

Taking a look back at last season

The 1987-88 basketball season has been one filled with anguish, frustration and triumph for the Nicholas County varsity Bluejackets.

The Nicholas boys saw frustrating losses, many turnovers and too many officials' calls not to go their way in 87-88.

Yet, the Nicholas County Head Coach Lee Cruse's own words, the Jackets team members have "showed a lot of poise, had more heart," and are on the road to the 10th Regional tournament with a 8-16 regular season record.

The Jackets opened the season December 1 with a stunning upset victory over neighboring Bourbon County, 73-59.

Three days later the

Jackets fell to Paris by nine, 86-77.

Then on December 5 Nicholas' Big Blue stomped Richmond Madison in Carlisle, 94-66.

The next three consecutive games saw the Jackets on the road. In the first, the Jackets were met with a loss to Deming, 77-69, on December 11.

The Jackets followed up with an easy victory at MMI the next night, 86-41, and enjoyed a 3-2 mark for their infant season.

Frankfort proved to be tough competition three days later, on December 15, for the Jackets. Frankfort pulled out the win, 76-67, and tied Nicholas' record at 3-3.

The Bluejackets' roller coaster record continued with a fourth win December 18 against Mason County, 44-41, and a fourth loss to the Vikings of Rowan County in the Montgomery County tourney, 70-53, December 28.

The Jackets fell to Fleming County 11 days later in the Mason County Invitational Tournament, 78-62.

Cruse's Jackets followed this up the next week with two wins, first at home against Menifee County, 81-56, then away to Richmond against Madal Laboratory, 75-65.

Next, the Jackets took on Harrison County on January 19, who later become their district slingshot to Maysville

and the 10th Regional tourney.

Much like a premonition of the March 2 37th District match-up, the Thoroughbred of Harrison pulled the Jackets into overtime.

Only Harrison came out better from the January 19 battle with a one point win, 66-65.

The Jackets pivoted their half season mark to 6-6 with the Harrison loss.

Nicholas opened the final 12 games of its season with a 86-47 loss to Jessamine County January 22.

Then tied the season mark again, this time at 7-7, with a win at home against Pendleton County January 26.

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Four tough consecutive losses were handed to the Jackets - Boyle County, 77-53; Fleming

County, 94-52; Montgomery County, 73-41; and avengeful Bourbon County on February 6.

It was a Kevin Hughes

rebound and pump-in shot that sent Bourbon and Nicholas into overtime.

But the Colonels served a two-point, heartbreaking loss to the Jackets, 85-83.

Cruse's Jackets rebounded back three days later with a stunning win over Bracken County, 49-46, February 9.

This was to be the Jackets' final victory of the regular season.

With a 8-11 mark, the Jackets headed into the remaining five games of their 1987-88 season, losing all five.

Estill County began the downhill ride with a 79-56 victory in Irvine;

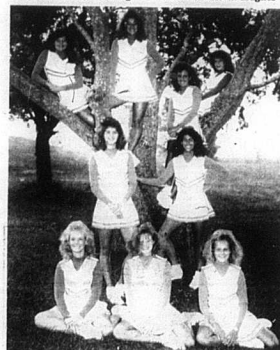
Maysville followed, 93-66; Bath County, 90-84, and then Lexington Sayre, 48-46.

The Jackets ended the season with a one-point loss, handed them by Deming, 78-77, February 28 in Carlisle.

Nicholas County advanced to the 10th Regional Tournament with a 63-60 overtime win over Harrison County.

The Jackets fell to Bourbon County in the finals of the district.

After an upset of Deming in the quarterfinal round of the regional tournament, Nicholas County saw its season come to an end with a loss to Maysville in the semi-finals of the regional tournament.



1988-89 Nicholas County Cheerleaders: front, (l-r) Christy Padgett, Heather Hill, Hope Coher, Standing, (l-r) Karen Barla, Michelle Gray, In tree, (l-r) Andrea Hall, Deanna Fryman, Almee Tussey, Anna Whalen.

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