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After 31 years, Nicholas tops Harrison

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For the Nicholas County Bluejackets it had not been achieved for 31 years. That achievement was a 72-69 win over the Harrison County Thorobreds in overtime last Saturday night at Cynthiana.

The bid for overtime came rather suddenly for the Bluejackets, as they held an eight-point lead with the clock showing 28 seconds remaining in the game. Two three-point plays and a bucket by the Thorobreds converted the score to 64-41.

Nicholas watched Harrison take an early 6-2 lead in the first quarter. Mike Hatton tossed in one free throw to bring the score up 8-5. Hatton followed with a defensive rebound and score to mark the jackets up 8-7.

The lead switched hands midway through the quarter, when Mike Sowell hit one for two at the stripe putting Nicholas ahead 11-10. To build up the advantage 13-10 for the Bluejackets, David McCaffrey scored after receiving an assist from Hatton. A precise floor pass from Mark Vice to Sowell ended the quarter with Nicholas County possessing a 17-14 lead.

Emotion a factor

Emotion was a big factor in the second quarter among both fans and players. The emotions of the crowd seemed to arouse Harrison as they took a one-point, 20-19, lead over Nicholas with the time reading 5:53. The Bluejackets regained control and with two free throws by Donald Markland, they pushed out front 23-20.

An outside jumper by Hatton knocked the score to 27-24. A foul and a turnover cost Nicholas four points, 32-28. Hatton ripped down a rebound and tossed the ball to Sowell who tied the score at 32-32 at halftime with a hook shot.

It was a fight all the way for both teams, especially in the third quarter when each was trying to break the tie and pull out ahead. Nicholas attained that goal when Hatton passed off to Markland for a 38-32 advantage.

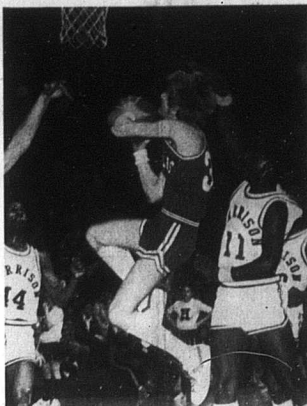
The Bluejackets put "the freeze" into effect and held the ball for over two minutes before Vice broke out for a basket to end the quarter 43-36 in favor of Nicholas.

Do or die

Do or die—the time had come for the Bluejackets in the fourth quarter. Jerry Edwards took the tipoff and assisted Sowell in a goal, putting Nicholas up 45-36. With the clock exhibiting 6:38, Sowell stole the ball for a Nicholas goal, 48-40. The Bluejackets went up by 10, 50-40, when Hatton fired in a one-hand bomb.

Harrison placed six points to Nicholas County's one midway through the quarter, leaving the lead 51-46. Two vital free throws by Vice cushioned the jackets lead at 61-56 and made him five for five at the charity stripe.

Just when things were looking bright, mistakes found Nicholas facing a 64-all game, possession of the ball, and the clock reading two.



Just me

Mike Hatton flies through a net of Harrison County Thorobreds to take the ball to the basket in Saturday's game at Cynthiana.—Mercury photo

The Bluejackets' attempt for a goal was unsuccessful and Nicholas County was forced into overtime.

The battle was intensified and Nicholas was determined. A theft and goal by Vice put Nicholas up 66-64.

Too many players

Two Bluejacket starters fouled out in the overtime period and darkened the jackets' chances. But Harrison, inflicting an automatic technical foul by having six players on the floor, helped ease those Bluejacket worries.

A rebound and goal by Markland sent the score rolling up 68-65. When 14 seconds appeared on the clock, Sowell hit two at the

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37th District—Boys

Bourbon County High School gym

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| Bourbon | | |
| Bye | | |
| Nicholas | Wednesday, March 5 | Nicholas |
| Bye | | |
| MMI | | Saturday, March 8 |
| Tuesday, March 4 | | |
| Harrison | | |
| Paris | Thursday, March 6 | Paris |
| Bye | | |

All games begin at 7:30 p.m.

Letcher urges quota okay

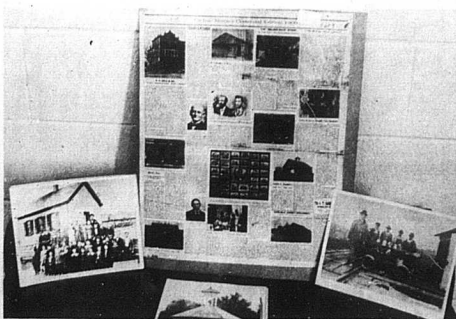
Eugene Letcher, chairman of the Nicholas County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee (ASCS) announced that burley tobacco growers will again decide whether quotas will be in effect on their next three crops.

Letcher said quotas were last approved by a 99 percent majority of growers for 1977-79 crops.

He further stated the referendum is being held by mail ballot, and all known eligible voters were mailed a ballot Feb. 21. Any producer who did not receive a ballot by mail should immediately obtain one from the local ASCS Office as tomorrow (Friday) is the last day to cast your vote.

Chairman Letcher urged each grower to vote today and mail or return their ballot to the county ASCS Office. He said the ballot must be returned by no later than close of business tomorrow, or return envelope (ballot enclosed) must be postmarked before midnight Feb. 29 to be counted.

If growers vote in favor of marketing quotas, there will be price supports. If growers disapprove quotas, there will be unlimited production and no price support. The average price support level for the 1980 crop burley tobacco will be approximately \$145 per hundredweight if quotas are in effect, Letcher said.



Donates material

Shown above is some of the material donated to the Nicholas County Library by Roy Lee Shannon of Lexington. The collection includes old photos of Nicholas County scenes and a mounted copy of The Carlisle Mercury's 1900 Centennial Edition.—Mercury photo



Elder films Sousey Segment

Saturday, Feb. 23 marked the 35th anniversary of the historic flag-raising on Iwo Jima during World War II by members of the U.S. Marines. PFC Franklin R. Sousey of Fleming County was one of the marines captured in photographer Joe Rosenzthal's historic picture of the event. Sousey was killed in action 26 days later. He was a subject of recent segment on Cincinnati's Channel 12 noon show "Extra". The film was narrated by Glenn Ryle, center, of WKRC-12. At left is Sgt. Tom Boue, media expert for the U.S. Marines stationed in Cincinnati. Toby Elder, right, WKRC director of cinematography, filmed the segment in Fleming County.—Photo courtesy of The Fleming Gazette.

Demos plan elections

Nicholas County Democrats will select precinct committee members in meetings to be held April 19, with county committee members selected one week later, April 26.

According to Nicholas County Democratic chairman Avery Mitchell, Paul Pryor and Emery Clark attended a meeting at Kentucky Headquarters in Frankfort Feb. 21 on the committee meetings.

Precinct members will be selected at the voting place in their precinct on April 19. County committee members will be selected from the precinct members on April 26 at 2 p.m. at the courthouse.

The precinct officers to be selected include men, women and youth members under 35 years of age.

The April 26 meeting will select a

county executive committee, a county chairman and a lady vice-chairman, as well as county committee secretary and treasurer.

Also to be selected at that meeting will be five delegates to attend the upcoming Kentucky Democratic Convention in Frankfort which will choose delegates to the Democratic National Convention this summer.