

## Clark County rolls to 117-47 win

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### SPORTS EXTRA WINCHESTER - The Nicholas County Bluejackets were handed their first loss of the season by regional contender Clark County, 117-47, Tuesday.

The attack Clark County launched came without warning and left the Jackets reeling throughout the game.

Rob Fulks hammered five quick points on the board within seconds of tipoff, one two point basket, and a three pointer.

Rebounding, as soon as the Jackets shot missed, Vince Embery burst down court for two and Shane Crum zipped in a jumper from the side.

The Cardinals had taken a 9-0 lead with 6:22 to play in the opening quarter.

Before the Jackets could get one score on the board, Embery, Dante Gay, and Fulks had run the score to 21-0.

Finally, Daniel Brown put points on the board for the Jackets with a foul shot.

Clark County checked up 11 points before Jamie Simons, at 1:45, sent in a jumper for two points and Brown tipped in a layup for another two.

The Cardinals ended their first quarter scoring drive with a last second score from Embery, lifting the Cardinals to a 36-5 lead.

The second quarter went much like the first, the Cardinals racking up point totals, it seemed, at will. However, Hilerand came up with an early three pointer to bring the Jackets' total to 8.

Hilerand continued to score from the outside, this time just in the three point line. After another Clark County score Hilerand put first in another for two.

Brown set up for a three pointer from the left side of the goal, both attempts failed but on the second, David Sparks rebound and pushed it back in.

Brown continued to try, however, and his next attempt was good and the Jackets had moved up to 17, though Clark County maintained a commanding lead.

The Jackets would not give up. Shad Tibbs and Greg Glavin gave the Jackets two points apiece and with 50 seconds left, Brown painted a three pointer.

Glavin gave the Jackets another two with less than 20 seconds left in the game, but the Cardinals finished out first half scoring with a last second score.

As the half ended, Clark County had fashioned a 67-26 lead.

The Cardinals continued to outplay the Jackets in the second half, but not with as devastating an attack as the first half.

For a short time, the Jackets did dominate the boards with Sims, Hilerand, and Jarrod Willis scoring three consecutive times, as Clark County failed to answer.

Jerome Embery took in a jumper for two, but Sims answered with a quick layup to make it 81-25, Clark County.

Although the Jackets managed five more points, Clark County took the majority of the points to end the third quarter at 90-40.

Clark County finished with large margin and took a 117-47 win.

Nicholas County Head Coach Lee Cruse said this first loss for the Jackets was a very humbling experience for the team, but he feels the experience has given some valuable lessons to the Nicholas squad.

"We played possibly the best quarter we've ever played," Cruse said. "I knew that going into the night, but seeing them play, I doubt there will be too many teams to take this team down this year."

Cruse said the Cardinals are a strong, senior dominated team with potential to take the state.

"Perhaps this is the kind of experience the boys need to work harder and prepare for other games," he said.

Brown was high scorer for the Bluejackets with 13 points, followed by Hilerand with nine and Sims with eight points.



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## Not this time

Nicholas County's Travis Sims gets an unkind welcome under the Bluejackets basket at the NCHS - Clark County game last week. Clark County controlled from the outset to pick up a 117-47 win.

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## Lewis County falls to ladies, 71-47

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### SPORTS EXTRA

CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Lady Jackets improved their record to 4-1 Wednesday as they handed defeat to the Lewis County Lady Lions, 71-47.

Nearly three minutes passed in the first period, Tony Earlywine put up the first basket of the night.

However, with 5:13 to play in the first period, Tony Earlywine put up a shot, Kim Denkins rebounded the shot from Michelle Ketchy.

But Nikki Smoot kept the Lady Jackets ahead, checking up two points from the key.

Stephanie Fraley, Lewis County's key shooter, displayed her defensive skill, intercepting a pass from Denkins to Christy Hanton, but on the return trip, Fraley could not get the ball through the hoop.

Denkins was fouled, and making one of her two shots, took the Jackets to a 5-2 lead over the Lions.

With 2:41 to play in the first quarter, Fraley came close to tying the game when she set up for a three point shot from the left corner, but could not connect.

Earlywine hit the first of two shots, but Denkins moved in for the rebound and put the missed shot back for a basket.

Denkins extended the Jackets' streak to hit Nicholas to a 10-2 advantage with 2:10 still remaining in the opening quarter.

The Jackets experienced a momentary lapse with a couple turnovers.

The Lions' Missy Lykins pulled together the team's only other score in the first quarter, firing in a jumper for two, but Nicholas came back to match Lykins' score.

Denkins concluded Nicholas' first quarter scoring on another rebound layup put the score at 14-4.

With less than a minute passed in the second quarter, Smoot tried a jumper from the side. Though Fraley rebounded and tried to put back her own shot twice before the ball finally went through the net.

Fraser, at 4:20, cleaned the bucket from the side despite Earlywine's defense. However, on returning to the Nicholas' side of the court, Hanton was fouled to hit on two their record to 4-1 Wednesday as they handed defeat to the Lewis County Lady Lions, 71-47.

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Fraser took the ball down and fired on a quick layup to move the Lions within six of tying.

The Lions then found themselves trailing by five off a foul shot from Michelle Ketchy.

Closing in on the Jackets, the Lions went to a full court press which resulted in a steal. Fraley had some close calls, but could not get the ball in the net.

The Jackets set up a smooth scoring combination as Hanton sent the ball to Smoot who fired the ball to Earlywine for a clear layup and a Nicholas County score with 4:50 remaining in the half.

At 4:18, Denkins blocked Deal Forman's shot and Smoot, grabbing the ball to return down court, was fouled by Fraley.

Smoot sank one foul shot. Her other shot went wide and Denkins tipped the rebound to Earlywine, but her shot wouldn't fall.

Kennedy went to the line and made one foul shot to cut the Nicholas County lead to 19-12.

Denkins took a pass from Kristie Barton for a score, and Forman sank both foul shots, on the line.

Smoot went to Denkins for another Nicholas score, followed by Austin firing in two Nicholas total to 50 when Smoot went to the line and sank one, then rebounded the second toss and line.

At 2:13, Nicholas set up another full court press which resulted in a steal from Smoot to Tina Fryman to Earlywine for two.

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With 5:7 seconds left, Forman fired in free throws then Earlywine dropped in two followed by Renee Kennedy with two.

Hanton finished the scoring with two foul shots with eight seconds to go in the half, and Nicholas held a commanding 29 point lead at intermission, 39-19.

Fraley-gang the Jackets momentarily cause to worry in the second half as she set up three consecutive baskets for the Lions, one a three pointer, which launched Lewis County up the scoreboard and out of a 20 point deficit.

Austin and Schanding went to the line for fouls shots, Austin firing in both and Schanding with one point.

Smoot ended scoring in the game with a two pointer with 10 seconds left.

Nicholas County Coach Barbara Kenney said the girls played more like a team than in any other game this season.

They were consistent throughout the first half, Kenney said, but due to the lead they had coming into the second half, they seemed to play with less intensity.

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