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## THE CARLISLE MERCURY SPORTS EXTRA!

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### Nicholas nabs tourney title

By Hank Bond  
For The Carlisle Mercury  
SPORTS EXTRA  
CARLISLE Nicholas County's eighth grade girls basketball team pulled away from a 6-6 tie, and went on to post a 54-20 win over Woodford County.

The win came in the championship game of the Bluegrass Conference Tournament, Friday night.

Nicholas County forged a 14-6 lead at the end of the first quarter and virtually never looked back in taking a 24-11 lead at intermission.

Nicholas County used inspired defense and accurate, pinpoint passing on fast breaks to capture the early lead and take the championship, in a game decided by halftime.

In the third quarter the Lady Jackets continued to apply pressure in increasing their lead to 49-15 at the third stop.

A 14-5 advantage in the final six minutes sealed the win for Nicholas County.

This is the second straight year the eighth graders have taken the championship.

Nicholas County finished with a 17-1 record.

It is ironic, the only loss sustained by Nicholas County this season, was at the hands of Woodford County, the team's first meeting of the year in Carlisle.

Nicholas County took two wins in Versailles and the championship game.

Kim Denkins led the champions with 22 points, 16 rebounds, and three blocked shots.

Eliabab Schanding had 13 points and six steals.

Jennifer Willoughby had six points and five steals, as Tawnya Livingood had four points and five rebounds, while Melanie Jones finished with four points

and five rebounds. Alicia Sibert and Michella Hopkins had two points each, and Julie Caswell had one point to round out scoring for the winners.

"We pulled away from that 6-6 tie (with 3:12 left in the first quarter) and they (Woodford County) didn't score."

"Again, our defense did a super job. As the tournament progressed, we got stronger and stronger."

"Our players were more determined with each game, and wanted to prove they were the best in the championship game."

"All of our players were instrumental in the team being able to go all the way."

"Our fan support was great. . . . I am just elated we were able to win."

Tourney foe McNabb, Paris fall Nicholas County took a semifinal win over McNabb of Montgomery County, Thursday night, with a 58-21 decision.

Denkins gretailed Nicholas County with 25 points, 15 rebounds, seven steals, seven assists, and five blocked shots.

Nicholas County took a 22-4 lead at the first stop, led 39-13 at intermission, and continued to roll with a 49-17 bulge at the third quarter.

Schanding had 12 points and five steals, and Sibert had eight points and four assists.

Tara George had three points, as Jones, Rose Ann Farah and Caswell each had two points to finish up the scoring summary for Nicholas County.

In the quarter final round . . . Nicholas County led to a 14-0 lead after six minutes, led 26-2 at the half, 40-4 at the third stop en route to a 51-11 pasting of Paris Southside.

Schanding had 15 points to lead the Jackets.

Denkins had nine points and nine rebounds. Willoughby and Jones had six points each, George had five, Sibert and Livingood four and Caswell two for the Jackets.



SPORTS EXTRA—A Good Photo  
Kim Denkins (52) soars high for a put-back basket against Woodford County, in the championship game of the Bluegrass Conference Tournament, Friday night NCHS.

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