

**SPORTS**

**Madison silences NCHS crowd, wins 59-0**

By Hank Bond  
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**CARLISLE** - There was nothing to cheer about in Carlisle Friday night, unless you were from Richmond. Nicholas County dropped to 11 on the year, with a 59-0 loss to Richmond Madison.

Madison's Dave Hill Walker, a 6-foot-1, 195-pound, junior runningback, galloped for 150 yards in the first half to lead the visiting Purples to a 22-0 advantage at intermission.

Madison took the opening kickoff, had a fumble on the first play of the game and found a second and 13 from the Madison 19.

Walker swept around right end, out running the Nicholas coverage, and followed the right sideline to paydirt. Anthony Merritt's extra point kick was good and with only 1:45 gone in the first quarter Nicholas trailed, 7-0.

The Bluejackets' offense sputtered in its first possession, gaining only two yards, and an 11-yard punt by Perry Febuck gave the Royal Purples great field position at the Nicholas County 43.

Walker carried it a straight times to give Madison a first and goal from the two, and quarterback Kevin Jenkins ran a quarterback sweep to notch Madison's second score with 6:29 to play in the first quarter. Merritt's kick was on the mark again, and it was 14-0.

Nicholas' County did pick up a first down in its next series on a nine yard carry by William Workman and a two yard run by Daniel Brown, but it was about all of the offense the Jackets could muster and four plays later, the Jackets were forced to punt with the ball on their own 26.

Madison took over at the Purple 31, and drove to the

Nicholas 16, before Walker struck again with 2:32 to play, still in the first quarter, and it was 20-0. Merritt missed the extra point.

Nicholas County pushed into Madison territory and drove to the Madison 26 before turning the ball over on downs.

Madison controlled the ball the remainder of the quarter and with 9:59 to play in the first half Jenkins drilled a pass to Kevin Miller at the Nicholas County 30, and Miller found his way through the secondary to paydirt.

Merritt's kick was good, and Madison had mounted a 26-0 advantage.

Madison struck one more time in the first half, as Brown threw a pass for the Jackets which was blocked into a loose man and Leslie Neal rambled 30 yards for the score. James Hill blocked Merritt's extra point attempt and with nine minutes to play until intermission, Nicholas trailed, 32-0.

That was all of the scoring in the first half, but it was

enough to take Nicholas Coach Robbie Barr. Madison added 27 points to its total in the second half to post the win.

Nicholas had two opportunities with the ball in Madison territory, once as deep as the Purple eight, but failed to score.

Scott Ballard and Collier Mathes were forced from the game with injuries, while several others had to make frequent trips to the sidelines with leg cramps.

"Madison is an extremely physical team," said NCHS Coach Robbie Barr. "From what I have been able to tell Madison is playing as well as Paris is right now. They have speed and physical size. That makes a lot of difference."

"This should be their last season, as the school is being consolidated into the Madison County system. Maybe that gives the players an extra incentive."

"We'll have to heal a little, now, and get ready for Mason County, next Friday night," Barr said.



Collier Mathes, who was forced from the game Friday night after reinjuring his leg, goes for some of his 83 yards on the night. Mathes should be able to return to action, Friday against Mason County. John Paster Photo.

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**Jackets to entertain Mason**

By Hank Bond  
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**CARLISLE** - Nicholas County Coach Robbie Barr will bring his Mason County Royals to town Friday night.

The Royals are 2-0 on the season with a win Friday night, 28-14, over Henry County.

Nicholas County will go into the game, 1:1, after the 5:0 loss to visiting Richmond Madison.

NCHS Head Coach Robbie Barr is guarded in his assessment of the Royals.

"This may very well be the best team Mason County has had in four years," Barr said of this week's opponent, "although Coach Fambrey said before the season he wasn't sure."

"They simply have a good football team... a team which can beat you at all positions."

"The game runningbacks with good speed, and this is something we saw against Madison. Coach Fambrey was there when we played Madison (Mason County) played Saturday night, and I'm certain he will make some adjustments to his running game after seeing what Madison was able to do."

"Mason County has the type of runningbacks that will get to the line of scrimmage quickly, and we'll have to play heads up defense."

"Mason County lines up toe to toe, shoulder to shoulder. The entire offensive line plays very well and will hit, play after play."

"We'll have to play better than we did against Fleming County to have an opportunity to beat Mason County."

"With what I have seen this season, Mason County may be as tough a team as any other on schedule, at least at this point in the season," Barr continued.

Reflecting on the loss to Madison, Barr said it was a change for the Richmond school.

"They're not the same team as last season," Barr said. "We have stayed in the game for the last three years, and made a good game of it, but this season we were out of the game, 20-0, in the first quarter."

Barr said he will have to

**Tough going**  
 William Workman has tough going for yardage against Richmond Madison Friday night. The jackets trailed from the early minutes of the game, falling 39-0 to the Royals. The Jackets fell to 1-1 with the loss. Bill Gaudin Photo.

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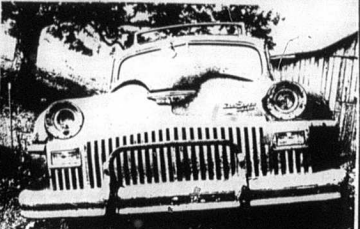
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