

SPORTS

Panthers storm Bluejackets, 94-52

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By Chip Miller
of the Carlisle Mercury Staff
The Nicholas County varsity Bluejackets suffered a heart-wrenching 94-52 defeat at the hands of the Fleming County Panthers Tuesday night.

He said the Jackets' team couldn't play any mean-to-mean defense or couldn't get hold of the rebound under the basket.
First quarter action saw the Jackets trailing Jackets with the Panthers.

With 4:43 on the clock, the Panthers broke away with a 10-point scoring blitz, taking the lead, 16-0.
Nicholas Kelly Brookshire, who had the Jacket game high of 20, cut the Panthers lead to six.

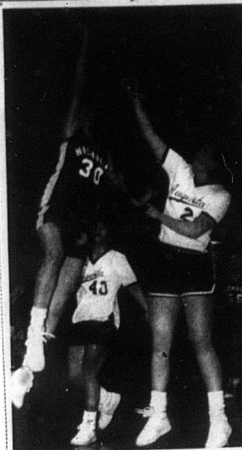
At the end of the first period, Harrison led by 15, 15-0.
Third quarter was all Graham for the Panthers, scoring 14 points and gaining county half Fleming's rebound.

The Jackets' offense never seemed in stopping Graham from going to the basket.
Crew called a timeout with 5:35 remaining, yet it wasn't enough for the Jackets to catch the Panthers.

Flaming led Nicholas into the fourth quarter 47-26.
The fourth quarter saw much of the same, with Fleming breaking to the inside for the Jackets.

The Jackets couldn't gain any scoring momentum, ralling under the Panthers at the final buzzer, 94-52.
'We've got to make our minds up that we've got to play defense,' said Crew.

'We've been going over and over these things and we've still got a lot of work to do,' he said commenting on the upcoming District tournament in three weeks.



Hesse Rawlings, Lady Bluejacket, takes the basket as an Augusta Panther tries for a block. Nicholas County downed Augusta and secured their second win of the season, 51-46.

Lady Jackets see defeat at Harrison Co.

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Nicholas County Lady Jackets were defeated on the road at Harrison County, 63-18, Monday night.

Phillip Janette Custer put the offensive rebound back up with 1:30 to play.
Going into the second quarter, Harrison led by 15, 14-0.

Harrison opened the scoring with Raina Collins' assisting Treva Whitaker with the jumper at the top of the key.
Warner hit for Nicholas as she went two for two at the line after a blocking foul by Harrison's Workman.

Warner followed by taking the point, after a Phillip Workman rebound, and handed off to Tonya Moore for the bucket.
More hit the last two with a shot from the corner by jumper from the corner; Jackets were down, 44-14.

The fourth quarter opened with Harrison's Rachel Hamphries hitting a left hook over Warner for the bucket.
Bussell hit the front end of her nose and Harrison substituted with minutes left in the game.

Harrison freedman, Carrie Coker, made the last basket of the night.
Harrison left the basketball court with a marginal win, 63-18. Assistant coach Penny Brien did not comment on the game.

NCHS boys roll under Boyle, 77-53

Homecoming game loss

CARLISLE - Leading from the opening quarter, Boyle County used a 40-21 lead at intermission enroute to posting a 77-53 win over Nicholas County last Friday night.

The setting Rebels jumped out to a 10-0 lead with 4:40 to play in the opening quarter, before Tonya Wells hit a jumper in the lane to make it 10-0.
Boyle County continued to roll jumping to a 20-10 lead at the end of the third quarter, 56-41.

Tip Fryman finished with 19 points for Nicholas County to lead all scorers, while they added 11 and Wells 10.
In junior varsity action, Nicholas County led a 19-16 lead at intermission, Boyle County rolled back in at 27-27 at the half stop, and then the Rebels were able to pull out the win, 41-36.

David Sparks finished with 17 points for the junior Jackets.
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Kenney's Jackets win at Augusta

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The Nicholas County Girls basketball team secured their highly ranked Augusta Lady Panthers January 27, capturing their second win of the season, 51-46.

Augusta came out strong with four aggressive points scored by their inside man, Mary Kelch.
Nicholas County's first two came from Wendy Warner as she was fouled in an attempted field goal and went two for two at the line.

Nicholas took the lead with 2:03 to play as Chris Ancier grabbed one of her several steals of the night and assisted Tonya Moore for the basket.
Augusta cut the Nicholas lead to one with a long jumper from Carolyn Fields.

Warner took the last shot of the quarter and put the Jackets back up by three, 15-8.
The Rebels regained their early lead in the fourth quarter, pulling away to a 20-18 victory.

John Brown led the Rebels with seven; Collier Mathes and David Short with four each; Shad Tibbs and Chris Turner with two apiece and Todd Quinn with one.
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Reese Rawlings help composed the Nicholas lead in their offensive rebound and last second shot, 25-21.
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She followed by hitting for the offensive rebound and was fouled in the attempted shot.
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Nickerson stole the Nicholas ball at the half-court mark and drove up the middle for a basket, cutting the lead to three.
Ancier set the risk for Moore and she fed it to Bussell for the last basket of the second quarter, 30-22.

Kelch cut the lead to one as she was fouled in the attempted bank shot and went two for two at the line.
Hamilton went back to it for Ancier who had stacked up four fouls.
Nicholas County Head Coach Barbara Kenney called for a four-one low offense to protect the Nicholas lead.

The team utilized the play as Bussell slid out of the lane and Warner penetrated for the two-point shot.
Augusta called time with 5:51 to play.
Back in the game, Hamilton snatched the inside rebound and put the Jackets up by five, 30-24.

Augusta's Nickerson drove her fifth foul, fouling out of the game.
Rawlings then went to the line and hit the front end of a bonus.
Moore compounded the lead by hitting a 10-foot jumper.

Fields hit the three pointer for Augusta as the game approached the 1:21 mark and cut the lead to two.
Rawlings secured the Nicholas lead with a short jumper.

Bussell sank the last two baskets to clinch the Nicholas County victory, 51-46.
After trailing from the first half at Augusta's home, 31-46, Kenney commented on the second Nicholas win.

'I think the girls did a superb job and really worked together for this win,' said Kenney.
'We hit 41 percent from the field and 59 percent at the line and getting the shots to fall was always our problem in past games, but it didn't seem to be tonight.

Fourth quarter rally sees Patriots win, 32-25

Spurred by the Carlisle Mercury Staff
The 6th Grade All Stars Nicholas County Patriots traveled to Marshfield State University, Sunday, January 31, to play in the 19th Annual Gateway Area Junior Basketball Classic.

At the halftime break, the coaches had a "very firm discussion with the boys on defense and rebounding position.
The third quarter play was much better but the Patriots still trailed 22-18.

In the final period, the Patriots put on a dazzling display of the press, which produced countless Cardinal turnovers and Patriot baskets resulting in a final score, Nicholas County 22, Stanton 20.
Scoring for the Patriots, Brad Brown 6, Chris Allison 3, Justin Masley 2, Kevin Farbach 2, Nick Fow 2, Steven White 1.

The Patriots still were struggling in the 2nd quarter by being out rebounded by the much larger Cardinals, but managed to gain some ground. The 1st half ended with the score, 14-11 in favor of Stanton.
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Rebels advance in tourney NCS team posts two wins

The Nicholas County Rebels fifth grade basketball team journeyed to Marshfield State University to compete in the Gateway Area Junior Basketball Classic last weekend.
The tournament had 71 teams competing in the competition.
The Rebels took the advantage over their opening opponent, Montgomery County Kings, and won, 32-25.

Non Rebels players broke onto the scoring boards; Shane Kenney led with nine points and John Brown followed up with eight.
Other Rebels' scores were Phillip Brown, and Wesley Brodwick with four apiece.
Rodney Shields, Brian Simpson, Mike French, Jeremy Simpson, and Dwayne Kenney all had two points.

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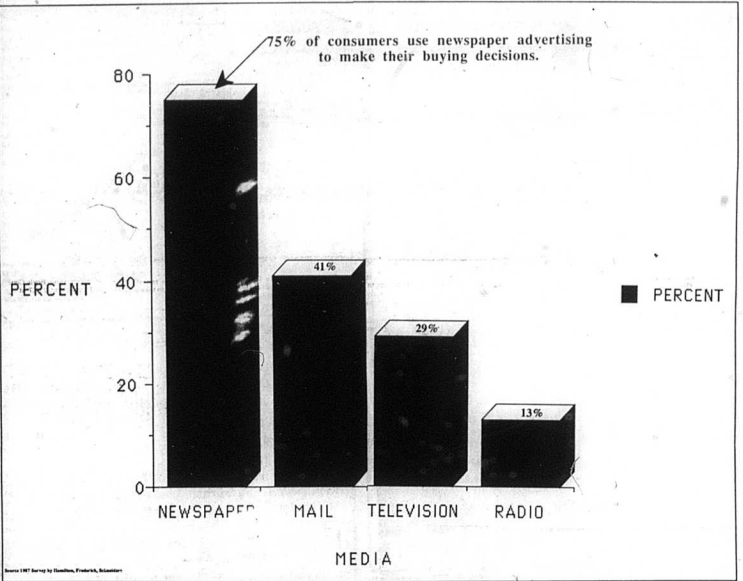
Freshmen Bluejackets lose to Bourbon, fall in Harrison Co. tourney

The Nicholas County Freshmen lost January 26 against Bourbon County 46-24.
Jackets scores were Brian Hillender with 15; Collier Mathes, 12; Shad Tibbs, seven; and David Pruitt with three.
The freshmen jackets fell January 30 in the Harrison County Invitational tourney to Harrison, 67-20.
The freshmen team fell to Great County in the consolation game, 51-42.

High Jackets' scores against Harrison were: Brian Hillender with seven; Collier Mathes and David Short with four each; Shad Tibbs and Chris Turner with two apiece and Todd Quinn with one.
Scores for the Great County game were: Shad Tibbs with the high of 15; Brian Hillender, 11; Collier Mathes, nine; Todd Quinn, five; and David Pruitt with two.

Brian Okerman, member of the seventh grade Nicholas County Bluejackets, rising up for the fourth away jumper against a Georgetown Buffalo guard. The Bluejackets were defeated, 35-29.

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