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## NICHOLAS COUNTY FOOTBALL - THROUGH THE YEARS

### It's Homecoming! Bluejackets hit gridiron for first time in 1964

Football roundup set for Friday as NCHS gridiron season ends; Former athletes asked to sign up at front gate before football game

Nicholas County High School will wrap up its 1988 football season entertaining the Engineers of Estill County at NCHS Field beginning at 8 p.m., Friday night.

The Nicholas County All-Sports Booster Club is sponsoring a chili supper beginning at 6 p.m. in the Nicholas County High School cafeteria. Price for chili and a sandwich will be \$2.00, drinks will be 50 cents, sold by the Nicholas County Athletic Department.

Rob Hester, member of the All-Sports Booster Club will have a table set-up near the entrance to register all former Carlisle High School football players, band members, and cheerleaders. Also asked to register are all former Nicholas County High School football players, band members and cheerleaders.

The dinner will continue until game time and on as it is available.

All proceeds will be used by the Booster Club to assist Nicholas County athletic programs.

In addition, the Boosters are planning to welcome back all players from Carlisle High School and Nicholas County High School.

The Musketeers had many fine teams and those athletes, cheerleaders, band members and others involved with the program are invited to attend and be recognized with announcements throughout the game.

Former Nicholas County players, band members, cheerleaders and others interested around the program are also tried to attend and register.

The Booster Club will have spirit towels for sale at the game, and orders for T-Shirts will be taken near the front gate.

Nicholas County fielded its first football team in 1964.

The team was led on the field by Head Coach Gayle Bowen.

Bowen's first Bluejackets squad finished the year with a 7-3 record.

Nicholas County opened with an 8-7 decision over arch-rival Bourbon County.

The Jackets then followed suit in game

number two with a 25-0 pasting of Fleming County.

Games three and four were not as successful for Nicholas County as the Jackets fell to Paris 19-7 and then Stanford 25-0.

Nicholas County found the winning track again in game five with a 24-7 win over Irvine, followed by a 7-7 tie with Garrard County in game six.

The Falmouth Red Devils were next on the

card for Nicholas County and the Jackets responded unkindly pouncing the Pendleton County team 77-6 for the Jackets biggest win ever on the gridiron.

The Buffaloes of Georgetown High School were no match for the raring Bluejackets as Nicholas County continued its winning ways with a 14-7 decision.

Ludlow, from Northern Kentucky, handed the Jackets a 25-12 loss.

There were 24 players appearing in the 1964 team picture for Nicholas County.

Co-captains, according to the school's annual were Dickie Smart and Eddie Gilkison.

### A look back at gridiron results

Head Coach	Head Coach	Head Coach	Head Coach
<b>Head Coach from 1964</b> Gayle Bowen	<b>Head Coach from 1970</b> Paul D. Hampton	<b>Head Coach from 1976</b> Paul D. Hampton	<b>Head Coach from 1982</b> Paul D. Hampton
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<b>1964 Record</b> 7-3	<b>1970 Record</b> 5-6	<b>1976 Record</b> 5-6	<b>1982 Record</b> 5-6

### Nicholas County appears in four post season games

Nicholas County appeared in post season action four times.

The first in the 1977 CRC Bowl. Nicholas County came off a 10-1 regular season and was picked to play Woodford County in the annual game.

The northern Kentucky foe proved to be too much for the Bluejackets in the season ended with a 51-0 set-back.

The last playoff appearance by a Nicholas County football team came in 1983 as the Bluejackets carried an 8-3 record into the regional playoffs against Beechwood.

Again, Beechwood owned a 35-0 regular season win over close to clawed to stay close to Beechwood, but the valiant effort was not enough to add one point to the decision and went on to claim a 36-0 championship in the region.

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<b>1964 Record</b> 8-1	<b>1970 Record</b> 9-9	<b>1976 Record</b> 9-9	<b>1982 Record</b> 9-9

### Milestones

From information available in the Nicholas County High School yearbooks and from the archives of The Carlisle Mercury here are some milestones - good and bad - in the Nicholas County program.

**Most wins in a season** 1977-10

**Most losses in a season** 1987-11

**Best Season Record** 1977-10-2-0

**Worst Season Record** 1987-0-11-0

**Largest winning margin** 1964-71 points

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### Head Coaches at Nicholas County High School

Gayle Bowen.....1964-1965	Paul Hampton.....1970-1976	Lloyd McLeese.....1977-1978	Jack Massey.....1979-1982	Paul Hampton.....1983-1986	Robbie Barr.....1986-Present
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### Worst Defeat

Loss to Lexington Super High Point Total by Both Teams in loss 1984-83 Points 49-34 loss to Beechwood	Longest winning streak 11	Game 10 1976 season to game 9 1977 season	Longest losing streak 17	Game 1, 1969 Season to Game 7, 1970 Season	Post Season appearances (4)	CRC Bowl.....1977	Regional playoffs.....1978	Regional playoffs.....1981	Regional playoffs.....1983
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### Results are incomplete for the 1965-1966-1967 seasons

A partial review is available from The Carlisle Mercury editions, however, a complete season recap for these years is not available.

Here is what is available by year:

1965 Nicholas County lost to Bourbon County 25-0; defeated Mayvill 7-0; defeated Georgetown 7-6; defeated Falmouth 27-0; defeated Ludlow 20-7; defeated Danville 14-13; no score was available from the Mt. Sterling game, which according to records available ended the season.

For the 1966 season, again records are incomplete from both seasons.

Nicholas lost the season opener to Boyd County; defeated Fleming County 18-0; lost to Paris 18-13; lost to Stanford; defeated Irvine 27-0; defeated Bath County 7-0; defeated Falmouth 40-0; defeated Falmouth 40-0.

Nicholas County played four more games in 1966 including contests with Georgetown, Scott County, MMI and Mt. Sterling.

In 1967 records were the most incomplete of any data available, however, at one point in the season Nicholas County was 4-2. The two scores available included a 20-7 loss to Paris and a 19-7 win over Rowan County.....

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