

**SPORTS**

**Nicholas County teams takes three in Bourbon County tournament**

By Jack Shepherd  
 Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff  
 The Nicholas County All-Star Little League team won its first title before being defeated in a double elimination tournament in Bourbon County last weekend.

Undrafted in two previous tournaments, the Nicholas County little league all-star team was 4-0 before entering into the Bourbon County tournament.

"We won our own tournament and the Montgomery County Invitational tournament," Coach Darrel Stacy said.

In the Nicholas County tournament, Stacy said, they played four games and they won three. They lost one game to a different pitcher in their first game and three Phillip Evans, Israel Stacy, and Shane Kinney pitched shut outs. Bradley Brown would have pitched a perfect game but for one run.

"The toughest games came from the Montgomery tournament, which is usually a tough tournament year in and out," Stacy said.

They were tied with Montgomery County 8-8, there were two out and it was the bottom of the last inning when Bradley Brown knocked a home run and finished the game 9-8, Stacy said.

In the final game of the tournament, Nicholas County defeated Paris 12-10.

"At the end of the Montgomery tournament, the trophies said our team had one of the best line-ups of hitters he had seen," Stacy said.

The Bourbon County Invitational Tournament, Stacy said, was one of the best players he's met.

The team began play Friday night with a win over Jessamine County. Bradley Brown pitched for the win. Most of the runs, Stacy said, came in the second inning when Israel Stacy made a double with bases loaded and Shane Kinney followed with another double.

Saturday at 11 a.m. Nicholas County was handed its first loss to Southeast Lexington. The all-stars led the Lexington team until the fifth inning when they scored a three-run homer to put them ahead 4-3.

Stacy said the team played well, but could not seem to get the hits they needed.

"The bases were loaded twice, but we just couldn't seem to follow through. The team was disappointed at the loss, but they didn't get down."

After the loss, Nicholas County faced Lexington Dixie and defeated them 18-6 in four innings. Frankie Kenney knocked in two home runs and Mike French, at his first time at bat, knocked a grand slam home run. Phillip Evans was pitcher for the game.

Immediately following the Lexington Dixie game, Nicholas beat the Paris team. John Brown the winning pitcher.

On Sunday, Nicholas was eliminated from the tournament.

ment by Scott County by a score of 9-3.

"It was close throughout the game. On the last play, Bradley Brown was up to bat with bases loaded and, unfortunately, he fell out."

"I think the kids were tired coming in on the game Sunday, but they played very well and that is all that matters."

Stacy said the team will participate in the next tournament on August 4, 5 and 6.

**Season ends for Babe Ruth**

The Nicholas County Babe Ruth team competed in the East Area Tournament at Lexington Competition Park last weekend.

In the opening game Nicholas was defeated by Lexington Northern 6-5 on Friday.

David Brown was the losing pitcher.

Nicholas dropped to the losers' bracket to down Babe Ruth 10-7 on Saturday.

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**ON THE RECORD**

**Brown hopes for stability**

By Jack Shepherd  
 Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff  
 Jim Brown, new president and owner of Deposit Bank of Carlisle, said he is very interested in seeing economic activity within the county.

Brown, owner of several businesses in Harrison County, said he plans to expand on Deposit Bank's existing programs and has plans to increase the number of services available though, he said, there is no plan set in stone, as yet.

Nicholas County has commercial growth potential.

Brown was born and raised in Paintsville in Johnson County, Kentucky, attended the University of Kentucky, and after graduation, joined the Air Force in 1954 for pilot training and entered the Korean conflict in 1955.

After serving his time, he left to go to work at Kawner in Cynthiana. Brown said he began to get involved with several other businesses in Harrison County. In 1972 he became one of the board of directors for Farmer's National Bank where he eventually purchased controlling interest, bought the Union Bank in Barry, Ky, and formed the Farmer's National Bank corporation.

He is involved with about 15 other businesses along with his role as president of the Farmer's National Bank Corporation with its affiliates including five branches of the Farmer's National Bank, J.H. Financing, and July 16, 1988, the Deposit Bank. Among his holdings, he owns 100 percent of the Southside shopping center just outside Cynthiana.

But not toward getting a major industrial plant like, for example, Toyota," Brown said. Rather, he said, the industry growth is more visible in establishing satellite plants as Jockey International has done in the county.

"Harrison and Nicholas County are not too different. They both have a certain percentage of their income which is industrial," but overall, most businesses tend toward the agricultural, Harrison, though, is more balanced between the two concerns than Nicholas," Brown said.

Brown said he is interested in building a branch drive-in bank near the CMC Land-Planning and Zoning Commission and the Carlisle City Center on Main Street. In order to build the branch, the Nicholas County Planning and Zoning Commission will have to change the section the bank plans to build on from a Residential to Commercial Zone.

"We have an ambitious completion date for the drive-in, I hope to be able to get it in prior to November 1," Brown said.

His plans, however, do not include the installation of 24-hour banking machine.

According to surveys, the demand for one here does not meet with the cost of maintaining one. It is not an advantageous concern for the bank. Once a nationwide banking network is set up where our customers can pick up money from anywhere they go, then I think 24-hour machine could be viable," Brown said.

"Working with about 200 people, I enjoy seeing them grow. People are my most important asset. Without the help of good people, there would be no way for my business to succeed," he said.

**Jim Brown**

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**McDowell takes third place**

By Jack Shepherd  
 Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff  
 In his first race as a jockey in Kentucky, Rodney McDowell showed in the second race as Ellis Park.

The five and a half furlong race was his fourth mount and his first time on the winner's board. The horse, Dainty Rommie, trained by Jerry Romms, was 23-1 at the start of the \$5,000 maiden claiming race.

"The biggest reason I believe that I did it get the win is because Dainty Rommie came off too fast at the start and didn't have enough wind to carry her through. Faded Phoenix probably would have still carried the whole race, but I think I might have been on the rail. Patty Cooksey, riding Pink Ticket, got me up from the outside. McDowell and I fought for place."

From slot number 6, McDowell said, his horse immediately jumped into the lead by five furlongs and held that position through the turn.

"It was in the final eighth when Frank Pennis, riding Faded Phoenix, passed right by me on the rail. Patty Cooksey, riding Pink Ticket, got me up from the outside. McDowell and I fought for place."

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