# Colonels one of region's best teams

## Jackets face 'tall task' Friday night

One of the 10th region's top teams, the Colonels of Bourbon County provide the opposition for coach Mike Kenney's Nicholas County Bluejackets when both schools open the 1984-85 basketball season Friday night in Paris.

Coach Russ Day's maroon and gold are a solid favorite to begin the year on a winning note. Back from last year's state tournament contenders are seniors Darrin and Dwayne Allen, Jeff Graves, Gary Haynes, Brian Menke, Tracy Thomas and Timmy Tipton.

Juniors Troy Hamilton and 6'6" Mike Talbott are also expected to challenge for playing time.

Unlike the smallish Jackets, the Colonels' roster includes nine players six feet or taller. Missing from last year's 10th Region championship team are guard/forward Wayne Mogge and guard Jeff Royce.

IN THOMAS, a 6'2", 190-pound center/forward and center Darrin Allen, 6'1" and 195 pounds, coach Day has a nucleus of veterans in the middle. Talbott, who saw limited action as a sophomore last year, has added some eight pounds to his rangy frame and is expected to improve with experience.

Other juniors on the varsity roster are William Hamilton, Brad Lanham, Mark McKune, Gene Rose and Greg Schanding.

Day takes an impressive record of 501 wins against 268 losses into Friday night's game.

**THE JACKETS** must rely on speed and quickness to offset the Colonels' commanding height advantage.

Injured senior center Darren Robinson, 6'3" and 205 pounds is not expected to play before next week. His backup, 6'2" sophomore Steve Ledford is academically ineligible until the first of the year. Only Doug McCord and Rocky Young, normally fo/wards, and untested Carl Whitson, a guard, stand six feet tall.

McCord is expected to move to the middle until Robinson is able to rejoin his teammates on a regular basis.

Other key players being counted on by coach Mike Kenney are Gary Dotson, Phillip Coldiron, Greg McNabb, Todd Hedges, Bobby Woosley and Rocky Young. Rounding out this year's varsity are sophomore Jeff Sams and freshmen Chris Anderson and Tip Fryman.

The Jackets open their home season Saturday night against Deming. Tipoffs are at 6 for the Jayvees and 7:30 p.m. for the Varsity. NCHS travels to Mason County Dec. 4 and Woodford County Dec. 7 before entertaining Frankfort the following Tuesday night.

The Lady Jackets, coached by Barbara Kenney open play tonight, Thursday at home against Woodford County.

### Trio of seniors

Coach Barbara Kenney's varsity basketball team has the leadership of three seniors. From left, Melody Hill (35), Joyce Roberts (23) and Teresa Sanders (22). — Photo submitted

### Freshmen for the future

The NCHS freshman basketball squad is composed of, front, l-r, Kevin Hughes, Brian Brierly, Thomas Baker, Scott Allison. Back, Todd Day, Gannon Bryant, Kelly Brookshire, Tip Fryman, Chris Anderson and Chris Hollar. — Photo submitted

**1984-85 NICHOLAS CO. GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Nov. 29 | Woodford Co. | 7:30 H |
| Dec. 1 | Henry Clay | 7:30 A |
| Dec. 4 | Frankfort | 7:30 A |
| Dec. 10 | Richmond Madison | 7:30 H |
| Dec. 11 | Sayre | 6:00 A |
| Dec. 17 | Shelbyburg | 7:30 A |
| Dec. 18 | Anderson Co. | 6:00 A |
| Jan. 7 | Paris | 7:30 H |
| Jan. 10 | Jessamine Co. | 6:00 A |
| Jan. 14 | Bourbon Co. | 7:00 A |
| Jan. 21 | Deming | 7:30 A |
| Jan. 22 | CKC Tournament | |
| Jan. 28 | Harrison Co. | 7:30 A |
| Jan. 31 | Maysville | 7:30 H |
| Feb. 11 | Sayre | 6:30 H |
| Feb. 14 | Bourbon Co. | 7:30 H |
| Feb. 18 | Richmond Madison | 7:30 H |
| Feb. 21 | Deming | 7:30 H |
| Feb. 25 | Jessamine Co. | 6:00 H |

### Lady Jackets open tonight

Members of the 1984-85 girls' basketball team which opens play tonight at home against Woodford County, are, front, l-r, Cassie Caudill, Rhonda Frye, Tonya Moore, Michelle Gray, Teresa Sanders. Back, Melody Hill, Pam Kirby, Carla Hall, Joyce Roberts, Sandy Warner and Kelley Caudill. Not shown: Coach Barbara Kenney. — Photo submitted

### CADETS HEAR HARRISON COACH

Millersburg Military Institute Chapel programs have long featured outstanding speakers who have charisma with young people and inspirational messages to share.

The Cadets heard Ray Graham, coach of the Harrison County High School football team on Nov. 28.

Coach Graham attended Morehead University where he was captain of the football team. Ray was defensive line coach at Liberty Baptist College, Lynchburg, VA.

ported last week that 41 football players have been named to the Academic All-Conference football team, (B average or better overall).

Which school's football team had the most players on the All-Academic team? If you said Kentucky, give yourself a pat on the back, then drop Coach Jerry Claiborne and academic advisor Bob Bradley a note of congratulations.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Gordon Jackson | DB | Sr | Vocti 3.36 |
| Brion Williams | DE | Jr | Acct. 3.04 |
| Matt Lucas | TE | Jr | Comm. 3.00 |
| Ken Petrowski | C | Sr | BusAd 3.32 |
| Jim Reichwein | OG | Jr | AdvEd 3.08 |
| Gary Sexton | DB | Jr | Soc. 3.09 |
| Mark Wheeler | TE | Jr | PolSci 3.56 |
| Brion Dove | DB | So | SocWk 3.06 |

### SEC centers

In the SEC a Kentuckian will be Vanderbilt's starting center. And Brett Burrow of Radcliff has quite an opportunity since the North Hardin High graduate looks to be (physically) ready to make a dent in the SEC. Burrow is 6-10 and 230 pounds. When Burrow played in the State Tournament in 1982, he weighed 179. That's an increase of 51 pounds to go with two years experience.

But Vandy coach C.M. Newton is using a bit of Ruppian psychology employed by his college mentor. When Newton was asked recently about his outlook for the upcoming season, he said, "My biggest concern is the fact that we do not have a proven center. History would indicate that most teams that have been successful in the Southeastern Conference have had an outstanding or proven center. Although we don't have that, hopefully Brett Burrow will make the kind of progress that you want a player to make between his sophomore and junior year and perhaps Steve Reece can give us some help there."

An area where the SEC was hit

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## Bob Watkins
Sports In Kentucky

Wonderful.

An appropriate word to sum up the recent past and the upcoming winter for University of Kentucky football fans and basketball fans in general.

**RECENT PAST:** Kentucky's football team had a chance to crack, but didn't and conquered Tennessee in Knoxville last week. UK rolls into the Hall of Fame bowl on, well, a roll.

Coach Jerry Claiborne's postgame reaction? "A lot of good things are happening to (s)right now."

Indeed.

Claiborne could be elected governor this week and I am reminded of something he said on press day back in August. "It's lot easier coming off a losing season like we had the year before last (9-10-1) than it is coming off a winning one (6-5-1) last year."

Crafty, Jerry. Persuasive.

Claiborne and staff marched the Wildcats to an 8-3 campaign despite injuries that shelved Jeff and Larry Smith and Joe Prince, and a couple of hammer jobs from LSU and Georgia. But UK regrouped and won three of its last four games. And the UKs were 4-0 away from Commonwealth Stadium this season. Claiborne gets my vote as the SEC's Coach of the Year. Again.

**Prediction:** Before December is gone watch for Cliff Hagan to announce that Claiborne's been given a new contract.

**UK's FUTURE** Of those who made major contributions to UK's 8-3 season, 34 return next year including quarterback Bill Ransdell, running back Mark Logan and Joker Phillips on offense, end Brian Williams, tackles Jay Dumbauld, Jeff Smith and Tom Wilkinson defense, and five exceptional freshmen — tackle Jerry Reese, kicker Joe Worley, running back Mark Higgs, linebacker Jeff Kremer and defensive tackle Greg Kinkel. That does not include a list of 22 redshirt freshmen topped by running back Ivy Joe Hunter, defensive end Joe Curry, tackle Bo Smith and quarterback Bill Allen.

**UK's bowl**

If the "up front" record dollar amounts are accurate, UK's trip to the Hall of Fame rates as quite a "Thanksgiving" for UK budget makers. The University would have gotten $175,000 from the Peach bowl, but the Hall of Fame check is listed at $654,000. That's a cool $79,000 extra for Cliff Hagan to find something to buy with. Perhaps in part, it will make a nice Christmas bonus for Claiborne and staff.

Perhaps more important to UK's program than the bowling and money is "ammunition" for this (recruiting) scenario:

**Jerry Claiborne to a high school prospect:** "Hi kid. How would you like to be on a major college football team that wins enough games every year to get invited to a bowl? You'd like to be able to say 'Hi Mom' on television wouldn't you kid?"

**Claiborne to a prospect's mother:** "We're talking about a free education, ma'am. A good place to live, the best food, first class training facilities, a curfew that's enforced. And we see to it your boy gets to class on time every day. And ma'am, we look after your son the way you'd like him looked after. No nonsense.

"Sign right here, please."

**Comment:** And there's no baloney in Claiborne's pitch either.

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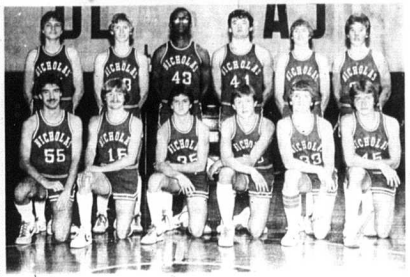

### Meet the 1984 varsity

1984 Bluejackets varsity basketball team—Front, l-r, Todd Hedges, Greg McNabb, Bobby Woosley, Phillip Coldiron, Chris Anderson. Carl Whitson. Back, Jeff Sams, Doug McCord, Steve Ledford, Darren Robinson, Gary Dotson and Tip Fryman. Absent: Rocky Young. — Photo submitted

**1984-85 Nicholas County Bluejackets**
**Boys' Varsity Basketball Roster**

| Name | No. | Ht. | Wt. | Position | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Greg McNabb | 15 | 5'7" | 140 | G | 12 |
| Doug McCord | 23 | 6'0" | 160 | F-C | 12 |
| Todd Hedges | 55 | 5'10" | 155 | G-F | 12 |
| Rocky Young | 51 | 6'0" | 165 | F | 12 |
| Carl Whitson | 45 | 6'0" | 170 | G | 12 |
| Darren Robinson | 41 | 6'3" | 205 | C | 12 |
| Gary Dotson | 21 | 6'0" | 140 | G-F | 11 |
| Phillip Coldiron | 53 | 5'10" | 160 | F | 11 |
| Bobby Woosley | 35 | 5'7" | 145 | G | 11 |
| Steve Ledford | 43 | 6'2" | 190 | C-F | 10 |
| Jeff Sams | 25 | 6'1" | 165 | G-F | 10 |
| Chris Anderson | 33 | 5'10" | 150 | G-F | 9 |
| Tip Fryman | 31 | 5'10" | 150 | G-F | 9 |
| **Junior Varsity** | | | | | |
| Bobby Woosley | 35 | 5'7" | 145 | G | 11 |
| Phillip Coldiron | 53 | 5'10" | 160 | F | 11 |
| Steve Ledford | 43 | 6'2" | 190 | C-F | 10 |
| Jeff Sams | 25 | 6'1" | 165 | G-F | 10 |
| Wendell McNabb | 41 | 5'10" | 150 | G-F | 10 |
| Chris Anderson | 33 | 5'10" | 150 | G-F | 9 |
| Tip Fryman | 31 | 5'10" | 150 | G-F | 9 |
| Gannon Bryant | 55 | 6'1" | 160 | C | 9 |
| Todd Day | 13 | 5'9" | 140 | G-F | 9 |
| Kelly Brookshire | 51 | 6'1" | 150 | C-F | 9 |
| Chris Hollar | 23 | 5'9" | 160 | F | 9 |

### Junior varsity cagers

Junior varsity cagers, front, l-r, Wendell McNabb, Bobby Woosley, Todd Day, Chris Hollar, Chris Anderson. Back, Gannon Bryant, Jeff Sams, Steve Ledford, Kelly Brookshire, Phillip Coldiron and Tip Fryman. — Photo submitted

*Varsity cheerleaders*, front, l-r, Melissa Ritchie, Kelley Howard, Amy McFarland, Angie Buckner, Jill Irvin. Second row, Anessia Hunt, Tracy Hollar, Leslie Thornton, Cami Clark, Alison Knapke, Rusanna Arnold. Back row, *Junior Varsity cheerleaders*, Melody Hammons, Lorna Lyons, Tracy Dotson, Christel Bussell, Lisa Holbert, Lisa Moss. — Photo submitted

| Freshmen | No. | Ht. | Wt. | Position | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Todd Day | 13 | 5'9" | 140 | G-F | 9 |
| Chris Hollar | 23 | 5'9" | 160 | F | 9 |
| Scott Allison | 53 | 5'8" | 145 | F | 9 |
| Tip Fryman | 31 | 5'10" | 150 | G-F | 9 |
| Chris Anderson | 33 | 5'10" | 150 | G-F | 9 |
| Thomas Baker | 35 | 5'8" | 115 | G | 9 |
| Kevin Hughes | 43 | 5'8" | 175 | F | 9 |
| Gannon Bryant | 55 | 6'1" | 160 | C | 9 |
| Brian Brierly | 25 | 5'6" | 115 | G | 9 |
| Kelly Brookshire | 51 | 6'1" | 150 | C-F | 9 |

**Coaches: Mike Kenney, head coach; Greg Letcher, assistant.**


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