

The Bedford contest Oct. 1, which opened the initial season of Southeastern Michigan Conference play for the Jets, was the turning point of the campaign. Airport suffered a 40-0 lacing and never came back.

AIRPORT SEASON

	Airport	Opp.
Sept. 17—Saline	12	13
Sept. 24—Grosse Ile (a)	22	7
Oct. 1—Bedford Rural (a)	0	40*
Oct. 8—Cath. Central	0	19*
Oct. 15—Hillsdale	0	7*
Oct. 22—Tecumseh (a)	19	9*
Oct. 29—Ida Rural (a)	0	25
Nov. 5—Manchester (a)	13	18

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* Southeastern Michigan Conference

Individual Scoring

	TD	PAT	TP
Frankhouse	4	1	25
Hatcher *	2	0	12
C. Ramsey	1	1	7
Belanger	1	1	7
Whiteside	1	0	6
Tilley	1	0	6
Price	0	1	1

Letter Winners

Co-Captain Jerry Spalding, Bob Hollister and Bob Reed, seniors; Co-Captain Jim Whiteside, Co-Captain-Elect * Ron Hatcher, Earl Wiseman, George Mell, Norman Allen, John Jaba, Ron Anson, Clarence Frankhouse and Ron Brettner, juniors; Stanley Rogers, Doug Ramsey and Charles Ramsey, sophomores; Ted Price and Larry Belanger, freshmen.

Reserve Awards

Craig Reeves, Doug McComas, George Tilley, Lloyd Lambrik, Charles Lambrik, Jim Connally, Roger Hoop, Ed Angullin, Anthony Durham, Bill Kalbaum, Leslie Griffith, Jerry Tilley, Bob Haut, Chuck Saunders, Ron Kellman, Jim Fish, Roger Corne, Ray Doodle, Jerry Harvell, Bob Beck, John Rogers, Grant Stewart, Ron Masserant, Joe Hamilton and Jerry Kuderlick.

Managers

Connie and Glen Hoggood and Larry Hoffman.