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quarterfinal round of the 10th Region Tournament, Wednesday night. It was a night filled with emotion from both sides, as both schools were represented in large numbers and the Mason County Fieldhouse rocked from the noise.

Nicholas County controlled the opening tip, as Kelly Brookshire stepped in to jump it up for the jackets. The ball was tipped three times, before Andy Anderson laid claim to the roundball for Nicholas County and to coin phrase were were off and running.

Running is an understatement, as only three fouls were whistled in the first quarter, one on Nicholas County and

two on Deming, and two violations stopped play. Nicholas County trailed only twice in the contest, but it certainly wasn't all that easy... Nicholas County and the Devils had a deadlock after the first eight minutes of play at 16-16.

The high scoring affair continued, however, Nicholas had built a five point lead at intermission, 30-25. Following the break, where the fans from both sides took a brief rest from yelling, the two teams went back to work. Deming scored two straight times on buckets by Mike Cooper to make it 39-26, Nicholas County, with 3:19 to play in the third quarter.

Nicholas County took a commanding 48-40 lead with 1:19 to play in the third quarter, but Deming responded to the challenge. Treve Heiler dropped the margin to only four, 48-44, with a bucket from the outside, and Deming had two free throws bounce away in the final seconds of the quarter.

If it was possible, the tempo of the game quickened in the final eight minutes. The intensity of the game grew and so did the noise in the foldhouse. Deming cut a five point Nicholas County lead down to 64-61 with 2:10 to play in the game... but it was as close as the Devils would be able to get.

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