

SPORTS

Jackets' rally falls short in 78-77 loss

By Hank Bond
 The Nicholas County High School basketball team would have wanted to end the season...
 The regular season, especially with the NCHS gymnasium nearly at capacity for Jacks' Senior Night, it appeared the home-standing Bluejackets were going to pull out a sensational come-from-behind win.



The team's regular schedule finally, which featured a starting lineup of all seniors (Ty Fryman, Scott Allison, Neal Metcalfe, Kelly Brookshire and Kevin Hughes - Todd Day a normal senior to start, was being his many other games this season).

Nicholas County pulled out to a seven-point lead midway through the fourth quarter as Andy Johnson hit a jumper just inside the three-point line.

Just as it seemed the Jacks were going to pull away with the win, Deming's Devils mounted a concerted offensive attack. Taking advantage of some missed shots inside the lane by Nicholas County, the Devils pulled to within one, 77-76, with 1:18 to play as Travis Hester cannot see his goggles.

With the ball outside, Nicholas County's Todd Day was fouled by 47 seconds to go, but the usually cool senior watched as his first shot in the home situation bounced off the back of the rim, and Deming claimed the rebound.

With 23 seconds left to play in the game, Deming's Ronnie Smith stepped to the line and drilled a pair of free throws and gave Deming the lead... and the win, 78-77.

The Jacks had one final possession, following a timeout, and with four seconds to play on the clock, a foul was interpreted by the Devils and victory simply came out of the clock.

Nicholas County's David Sparks, seeing action for the Jacks in a reserve role, goes for the bucket against Deming, last Friday night. The Jacks lost to the regular season finale 78-77, March 2.

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Junior Jackets win two games in tourney, fall in semi-finals

Nicholas County Junior Jacks eighth grade boys won two of three games February 15, 16 and 17 to close out the season at 13-4.

The seventh grade junior Jacks, not participating in the tournament, closed the season at 6-8.

On February 18 NCHS challenged East County at the home, pulling out the win, 62-41.

Junior Jacks scores were: Jarrod Wills, eight; Brad Allison, 11; Raymond Brown, three; Travis Sims, 12; Daniel Brown, 18; and Kevin Morrisworth, 12.

On February 16 NCHS took it on the road to Scott County, winning again, 64-43.

Junior Jacks scores were: Wills, 12; Allison, four; Raymond Brown, four; Sims, six; Daniel Brown, 22; and Morris with eight.

The Junior Jacks made it to the semifinals, falling to Georgetown, 64-44.

Jack's scores were: Wills, five; Allison, 13; Sims, five; Daniel Brown, 19; and Morris with one.

Cooper led Deming with 23, while Ronnie Collins had 21. All five starters for Deming hit for double figures.

Reserves David Sparks saw a great deal of playing time for Nicholas County as center. Deming Wills picked up several fouls early in the game. "We're really proud of the way David played," NCHS Head Coach, Lee Cruise said after the game.

"David is the type of individual who comes to the practice sessions, very seldom says anything and works exceptionally hard at what we're trying to do."

"We know Deming would play a run and gun type of game and we know what we would have to do to stop them."

"We had three shots at winning the game in the last 25 seconds, but the shots didn't appear to fall in."

With the win Deming improved to 20-88, while Nicholas County fell to 6-11.

In the junior varsity game, Nicholas County led 26-21 at intermission on the way to a 45-29 win.

The Junior Jacks finished the season with a 4-30 record. David Sparks paced the Nicholas win with 10 points.

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NCES faculty squares off against student challengers

By Heather Mathes
 The Nicholas County Elementary School hosted an "All Star" volleyball effort for the benefit of the upper grades which packed the elementary gym each period Friday.

First round action saw the eighth grade girls going head to head over the net with the seventh grade girls team.

The eighth grade team included Kristi Barton, Raina Brooks, Kaye Kelly, Jennifer Johnson, Jessica Sherrill, Jill Harlow, Jackie Koona, Melissa Davis and Lisa Rose.

The seventh grade team included Amanda Fiere, Christy Hutton, Renee Loville, Jennifer Galbraith, Candy Long, Jennifer Yee, Gabriel Fryman, Susan Caddison and Nikki Smoot.

The eighth grade girls came out ahead, playing two out of three games for the win.

Second round action saw the eighth grade boys taking on the faculty.

A triple effort on the part of Brad Allison, Jarrod Wills and Greg Gilvin on the front line prevented the faculty from taking back the title.

The faculty team tried for a valiant rally as Bill Mathes set it up high for the coach Steve staff, and although the effort brought them to the competition on top.

On the winning side of the net were the eighth graders, including Brad (Crawford) Allison, Jarrod Wills, Greg Gilvin, Daniel Brown, Daniel Brown, Kevin Bryant, Scott Swatts, Johnny Scott, Pat Phillips and Bryan



NCES faculty members prepare to hit the ball after an eighth grader returns the serve. In the end the faculty were taught a lesson by the students. Heather Mathes photo.

Education course set

A free hunter education course will be held March 7 and 8 at 7:10 p.m. and March 9 at 4 p.m. at Nicholas County Public Library in Carlisle.

The course, sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and Nicholas County Wildlife Club will include classroom instruction in firearm safety, sportsmanship, hunter ethics, first aid and outdoor survival.

The last session will feature actual range firing and practice with both firearms and archery equipment.

Those successfully completing the course will receive safe hunter certificates valid in any of the 36 states where such certification is required.

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Nicholas girls lose

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with constant shooting.

In the end, Nicholas suffered a heart-breaking loss after coming so close.

Harrison came out on top, 44-30.

Harrison County Head Coach Stevenson organized Nicholas County Head Coach Barbara Kenney in the locker room after the game.

"I have never seen a team more well prepared and one that so hard," Harrison Coach Stevenson said.

"I commend and congratulate you in your effort and I have to add that you all are so proud."

Baswell followed with a fade away jumper, Nicholas only down five with 6:10 to play, 30-25.

The battle for the ball was on as Nicholas was plagued by fouls all losing Harrison to work up a compounded lead, 40-27.

With three minutes to play, the seniors came through as Warner and Baswell closed out the scoring

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