

SPORTS

Day's basket at :55 lifts Nicholas over Pendleton

By Hank Beard
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 CARLISLE — "I told them that before the game started, and we didn't seem to play much defense out there tonight," NCHS Head Coach Lee Cruse said after the game.

It took like we had to stay in what we were trying to do in the second quarter, although we did go to more of swing offense.

The change in offense appeared to have the desired effect as the Bluejackets ran off four straight on baskets by Day and Kelly Brooks to knot the score 14-14 with 7:18 to play until intermission.

The teams played even for most of the quarter until Pryman scored a 13-foot shot from the right side to give NCHS a 22-14 lead with 2:30 to play in the quarter.

Brookshire followed with a strong offensive rebound for a score, hit a turn around and scored both ends of the home to 20-22 advantage with 1:57 remaining in the second stanza.

Pendleton cut the margin with a six foot shot in the lane by Phillip Malloy, and a tip in by Shannon Booth with 20 seconds to play until intermission at the halftime score of 20-28, Nicholas County.

"I'd like to say I told the boys at the end of the first quarter to play more defense, but I told them that before the game started, and we didn't seem to play much defense out there tonight," NCHS Head Coach Lee Cruse said after the game.

"We weren't really hitting all out in the second quarter," Cruse said, "but we were able to get a few shots in the last quarter, we were able to in the first quarter."

The Wildcats refused to fold, as Pryman hit another two of his team as high 14 with 7:18 to play in the second half, and suddenly it was only 44-44.

Pryman hit a jumper at the three line and Gary Wolfe hit from the key by Brian Perry, after the game had stolen the ball on a full court press.

Walls dropped in two free three point shots to give the Jackets back their four point advantage, 46-48.

With 4:48 left in the game, Pendleton's Turner signaled for a timeout.

Back on offense, Malloy hit a 13 foot shot and Booth followed another missed shot, after Nicholas failed to score on the tip down the floor, and suddenly the game was tied, 50-50.

Rennie Taylor hit one of two free throws and a six foot shot with 0:52 to play in the quarter to tie the Jackets' lead to 50-50.

Andy Anderson hit a layup for NCHS, Perry hit home with three, and a tip in by Shannon Booth with 2:51 to play, Nicholas County's lead was cut to 49-55.

Pryman missed the front end of a layup with 1:21 to play in the game after a foul by Brad Wells, his fifth, and Pendleton claimed the rebound.

Perry hit a driving layup with 1:13 to play and Pendleton County regained the lead, its first since the second quarter, 54-53.

Bill Leach was a last chance for Nicholas County.

Day's jumper at 58 set the final margin, but Pendleton missed four shots in the final quarter, 23-12.

Nicholas couldn't compete with Jessemine under the net for the rebounds and was outscored, 18-10 in the second period.

Jessemine hitting 10 unanswered points in the final three minutes of first half action.

Jessemine walked off the floor at the half leading 45-24.

The Jackets were could regain lost ground on the boards in second half, trailing in the third period 44-51, and in the final quarter, 86-47.

Wells was Nicholas' top scorer with 14.

Lady Jackets take first

By Chip Miller
 of the Carlisle Mercury staff
 The Nicholas County Lady Bluejackets pounded Wayne Monday night, 66-29, clinching up their first win of the season.

"We dominated the game," said Lady Bluejackets Head Coach Barbara Kenney.

"We played a good defense all night," Kenney said.

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Jessamine proves too tough for Jackets

By Chip Miller
 of the Carlisle Mercury staff
 Friday night proved to be a game of tests for the Nicholas County Bluejackets, who were overruled by Jessemine County, 86-47.

The test was that of the bench, with the absence of three of the Jackets' starters who were benched for disciplinary problems.

The test for the Jackets was whether or not Head Coach Cruse's bench could play a full 32 minutes of half against a surging Jessemine County.

The result on the board: Jessemine 86, Nicholas 47.

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Lady Jackets fall to Bulldogs, 47-41

By Heather Mathes
 of the Carlisle Mercury staff
 The Nicholas County Lady Bluejackets lost at home to Mayeville Thursday night, 47-41.

The first basket of the night came from Mayeville's point guard.

Nicholas utilized the corner to corner swing and Warner shot to cut the lead to eight.

Mayeville followed with Lady Bulldog Johnson hitting Denise Commodore for the two from the corner.

Bussell hit the next basket for Nicholas County on the fast break.

Moore followed with three successive field goals with 1:35 to play in the first half.

The last shot, a three-pointer, was made by Mayeville at the buzzer by Tina Moore.

The score going into the second half was Mayeville leading 29-18.

Moore broke the scoring tie for Nicholas County at the opening of the second half.

Rense Hawkins bought the next basket off an offensive rebound for Nicholas.

Bussell brought the Jackets within three, 31-28, with lay-up on the fast break.

Mayeville's Heidi Tolle penetrated the inside to secure the lead.

Chris Anderson struggles to put up a Nicholas County two as Renee Hawkins remedies for the rebound



Freshmen lose in overtime

By Chip Miller
 of the Carlisle Mercury staff
 The Nicholas County Freshmen Bluejackets lost in overtime to East County Thursday night, 35-32.

Head Coach Greg Letcher said he was pleased with the freshmen performance despite the loss.

"They lost to us in the year and for us to go there and take them into overtime was something to be proud of," he said.

Letcher said the freshmen team are now starting to come on stronger.

"We're doing the things to be competitive now and that's all I can ask for from them," he said.

Jackets' high scorer was Collier Mathes with 15; Brian Hilsander had eight; David Pruitt, as, David Shivers, four, and Brad Wells with two.



David Rieck attempts a jumper against Jessemine County Anderson Friday night. Chip Miller Photo



John Brown going up for the Demon jumper as Hawk defender tries for the rejection. Damon were the Little League Aces Change, 30-26. Heather Mathes Photo

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