

Dark Pictures



Gary Gray pushes one through the hoop in Friday's season closing play against Menifee County. The Jackets dominated the Menifee squad throughout the game and won, 64-42.—Smith photo

Steve Vipper clips the twine with this shot from the corner in the 'B' team game in which the Nicholas County squad couldn't gain a foothold at any time during the game and lost, 45-42.—Smith photo

Jackets take season finale, 66-42

by Jimmy Smith
Things finally came together for Nicholas County basketball Friday night when they handed the Menifee County Wildcats a sound thrumping, 66-42. After finding a difficult time during the middle of the season, the Nicholas County team played with a much improved style in the last two games and came up with a victory in the season's finale. The personal problems at the midway mark in the season left Nicholas County coach, Bill Anderson, with the leadership of only one senior, and left four sophomores and two juniors to take the responsibility on their shoulders. Increased experience kept showing its profits in each game and the team is slowly but surely jelling, as evidenced in the last few games.

The last outing before the district tourney began on a Menifee County field goal. Then Steve Cartstinger broke the ice for the Jackets and tied things up at 2-2. After a Menifee County basket Gary Gray and Ricky Hicks teamed up for consecutive scores to boost the Nicholas County squad into a 6-4 lead. Then Steve Cartstinger again found the twine a-swilling, and pumped in a score to give the Jackets a 1-4 lead. Menifee County was not to be easily subdued on their home court and they came back to within a single basket of Nicholas County at 10-8. Doug Darbro, the only senior on the team, found the range from the top of the key and pushed Nicholas County out to a 15-8 advantage. Then the Jackets opened up their battery, and on some fine offensive efforts by Darbro and Gray, they bounded out to a 17-4, first quarter lead.

"Cold" is a mild way to describe the outset of the second period. Neither team could find the bottom of the net as a welcoming host and it wasn't until Menifee County's first one in the next two minutes and 34 seconds had elapsed. It wasn't until 4:32 was left showing on the clock that Nicholas County finally pushed one through on Doug Darbro's bomber. Darbro again found the sweet spot for another Jacket score. With two minutes remaining in the first half of play, Nicholas County attacked an offensive surge that accounted for 11 points in that brief time span. Six points by Ricky Hicks and five by Gary Gray were responsible for that output that left the Jackets commanding a 32-18, halftime lead.

Steve Cartstinger hit the opening basket of the second half and cast a promising outlook on the Jackets' second half endeavors. Damon Booth hit a free throw and Ricky Hicks added a field goal to put the Jackets out in front by 17 points, 37-22. The Jackets totally dominated the rest of the quarter and wound up leading, 47-33, at the end of that period.

Gray's free throw added another point to the Nicholas County side of the board at the beginning of the final period of play. Steve Cartstinger's fast break, however, more pushed the Jackets out in front, 50-35. Nicholas County began to play with much more fluency and tenacity at this point, and after Gray and Darbro teamed up for a pair of buckets the Jackets had the game well in hand.

Gray and Doug Darbro topped Nicholas County scoring last with 19 and 16 points, respectively. They were followed by Ricky Hicks, 13; Steve Cartstinger, 10; Greg Letcher, 4; Steve Vice, 1; Damon Booth, 3.

The scoring for Menifee County went like this: Smallwood, 7; Blankenship, 7; Maynard, 5; Wells, 6; Rhodes, 5; Mulhens, 8.

The Jacket 'B' team wound up its play for the year on a sour note as they lost to the Menifee County squad, 49-42. Although unregistered officials presided over the game, the Jacket squad couldn't get off the ground at all and in the end suffered the consequences. The team had a successful season this year winding up with a season mark on 16 wins and eight losses, under the coaching of David McMillan. The 'B' team is also quite different than it was at the outset of the year; 'B' team players were brought up to fill in needed variety positions, Coach McMillan was left with a coach's freshman composed squad.



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