

**SPORTS**

**Bluejackets pull out win at Bracken, 49-46**

By Chip Miller  
**Overcome Money Heat**  
 The playing rhythm Nicholas County Head Coach Lee Cross spoke of earlier in the season came together for the Bluejackets February 8 to help them overcome Bracken County, 49-46.

Both teams started the first quarter slow, Bracken hitting only three points in the first four minutes of play.

Tip Fryman broke the scoring tie for the Jackets.

Bracken's Courtney plugged a three-pointer, advancing the Polar Bear lead to four, 8-2.

Fryman came back with another two, and followed with another bucket 30 seconds later to tie the score at 8-8.

The Polar Bears closed the quarter out with a Tucker bucket of the backboard, 13-11.

Fryman scored all 11 of the Jackets' points in the quarter, leaving the Nicholas game alone.

Todd Day, who had the Jackets game high of 21, opened the second period for the Jackets, hitting the first of two charity shots.

Bracken's Courtney hit a three-jackets drop.....

**Lady Saints overcome Lady Jackets, 46-37**

By Heather Mathes  
**Overcome Money Heat**  
**MAYVILLE** - The Lady Saints dispatched the Bluejackets during a Nicholas County road game February 10, breaking the Lady Jackets' victory streak, 46-37.

The Lady Saints opened second with a short jumper from the four low area by Vanessa Walton.

Christa Axster opened for Nicholas on the offense rebound and led in with 6:09 to play in the first quarter.

Any Adams answered for the Lady Saints with a shot from the deep left corner.

Nicholas County retained possession and Betsy Warner led the Jackets to 6-6.

Nicholas gained momentum and cut the Saint lead to five with a jumper by Adams in the opening seconds of the second quarter.

Nicholas rebounded by Christa Bassell shooting through and demanding the Saint ball with a steal.

Bassell followed up the action by assisting Warner in the first Nicholas two.

With 4:07 to play, Walton led the Saints in a clear advantage with another two point shot, game high of 20, 23-12.

Tanya Moore went two for two at the line for a needed Nicholas two.

Nicholas came back strong again as Bernice Hawkins created the basket and came out with another Nicholas two.

Mayville closed out the first half resting on a nine point advantage, 28-16.

The third quarter proved to be Nicholas weakest point of the game as they scored only three points while the Lady Saints gained momentum and went up to 30-20.

Saint Patrick opened the scoring in the final quarter with a steal and layup by Tommy Whaley.

Nicholas' Warner came out

pointing, beginning a Polar Bear scoring spree that lasted over two minutes.

When it ended the Bears had an eight-point lead, 30-12.

Nicholas called a timeout with 5:48 remaining on the clock.

The Bluejackets came back out on the floor and outscored the Bears 16-7, trimming the Bracken lead to 5-6 at the half.

Bracken led going into the lockerroom, 27-22.

Third quarter action saw a turning point in the Jackets.

Courtney Jackson put on a full court press and forced Bears mistakes.

Danny Walls opened the third period for the Jackets, followed by another Fryman bucket to cut the Bear's lead down to ten, 28-26.

Courtney then again called a three-pointer from the corner, upping Bracken's lead to five, 31-26.

With 5:44 left of the third quarter, Kelly Brodnickie answered with a bucket, tying the score.

Day followed with two more buckets, and Brodnickie closed the second period with a three-point shot.

Coach Nicholas drew Harrison County in the first round of the District tournament at Marshfield State University campus recently.

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Nicholas then had the lead, closing the quarter out at 34-28.

With 1:51 remaining of the game, Bracken called a timeout.

Nicholas had regained the lead, 47-46.

Committee then found another three-pointer for the Polar Bears.

This began another Bracken scoring spree, this one was worth seven points.

When it ended, Bracken led by one, 49-46.

Nicholas Day and Brodnickie hit a bucket apiece to send the Jackets up by three.

Brodnickie's Fryman was fouled and hit both charity shots. He followed this up 30 seconds later with another bucket.

The Polar Bear's offense set Courtney up for the three-point shot.

**NCES little league teams fall in tourney**

Reported by The Carlisle Mercury  
 The Nicholas County Elementary School and Parkville Little League teams fell in heartbreaking losses in the Gateway Chapter Junior Baseball Tournament at Marshfield State University campus recently.

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