

HOOP PREVIEW AT NICHOLAS COUNTY

Pirates sail back to Powell with win in ot

Daniel Brown streaked down the lane after a steal and could only watch as his layup bounced twice on the rim and fell off at the buzzer, as Powell County escaped with a 61-60 overtime win in game four of the Nicholas County High School Pan-A-Rama, Saturday.

The Bluejackets gave every appearance of making the game a runaway in the first six and half minutes.

Collier Mathes hit with 14-40 to play in the first of two 15 minute halves to give NCHS a 9-0 lead.

Danny Wells canned a hook in the lane, plus a free throw and Nicholas County led 15-0 with 14:50 to play.

David Sparks gave the Jackets a 7-0 advantage with 13:22 to play, before the Pirates were even able to crack the scoring column.

Keith Rogers netted two points from the charity line to give Powell its first point, but the Pirates continued to roll.

Cecil Neal hit a jumper, and after a bucket in the lane by Wells for the Pirates, Rogers connected on a three point play to cut the Nicholas lead to 9-7.

Daniel Brown hit a shot with 10:30 to play in the half, and Nicholas led 11-7.

The Jackets continued to lead as Sparks hit, and Brad

Tibbe counted a bucket to give NCHS a 16-10 advantage.

Two free throws by Andy Anderson gave the Jackets their seven point lead back at 17:10 with 8:50 to play.

Powell County refused to fold, and the Pirates ran off seven straight to tie the game 17-17.

The game was tied at 19:19, 21:21, before Mathes gave the Jackets the lead 23-21 on two free throws.

With 3:49 to play in the first half, the Pirates Neal roared to the hoop for a layup and Powell County had its first lead, 24-23.

With 2:23 to play in the half, Powell had a five point lead, 30-25, when Roger Garrett hit a layup.

Wells brought the Jackets within four, 32-28 on a six-footer from the left side Powell County maintained its lead of four at intermission.

As the second half unfolded, Powell County continued its grip on the lead and with 11:27 to play in the game, Neal hit a layup to give the Pirates a 37-22 advantage.

Nicholas County continued to scratch.

Brown knocked the ball away and raised for an uncontested layup. Brown then counted a three point goal to cut the lead to 39-27 with 9:59 to play in the game.

After a timeout with 8:14 to go in the game by Nicholas County, Sparks hit one of two free throws, Wells hammered home a hook from six feet at 7:03 and it was a new game, 42-42.

Powell surged back to a 50-45 lead, before NCHS Coach Les Crause signaled another timeout, with 4:43 to play.

Brown hit from six feet on the left side, Neal hit one free throw for Powell County, and Brown bombed another three pointer with 3:36 to play to bring Nicholas County within one, 51-50.

After a free throw by the Pirates Keith Rogers, Anderson hit from the left for Nicholas and the game was tied, 52-52.

Brown's three pointer with 1:20 to play in regulation gave Nicholas the lead back, 55-52.

Rogers brought Powell within two, with one free throw, and after a possession change, Powell County took a timeout.

With 31 seconds to play in regulation, Neal sent home two free throws to tie the game 55-55.

With seven seconds to play in regulation, Anderson was whistled for a charging foul, much to the displeasure of the Nicholas bench, but nonetheless Powell County had the ball and held on to force the overtime.

In overtime, Nicholas County jumped out to a 56-52 lead as Wells hit one of two free throws.

Wells brought the lead back to NCHS on a six foot jumper and extended that lead, 60-57, with two free throws at the 1:39 mark of the four minute extra period.

Neal brought Powell within one with a layup, with 1:25 to play.

Anderson watched as a free throw bounced off on the front end of the bonus after a foul by John Southwood.

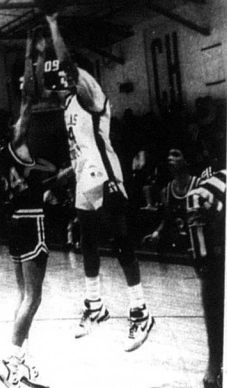
With 1:02 to play in the game Mike Barnsett gave Powell a 61-60 lead with a follow-up inside the lane.

A foul by Sparks sent Rogers to the line for the Pirates, but he missed the front end of the bonus.

Nicholas County claimed the rebound and called a timeout.

On the inbound pass, the ball was knocked out of bounds and Powell County had possession.

Working the ball out front, Powell County whistled the clock, but Brown broke through for Nicholas County, stole the ball, drove the length of the court and could only hold his breath as his shot with one second bounced twice off the rim and fell off, giving Powell County the win.



Nicholas County's Danny Wells goes for two against Cecil Neal from Powell County in the day's last game. Powell took a 61-60 overtime win. - Steve Pines.

Bracken falls short in game with Madison Southern

Bracken County's last minute heroics fell just short as Madison Southern withstood a minute charge to post a 59-56 win in game three of the Nicholas County High School Pan-A-Rama, Saturday.

The win allowed Madison Southern to serve notice as a winner, in its first basketball season. Madison Southern began its first year of operation this fall.

The game was tight from wire to wire with a basket full of ties and lead changes.

With 9:56 to play in the first of two 15 minute halves, the score was tied 10-10.

Bracken County forced a six point lead, 20-16 on a shot

in the lane by Chad Tucker. Southern wouldn't fade, though, as a run of three straight and another bucket at the 6:12 mark by Albert Johnson brought Southern within one, 23-21.

The Polar Bears were able to cling to the lead until inside the final minute of the first half.

Southern's Eddie Henssen-brook hit one of two free throws with 29 seconds to play and the score was tied 26-26.

A three point shot by Shane Buttry with 13:01 to play in the game lifted Southern to a 31-29 lead.

After a tie at 31-31, South-

ern's Buttry connected on the next five points in the game to give Southern a 36-31 lead.

The Polar Bears were not to be denied, at least at this point in the game, as Stacey Floyer hit a free throw, Tom Hornaby added two more and with 10:46 to play in the game, Stacey Floyer notched two free throws to tie the game, 36-36.

Bracken County continued to roll on the offensive end of the floor, with a bucket each by Floyer and Richard Smith at intermission, 36-36.

Floyer continued to keep Bracken County in the game with timely shooting, but Madison Southern began to scratch back.

With Bracken County

holding a 48-42 lead, Steve Chastain called a jumper to cut the lead to 48-44 with 5:47 to play in the game.

Chastain hit again at the 5:10 mark to bring Southern within two.

Bracken's Butch Rankin counted two free throws to give the Polar Bears a four point advantage at the 5:00 mark of the second half.

Southern ran off five straight points to lead 51-50 with 3:05 to play in the game.

When Tucker hit a free throw for Southern to take that one point lead, Southern would never trail again.

Bracken did lead the score, 51-51 on a charity toss with

3:49 to play, but Kyle Bicknell hit two free throws, as did Buttry, and when Bicknell canned two more free throws with 1:00 to play, Southern led 58-52. A single free throw by Buttry tied the win for Southern.

Bracken County wouldn't fade, though, as the Polar Bears whittled the lead to 59-56 with 15 seconds to play on a hoop by Hornaby.

After a timeout, Bracken stole the ball, threw up a three point attempt, which fell out, but Rankin put the missed shot back with four seconds to play in the game to cut the Southern lead to 59-56.

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ond efforts were to no avail, though, as Southern held on to post the one point win.

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Tom Hornaby (55) of Bracken County goes for the hoop for Bracken County against Madison Southern's Albert Johnson. - Hank Bond Photo.

Pendleton rallies to beat Toilesboro

Pendleton County rallied to erase an early Toilesboro lead and then withstood a last minute charge to post a 66-65 win in game two of the Nicholas County High School Pan-A-Rama, Saturday.

Toilesboro took a 4-0 lead before the Wildcats could break the scoring ice on a layup away by Phillip Mulloy.

With 12:31 to play in the first of two 15 minute halves, Gary Wolfe canned a layup to end the score at 4-4.

Toilesboro then pulled away to a 10-4 advantage, before Pendleton County could score again.

Wolfe connected on a three

point play to cut the lead to 10-7, but Toilesboro pulled ahead 12-7 with a six foot shot in the lane by Chris Harrison.

The teams traded baskets, before Pendleton took its first lead 17-16 on a follow-up shot by Mulloy, with 7:05 to play in the half.

Rennie Taylor gave Pendleton County a 19-16 lead with 6:46 to play canning two free throws.

Harrison tied the game, 20-20, for Toilesboro with a six foot shot at the 5:59 mark.

From there, Pendleton built its lead on a six foot shot by Taylor, a free throw by Shannon Booth, a bucket by Wolfe, and some great inside play.

Pendleton held a 35-27 lead at intermission.

Toilesboro clawed back into the game, cutting the Pendleton County lead to 46-42 with 9:48 to play in the game.

Toilesboro came within one, 48-47, and tied the score at 49-49.

Both gave Pendleton the lead back at the 6:53 mark of the second half, and Pendleton pulled back to a 56-51 advantage with 4:19 to play on a layup by Booth.

Harrison tied the game for Toilesboro at 63-63 with 31 seconds to play in the game, and the crowd was well aware the game was getting very

tight.

Toilesboro actually took the lead with 12 seconds to play in the game on two free throws by Harrison.

Pendleton County's Head Coach Gary Turner signaled for a timeout.

With three seconds to play in the game, Mulloy hit a twilight three point lead to give Pendleton a 66-65 advantage.

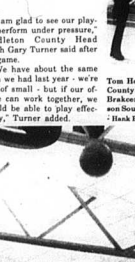
Toilesboro had one more chance to snatch the win, but after a timeout, on the inbounds play, Harrison was forced to put up an off balance desperation shot, and the attempt fell harmlessly away - as Pendleton County took the

win.

"I am glad to see our players perform under pressure," Pendleton County Head Coach Gary Turner said after the game.

We have about the same team we had last year - we're sort of small - but if our of-fense can work together, we should be able to play effectively, Turner added.

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Estill takes day's biggest win

Estill County blew out to a 37-29 lead at halftime, withstood a Lewis County rally in the second half, and then counted to a 71-55 win in the opening game of the Nicholas County Pan-A-Rama.

The Saturday event opened with the 1 p.m. game.

Estill County's Anthony Wiseman hit a lay-up to give the Engineers a 2-0 lead, and broke a 2-2 tie with a six foot follow-up on a missed shot to make it 4-2.

A three point shot by Lewis County's Chris Hardy with 12:27 to play in the first half gave the Lions their only

lead, 5-4.

Jeremy Neire countered with a three point bomb of his own, for Estill County and the Engineers never looked back.

Lewis County narrowed the lead to 16-14 with 10:00 to play in the 15 minute first half, but the Engineers continued to pull away after the brief Lewis County run.

With 5:15 to play in the first half, Estill County had a three point shot to give Lewis County a 20-14 advantage.

Lewis County cut the Estill lead to 22-22 on a shot by Hardy, who finished the first

half with 23 points.

Estill County continued to apply pressure to the ball, though, and held on to lead, 37-29 at intermission.

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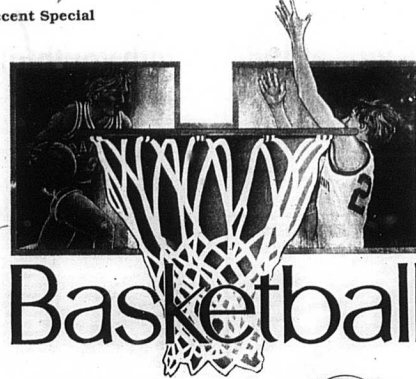
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