

Cheerleaders make ready for basketball season as well as the squad's competitions for 87-88

By Heather Mathes
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 The Nicholas County varsity cheerleading squad may be small in numbers and years of experience, but according to Sharon Hatton, cheering squad sponsor, the team has been practicing over time to prove they can make the grade.
 Holyn Brookshire, Aimee Tussey, Andrea Hall, Heather Hall, Deanna Fryman, Michelle Gray and Mary-Alicha Farah are this year's Blue Jacket varsity basketball cheerleaders.

At the moment, the squad is practicing for their first competition held at Bourbon County the weekend of February 20.
 "We are working on two cheers. One is a gymnastics cheer and the other is a non-gymnastics cheer. The first has many tumblers, mounts, and jumps in it. For example, we have five standing back tucks, all standing back handspins, two standing back lay outs, all back gamers and anything to do with round off," said Hatton.

"The non-gymnastics cheers consist of only jumps. Our main one is the tee loach, first because it is most impressive and second because all the girls do it quite well.

"The only other thing is the two-minute pom-pom routine. "These are all judged by KAPOB, or Kentucky Association for Pop Organized Sponsors. To do this one must be certified in a judging clinic and take a state certified test," said Hatton.

Other competitions are not actually scheduled but are known about a week or two in advance. The judging for these is done during the ball-games.

"There is tentatively another competition scheduled during the Montgomery Basketball Tournament.

"I personally like the girls to be judged during the game situation because I feel anyone can learn two cheers and one pom-pom routine," said Hatton.

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Cheerleaders for the 1987-1988 varsity basketball season are, top row, Michelle Gray, Aimee Tussey, Heather Hall, Deanna Fryman. Bottom row, Andrea Hall, Mary-Alicha Farah and Holyn Brookshire. - Heather Mathes Photo

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"Our only disadvantage is that we are small in numbers, young and inexperienced. We don't have girls that have cheered from Little League and up; in fact I have one that has never cheered at all.

"Our strongest point is that we have excellent tumblers with strong execution. In fact, we set aside 35 minutes to work just on tumbling.

"They may or may not do a lot this year, because even though they are inexperienced they do like to perform. Next year, and the years to come however people may expect a lot more," said Hatton.

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Nov. 30 Bourbon Co.	H	7:30
Dec. 3 St. Patrick	H	7:00
Dec. 7 Powell Co.	H	7:30
Dec. 10 Frankfort	A	7:00
Dec. 14 Madison	H	7:30
Dec. 17 Menifee Co.	A	7:30
Dec. 19 Pendleton Co.	A	2:00
Jan. 4 Maysville	A	6:30
Jan. 6 Paris	A	7:30
Jan. 11 Powell Co.	A	8:00
Jan. 14 Jessamine Co.	H	7:30
Jan. 18 Bourbon Co.	A	7:30
Jan. 21 Maysville	H	7:30
Jan. 25 Sayre	A	7:30
Jan. 28 Augusta	A	7:30
Feb. 1 Hartson Co.	A	7:30
Feb. 3 Sayre	H	6:30
Feb. 4 Richmond Model	H	7:30
Feb. 8 Menifee Co.	H	7:30
Feb. 10 Mays St. Patrick	A	6:30
Feb. 15 Augusta	H	7:30
Feb. 18 Jessamine Co.	A	7:30
Feb. 22 Madison	A	7:30
Feb. 24 Pendleton Co.	H	7:30

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