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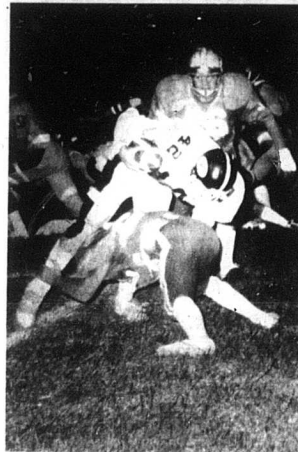
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Jackets take 14-13 homecoming victory

McGuffey rushes for 178 yards



The game clock showed only five seconds remaining in the first half. Nicholas County had the ball on its own 40 yard line, trailing an inspired Fleming County team 14-7. There was time for one play.

Fleming County's players knew what to expect. Their coaches knew what to expect. Their waterboy and everyone in the stands knew what to expect. When the ball was snapped, Nicholas County quarterback David McGuffey rolled right, and despite an entire defense keying his every move, the senior speedster stepped up through the line, broke three tackles, and sprinted into the end zone for a 60-yard touchdown strike with no time remaining on the clock.

He then took the snap on the extra point attempt, rolled around left end for the two point conversion, and sent a stunned Panther squad to the locker room trailing 14-13.

With newly crowned Homecoming Queen Peggy Stewart looking on, McGuffey rushed 24 times for 178 yards and led his team to a one-point victory in front of a Homecoming crowd at NCHS Friday night.

"Fleming County came to play," said Jacket head coach Ben Pumphrey. "they wanted us awfully bad."

Pumphrey said that he found nothing lacking in the Panther game plan and that it took a super effort on the part of his team to capture the win. "They're an excellent team," he said of Fleming after viewing game films over the weekend. "They are superior to us in numbers, size and experience."

"It was a stalemate in the second half and I'm just glad we were ahead."

That drive marched all the way to the Fleming County 18 yard line before a controversial call ruled receiver Mike Wooley trapped a pass from quarterback David McGuffey, and the Jackets were forced to turn it over on downs.

With Fleming County forced into playing catch-up football late in the fourth quarter, both David and Eric McGuffey fared in a couple of outstanding defensive plays against Panther quarterback Greg Bumgarner's passing attack.

Eric expertly swatted two on-target passes from receiver's hands, while David broke up a screen pass deep in Panther territory and nearly wound up with the ball in his lap and no one between him and the end zone.

The Jackets managed to thwart any attempt at a serious scoring threat on the part of Fleming County, and then controlled the ball to grind out the game with the one point victory.

David McGuffey was the top offensive performer of the night, rushing for 178 yards and completing three passes to Steve Anderson for 47 additional yards.

Robert Hopkins and Keith Williams both followed with 11 carries and 22 yards each.

Mike Boykin provided the big stick on defense with his career-leading 13 tackles. Mark Taylor followed right behind with 12, and Mike Webb had nine.



A smiling Peggy Stewart watches Friday night's Homecoming game in which the Bluejackets defeated Fleming County 14-13. Stewart, a NCHS senior, was crowned this year's Homecoming Queen in ceremonies prior to the game. — Mercury photo.

Historical Society is on the move

With the restoration of the old IAN Depot now completed except for minor finish work, the Nicholas County Historical Society is undergoing an organizational restructuring that new Society president Robert Poline hopes will make the Society an even more vibrant organization within the community.

Through the formation of specialized committees, Poline said he hopes the Society can receive more outside community input, and can move into "its next stage of programming" — providing the Nicholas County community with interesting, enriching activities.

Poline said last week that the committee chairman would be seeking direct input from the entire community, and that they welcomed all suggestions, ideas, and (perhaps most importantly) new committee members.

In beginning a breakdown of responsibilities within the Society, Poline said that the Depot was a "focal point." Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Myers are now in charge of utilization of the building. They will handle looking for the Depot. Anyone interested in using the Depot for a civic or private function should contact the Myers.

The formal committee breakdown begins with one of the most important committees, the Program Committee. Chaired by Pat Allison, the Program Committee will attempt to identify several formal programs that would be available for the entire community's benefit.

criteria for articles to be housed in the Depot's museum, as well as identification and acquisition of these items.

The Policy Committee, to be chaired by G.C. Myers, will be responsible for developing a uniform policy to govern use of the Depot, and the activities that take place there.

Mrs. Nate Young will chair the Open House/Dedication Committee. Her committee will begin work soon on an open house to be given at the Depot in the near future, and on a formal dedication ceremony for the facility at a future date as yet undecided.

Mrs. Walter Kendall will be maintaining a Society scrapbook.

In addition, Thomas Linville and Helen Scott are currently in the process of updating a list of all Carlisle High School graduates. An original list was started by the late Miss Mary Frances Fisher, and the current task is one of filling in missing information relating to addresses, occupations, etc.

Attempt made to reorganize Scout Troop

A meeting was held at the Nicholas County Elementary School last Thursday evening in an attempt to revive the Boy Scout program in the county. Several Cub Scouts and their parents were in attendance, but only one Boy Scout age young man was there.



On the bench

Under the careful eyes of judges and the anxious eyes of owners, the Derby Hounds lined up for competition as Monday night's bench show kicked off the 46th annual Central Kentucky Foxhunters Association gathering at the Clay Wildlife Management Area. Festivities have been occurring around the county all week in relation to the event. — Mercury photo.

Deputy Sheriff-elect hospitalized suffering from fractured skull

Nicholas County's new Deputy Sheriff-elect, Charles Smith, was rushed to the University of Kentucky Medical Center Sunday afternoon following an accident that left him with a five-inch laceration above his eye and a fractured skull.

Smith, who hospital officials at UK say is "doing very well," said in a telephone conversation Tuesday that the accident occurred on the S.W. Campbell Farm when he was sharpening tobacco sticks with a mechanical stick sharpener.

He said that he was using the sharpener when a metal disk broke off of the machine and struck him in the head.

Smith is expected to remain in the hospital for at least the rest of the week.

Auto falls on workman

A very fortunate Tommy Barrett, of Route 1, Carlisle, is listed in "good" condition at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington following a work-related accident in Kennedy Heights early Friday afternoon when an automobile he was working on fell from its supports and crashed down upon his head and upper body.

Barrett was injured while attempting to put a new clutch into a Chevrolet Monza owned by local Superintendent of Schools Donald G. Elder at Elder's 309 Kennedy Heights residence.

The 30-year-old Barrett was under-nearly the car around 1:30 when, according to his own report and that of

Business seminar sees low turnout

The turnout may have been small, but the program was packed with vital information, as the Kentucky Retail Federation sponsored a seminar for all local merchants at the Depot last Friday.

Although hardly a handful of local merchants showed up for the meeting, KRF consultant Albert F. Gracch presented an informative package that dealt with changes in laws and regulations on the state and local level.