



**Touchdown carry** — Joe Ruddle carried 23 yards for a last Thursday night. Class AAA Woodford County was the lone game of the Central Kentucky Conference Bowl.

## Jackets lose heart-breaker in first CKC Bowl appearance

By Kay Cooley

There's a first time for everything, as was true for Nicholas County's first appearance ever in a Central Kentucky Conference Bowl game. The Bluejackets lost a heart-breaker 26-23 last Thursday night against Woodford County at Versailles.

"We played awfully and we lost," said Coach Ben Humphrey, standing after the game. "It was not what we wanted to do."

Clifford Thompson returned the opening kickoff to Nicholas County's own 21 yard line. The Bluejackets were forced to punt. Two plays later Jeff Brown, of Woodford, took the ball and didn't look back as he raced 61 yards for their first score of the game. The extra-point kick was good giving Woodford County a 7-0 lead. The Bluejackets came back midway through that same quarter to score some points of their own. Gary Williams returned Woodford County's kickoff to his own 31. A penalty of the next play against Woodford gave Nicholas County five yards. The Bluejackets gained 13 yards on the next two plays and a first down. The Bluejackets followed a three-yard gain and on the fourth down it looked hopeless, with punter Tim Moreland lined up in punt formation. With a fake punt-handoff from Moreland to Thompson, the Bluejackets gained 23 yards and moved the ball to the Woodford County 27. Allen Atkinson carried 13 times for few plays later to get the score. A pass from Joe Ruddle to Greg Wills on the extra-point attempt, completed a successful two-point conversion for Nicholas County. Again, later in the same quarter, the Bluejackets scored on a 26 yard run by Joe Ruddle. The touchdown was set up after a Woodford County punt was blocked by senior tackle Dwayne Williams. This ended the first quarter with Nicholas County on top 16-7.

Disaster struck the Bluejackets late in the second quarter. With time running out, Nicholas County was forced to punt deep in its own territory. Faced with a heavy rush, punter Tim Moreland attempted to run with the ball but was tackled and fumbled. Clifford Thompson recovered the fumble and attempted to run with it, but was downed on his own six. Two plays later Woodford County's Mike Wallace scored a five yard touchdown. Their try for a two-point conversion failed when Kevin Gilkison tackled the runner short of the goal. Nicholas County returned the kickoff to their own 27. After an incomplete pass, quarterback Joe Ruddle attempted to run his half, but was tackled on the Bluejacket 24 yard line, averaging 7.3 yards per carry, scoring a total of 36 points. Handy Hunter carried 42 times for 360 yards, averaging 4.4 yards per carry scoring a total of 26 points. Mike Berry carried 27 times for 134 yards, averaging 3.9 yards per carry scoring a total of 18 points. Greg Wills carried 17 times for 86 yards, averaging 5.0 yards per carry, scoring 26 points. Mark Ruddle scored 18 points, Timmy Ockerman scored 36, Gary Williams scored 24, Dwayne Williams scored six, and Todd Allison scored two. Tim Moreland kicked one successful field goal and completed 23 of 41 extra-point kicks for a total of 36 points. He also kicked 20 punts for 707 yards, averaging 35 yards per punt. The Bluejackets completed 39 out of 57 passes, 16 for touchdowns and three for extra points.

Dwayne Williams leads the Bluejacket defense with 98 tackles and one blocked punt. Ricky Fryman had 79 tackles and recovered three fumbles. Ron Hooper had 77 tackles and two intercepted passes and recovered one fumble. Mike Berry had 47 tackles.

In the beginning of the fourth quarter, Woodford County again successfully completed a field goal, this time for 11 yards. But the Bluejackets weren't "throwing in the towel" as they carried the ball through that same quarter to score some points of their own. Gary Williams returned Woodford County's kickoff to his own 31. A penalty of the next play against Woodford gave Nicholas County five yards. The Bluejackets gained 13 yards on the next two plays and a first down. The Bluejackets followed a three-yard gain and on the fourth down it looked hopeless, with punter Tim Moreland lined up in punt formation. With a fake punt-handoff from Moreland to Thompson, the Bluejackets gained 23 yards and moved the ball to the Woodford County 27. Allen Atkinson carried 13 times for few plays later to get the score. A pass from Joe Ruddle to Greg Wills on the extra-point attempt, completed a successful two-point conversion for Nicholas County. Again, later in the same quarter, the Bluejackets scored on a 26 yard run by Joe Ruddle. The touchdown was set up after a Woodford County punt was blocked by senior tackle Dwayne Williams. This ended the first quarter with Nicholas County on top 16-7.

The girls were guests of honor during a reception and a dinner prior to the ball game. The escorts of the young ladies also attended each event. Miss Shumate's escort was Ben Dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Dudley, of Carlisle.

Miss Shumate is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Shumate and is a senior at Nicholas County High School.

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## Energy conservation means being energy aware

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is one in a series of stories on the energy problems facing Kentucky and the rest of the nation and what Kentuckians can do to help conserve energy. The following information is compiled from material provided by Dumas W. Harrison, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Energy, and is presented as part of Energy Conservation Awareness Week, Nov. 15-18. Governor Julian M. Carroll has proclaimed the special week, calling upon all Kentuckians to make energy conservation of Kentucky's energy resources a top priority. The Energy Conservation Week Observance is being observed in the state capital building, the University of Kentucky, and in many other places throughout the state.

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**Energy Conservation Means Being Energy Aware**

The subject of energy has been in the forefront of the nation's consciousness in late 1973 with a suddenness that brought public shock and surprise. Then, an after-shock was felt when the Winter of 1977 from transportation of vital fuel and closed schools, businesses and shut down industries. Lack of sufficient energy is a problem that will bedevil the nation for many years to come.

The continuing energy problem is a combination of scarce natural gas, too great a dependence upon imported oil and insufficient dependence upon coal. The most immediate and positive solution is simple: We must use energy more wisely. Energy conservation must become a national ethic.

The single statistic that most startlingly illustrates the nature of the problem is that the United States—with five percent of the world's population—consumes 30 percent of the world's energy.

In addition, the nation depends most on its least abundant energy resources—oil and gas—and depends least upon its most abundant source—coal.

Coal accounts for more than 60 percent of the United States' energy reserves. Yet, the United States, within the past 75 years, has switched from using coal for more than 90 percent of its energy needs to depending upon oil and gas for 75 percent of its energy.

There are three major problems:

1. The nation's increasing reliance upon foreign sources of oil. Today's oil imports are up from 30 percent to over 60 percent since the 1973 oil embargo and are continuing to increase. Substantially higher import levels could introduce serious constraints upon this nation's foreign policy, with grave implications for national security.
2. A critical problem with natural gas supplies has been evident since 1969 when interstate production and reserves of natural gas began dropping.
3. In the next five to ten years little can be done to affect a major switch in fuel sources.

We must, therefore, depend upon conservation as the action which will have the most immediate benefits.

Conservation is attractive because it reduces dependence upon imported oil, offsets the impact of natural gas shortages and provides a dollar savings. In the home, in business and in industry.

Conservation also has these advantages:

- Helping to save jobs by ensuring that industries do not have to relocate production facilities to other states.
- Helping to ensure that our children and their children will have sufficient energy resources to enjoy our high standard of living.
- Helping to ensure that fuel resources are preserved for use in synthetic materials, plastics and fertilizers.
- Helping to reduce pollution and

**Welfare meet set tomorrow**

District 15 of the Kentucky Welfare Association (KWA) will hold its meeting on Friday, Nov. 18 in Frankfort. Peter Conn, Secretary for the Kentucky Department for Human Resources, will be the featured speaker. A buffet luncheon will be served at noon in Morrison's Cafeteria in the Capital Plaza.

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