

Opinion

Magic moments for all of us

It's an often-repeated comment that sports is the only thing you can see on television that offers any link with reality—including the news.

That may be stretching the point a bit too far, but there is no question that sports is an integral part of American life and as such draws the interest of millions of people of all ages.

So this may be a good time to take a look at some recent sports achievements and ponder on what they can mean to us.

First, let's take the NCHS Bluejackets' win over Harrison County last weekend on the basketball floor. According to school officials, this is the first win at a Nicholas County team has recorded over a Harrison County team in basketball for 31 years.

Those who attended the game Saturday will more than likely always remember the pluck and scrappy play of the smaller jackets against Harrison's big Thorobreds. Executing their plays almost flawlessly, the jackets either held the lead, were tied or trailed by only a basket or two from the opening buzzer.

Even when the game was forced into overtime by an incredible series of scores the jackets held their head and hung on for the win. The team has completed a fine season.

Agree or Not

Assembly now has 15 constitutional measures

By S. C. Van Curn

FRANKFORT — More than 15 proposals are before the General Assembly to amend Kentucky's Constitution while only four may be added to the list at any one time.

These proposals range from legislation a lottery on the Kentucky Derby to higher control of fiscal affairs and taxes by the General Assembly.

The silver proposal is one that would reduce the age for holding office under 18, including governor. The present age limits are set for General Assembly and for governor.

Another proposal would increase the terms of those members to four years and biennial to two. The present terms are two and four years.

Another would require any measure enacted by the General Assembly to increase taxes to be approved by the voters. It also would deny veto by the governor of such a measure.

Another would permit cities, counties and school districts to levy individual and corporate income taxes in addition to the state taxes.

Another proposal would permit churches and tax exempt institutions to hold lotteries and conduct bingo games.

Two such proposals provide for a recall of public officials upon petition of the required percentage of voters.

Final that county officials still pass a weekly payroll, there are three bills that would permit direct to succeed themselves.

Another would permit all constitutional elected officials and sheriffs to hold two successive terms in office.

Still another would extend benefits of the homebased occupation act to handicapped persons regardless of age.

The most sweeping that would appear to have much favor with Kentuckians in the light of the federal grand jury investigations of the past state administration is Senate Bill 190.

It would establish a limit on revenue which can be collected by the state, a control on government spending and a limit on state debt. It would require voter approval of such limits. It would set a

formula for a state revenue limit based on the state personal income, and provide for a tax credit to refund excess revenue.

One of the most important features at the local level is that it would require each branch of government to have a balanced budget. This is required at the state level but not at the local level.

The most powerful overall significance to this particular proposal is that it would give the General Assembly much more power while reducing that of the governor and elected and appointed officials.

The General Assembly would have to approve all bond issues. This is in sharp contrast to the present method where the property owner is in the decision and some other state authorities have the power to issue bonds.

State universities now use the revenue bond pool to build seminaries and classroom buildings. The Toll Road Authority and the Kentucky Industrial Development Finance Authority as well as the Kentucky Housing Corporation all now have authority to issue bonds without approval by the General Assembly.

This authority was extended to these agencies by the General Assembly, but the legislature does not have to approve individual bond issues so long as the amount is within the limit for such agency when the authority was granted.

This amendment makes it easy for the ballot and is approved by the voters. It would become effective July 1, 1982.

It would prevent any governor from including funds under the Finance Department from its apportioned to another and would give the General Assembly the right to sue and appoint attorney to sue on spending and debt.

One of the significant features is that it would do away with the governor's contingency fund which has been called the "surprise" fund for recent administration.

It's about time tighter fiscal controls were exercised by the people of this state through the General Assembly.

A pound of play leaves costs as much as \$183 a year.

Costs of steaks in midtown city — \$11.31 a pound, and highest in Tokyo at \$15.66. In Washington it costs \$2.19.

Dogs and cats can't see in color. Everything is in black and white.

NO THAT'S THE SENATOR WHO WOULDN'T TAKE A BRIEF!

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Down Memory Lane

Leap Year babies celebrate; grand jury raps jail condition

Thursday, March 3, 1960

Mike Strow, who is a second grade student at Carlisle High School, celebrated his second birthday, and Robert (Teddy) Talbert, who is a sixth grade student, celebrated his third birthday on Monday, Leap Year Day, with an informal party given by the teacher in their respective classes. Actually, Mike, son of County Agent and Mrs. William T. Strow, is eight, and Teddy, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Talbert, is 12.

Miss Rebecca Gauche, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gauche, Route 3, has accepted a position as bookkeeper at the Layette Hotel in Flemingsburg.

In recognition of 43 years service as a Southern Bell Telephone operator, Miss Ethel Dewery of Carlisle was given a dinner at Lord Haven Feb. 24.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Henry, a daughter, Judith Elaine, Feb. 26.

MARRIED — Miss Jane Kay Storey, Flemingsburg, to Howard

Thursday, February 29, 1940

Grand jury recommends that fiscal court and jailer immediately correct unsanitary conditions in the jail quarters, provide necessary bedclothes and make necessary repairs.

Jack Bowen, seventh grade student in the Myers consolidated school, won the county spelling bee held at the Courthouse Saturday afternoon.

W.C.P. Ledford purchased at master commissioner's sale Friday

at Flemingsburg, Saturday in 1938 near Miller Station at 141 per acre.

DIED — Charles Harney, 82, Friday in Paris. — Lindsay H. Johnson, 65, Lexington, Thursday.

— Harlow Luman, 72, at his home in Cincinnati, Feb. 24. — Sterling Price Metzels, 84, Feb. 27 in Huntsville, Ala. — Mrs. Lillian Chappell Perry, 90, in Amarillo, Texas, Jan. 23. — George Selby, 80, Monday in Lexington. — Charles Henry Cannon, 77, Bethel, Sunday at his home.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flora of Nicholas County, Feb. 23, a daughter. — To Mr. and Mrs. Goodell Gray of Storey Creek, Feb. 26, twins, a boy and girl. — To Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Vice of Millrod, Ohio, Feb. 29.

MARRIED — Miss Alberta Green and Hudson Spang on Feb. 29. — Miss Opal Jackson and Freddie A. Gauche on March 1, in Paris.

DIED — Mrs. Minnie Vete Barry at her home in Detroit, Mich. on Tuesday.

Mercury vapors
by Warren R. Fisher

Some call it poster paper. An item that the Mercury has stocked over the years seemingly fell upon bad times, that is to say, sales fell to an all time low of only sheet every four days on the average.

We thought we could do without it and may wish we had, but we are again stocking 6-9 white placard blanks in 22" x 28" sheets.

—MV—

Hot service is RED HOT

Not all of us can proclaim our service as being red hot, but a printing service company caught our attention with a mailer containing a package of "red hot" a cinnamon type of card which attracted my sweet tooth as well as attention.

If you can visualize the reproduction here as red instead of black you too can get the picture same red hot.

—MV—

It says here

Today, if it's a typical day, 88 million Americans 18 years or older, will drink a cup of coffee. 77 million will go to work, 70 million will drive a car. But 100 million will read a newspaper.

A new study shows natural gas will retain its price advantage. The American Gas Association study shows that "Gas energy will continue to cost less than competing fuels through 1990 and beyond, and this means the average family will pay out less of its disposable income in 1990 for gas home heating fuel than for either oil or electricity." A.G.A. predicts the cost of natural gas in 1980 to

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Editor's notes

I confess...

I have to report two serious breaches of journalistic ethics:

First, I accepted two tickets to last Wednesday's UK-Mississippi State game from Forrest (Bucky) King of Lexington (free charge). I printed the game three times and gave a coffee against objectivity, during Saturday's game between NCHS and Harrison County.

Am I sorry? Nope. I'll do it again if I get a chance. But it's hard for me to pick out the most memorable moment of the two. Sam Bowie's 360-degree dunk or when the Harrison County fans cheered so loud when their team finally caught up to the Jackets you'd have thought they won the state tournament.

That was about all they had to cheer about, wasn't it?

Flat cat
Donna Horne is gonna hate me for this but I'll get her free plug in first and then I'll tell you how the Frisbee got to name.

The Ninth Annual Household Pet Cat Show will be held in Lexington on March 16 at the Fayette Mall beginning at 1 p.m. Only unregistered pet cats are eligible. For more information call Ms. Donna Horne at 274-5374.

Now for the inside info: Frisbee, the game involving a plastic disc known as the Frisbee, was named for a cat. You see, this fellow went out one morning to feed his cat named Frisbee when he noticed Frisbee was a little slow in getting to the dish. In fact, he was nowhere to be seen.

The anxious owner searched for a few minutes and then saw a flat object in the middle of the street. Yep, you guessed it, it was Frisbee and when the unhappy owner found his cat, which was quite flat, he picked it up by the tail and slung it through the air yelling, "Frisbee."

And a new game was born. (Note: Frisbees are often called "saucers." Guess why.)

Griffin featured
Before this column becomes completely degenerate I have

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Four Jackets play last home game

By Kay Conley

For four senior girls at Nicholas County High last Thursday night was a sad affair. The Nicholas County Lady Jackets left 43-48 to rival the Bourbon County Lady Cardinals here last Thursday night.

The line was not the only sad occurrence for Nicholas. Instead, on a more sentimental side, Thursday night might just go down as the senior girls' last home game.

Deanna Darvell, Charita Williams, Kathy Wade and Tansey Moore, who

abstained from action due to injury, faced their last home game, eager to win.

Goals by Wade and Darvell shot Nicholas out front 8-4 in the first quarter. Missy Howlings scored to add two for the Lady Jackets, 10-5. At the quarter's end, Nicholas had a strong 15-4 advantage.

The Lady Jackets watched as Bourbon slowly began catching up on the clock. Bourbon took a 25-21 lead. A steal by Darvell set up a goal which tied the game at 25-21. At the quarter's end, Bourbon had contrived a 29-25 advantage.

The struggle continued in the fourth quarter. An assist from Williams to Darvell was good for two bringing Nicholas up to one, 30-29. Bourbon was more overpowering, however, and they went home with a 43-36 victory over Nicholas.

Deanna Darvell had a game-high 19 points. Charita Williams added nine and 17 rebounds. Missy Howlings and Kathy Wade had four each, and Stephanie Hamilton, two. Nicholas takes on the Lady Devils of Deming this Friday at Deming. The game is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

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Laugh out

"Some men thirst after fame, love and money."
"I know something that all thirst after."
"What's that?"
"Salted peanuts."

Up and over

Jerry Edwards soars above a Harrison County defender's outstretched arm to get off a shot in Saturday's game—Mercury photo.

'Recycle Life' theme of March Bloodmobile

"Recycle life" is the theme of the March 10 Bloodmobile visit sponsored by the Nicholas County Ministerial Association. A goal of 100 points has been set in order to meet the county quota to insure Nicholas County residents free blood during 1981.

Rev. Mark Prevo and Father Herman Kamlage have expressed concern about reaching the set goal because of the colds and flu brought about by the recent winter—spring weather changes.

"The March bloodmobile is always plagued with an unusually high number of temporary deferrals," Father Kamlage said. "This means we need more people to come to donate in order to reach our goal than in fall and summer." A person must be free of all colds and symptoms one week before donating. Also, if a person has taken aspirin within five days before giving it

must be reported to the Bloodmobile worker. "Frankly, this has us concerned," Father Kamlage said.

Rev. Prevo added, "In order for our county to continue to meet its quota where all county residents are guaranteed free blood as needed we must have new donors." Anyone between the ages of 18 and 66 is eligible to donate. "We need to get the young people involved," Rev. Prevo stated.

First time donors are asked to call Father Kamlage (289-5002) for an appointment time. Persons having questions regarding eligibility of giving are asked to call the Central Kentucky Blood Center. The toll-free number is 1-800-422-9528.

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37th District—Girls

Monday March 3	Nicholas
6:30 p.m.	Paris
Friday, March 8	Harrison
8 p.m.	Bourbon

All games played at Harrison County gym.

Jackets

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line to mark up the score 72-67. As time expired and the crowd roared, Nicholas had walked away with a 72-69 win over a strong Harrison County team.

Mike Hatton was high point man with 18. Mike Sewell had 16, Markland and Mark Vice 12 each, David McGuffey 10, and Jerry Edwards four.

The Bluejackets will host Owen County here on Thursday and will travel to Deming on Friday. Games are at 8 p.m.



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