# Montgomery girls down Lady Jackets

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The Nicholas County Girl's Varsity had their hands full Saturday, as they fell to top ten ranked Montgomery County, 60-47, in the Nicholas County Pan-O-Rama.

The Lady Indians jumped to a 5-0 lead at the opening before Christy Hatton sank the first Nicholas County score.

However, on the rebound, the Indians' Jenny Randall burst quickly from the Lady Jackets' defense and for a quick lay up to increase the Indian lead to 8-2.

Tacy Earlywine came up with the next two point shot and after Hatton's foul shots, the Jackets' moved to a three point deficit at 8-5.

For a few minutes, the score remained fixed at 8-5 until the Indians again began to climb the scoreboards with back to back scores from Dafney Scott and Patricia Fizwilson. However, Guard Nikki Smoot plugged a smooth jumper from side court for two.

The Jacket's position was improved as Kristi Barton sank both her foul shots and Smoot dropped another to move the Jacket's back into contention at 14-10.

Eighth grader Kim Denkins sank another series of foul shots and the Jackets began to increase the pressure on Montgomery by moving within two points of tying the game at 14 all.

Foul shots continued to benefit the Jackets' game as Denkins and Smoot sank shots to move to a one point lead over the Indians. But the lead was short-lived as Scott came back to retake the lead and Shay Green sank her first points of the game and put the Indians up by three points.

Earlywine brought the Jackets back to a one point lead and furthered their lead to three points with two well placed inside shots. But the Indians geared down and bolstered by scores from Scott and Green, the first half ended with the Indians ahead by two points at 26-24.

Scott dominated the opening half with three consecutive scores while the Nicholas side remained unchanged for five minutes. By the time Smoot gunned in two pointer, Scott had all ready put Montgomery 13 points ahead at 40-27.

Scott's dominance waned a bit toward the end of the second half, but the rest of the Montgomery team proved more than capable of taking up the slack as Catrel Garrett and Fizwilson both dropped the ball through the hoop to bring their lead to 21 points before Denkins finally broke the

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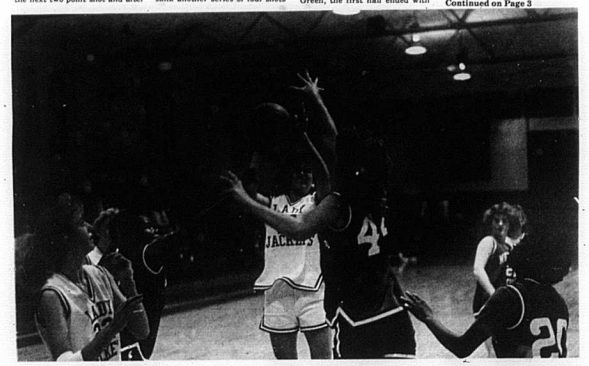

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Nicholas County's Nikki Smoot works the lane for Nicholas County as the Lady Bluejackets did battle with top 10 ranked Montgomery County in the NCHS - Kentucky Textiles Pan-O-Rama, Saturday in Carlisle. Nicholas County fell to the Lady Indians, 60-47.

Saturday, December 2
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# Fleming girls down Estill, 55-49

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The Nicholas County Pan-O-Rama was full of excitement Saturday as most of the games were decided in the final seconds of the last half.

Starting off the six game series were the Estill County Lady Engineers facing the Fleming County Lady Panthers.

The early going saw Engineers keeping pace with the favored Panthers, bolstered mostly from accurate foul shots that put Fleming County just ahead 13-12.

Much of Estill's play was kept mainly to the outside with several attempted three point shots from Karen Flannery.

However, despite efforts to work inside, the Engineers could not seem to break the 12 point mark while Fleming County's Charlene Jolly and Jane Cooper worked well off each other to push the Fleming County lead to 21 points.

However, Flannery broke Estill's slowing game by sinking a three point shot to up their score to 15.

Engineer Michelle McIntosh and Tarah Sewell began to control a bit of the inside and moved the score quickly to within nine points of the Panthers.

Sewell kept Estill within 10 points with a crucial crypt shot, but the Lady panthers suddenly rallied with an excellent play from Jolly to Compton which logged two points on the scoreboard.

When the first period ended, the Panthers had set up a commanding lead to help drive them in to the second half.

However, despite an early start similar to the end of the first half, Estill began to gradually outplay the Panthers.

After establishing a 42-28 lead, the Panthers found they had reached a stopping point and the Engineers mounted a slow comeback beginning with a foul shot from Center Jenny Meeks.

Estill used their rebounding strength to help them up and after several failed attempts, Flannery's three point shots finally paid off to bring the Engineers within five points of tying the game. Two foul shots from McIntosh suddenly gave the Panthers a very real worry as they stood only three points ahead of the Engineers, 45-42.

Marshall put Fleming County back up for only a short while with a two point shot, but McIntosh again put the pressure on the Panthers.

Fleming Center Lisa Clark rebounded her own missed shot and put the Panthers up by five, 49-44, but Flannery again came through with a three pointer to put the Engineers at a two point deficit.

However, Estill reached a stopping point and Compton went on to push the Panthers beyond reach.

The final score, 55-49.

# Harrison not enough, Eagles win

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Despite having top-ranked Chris Harrison backing up the Tollesboro Wildcats in game five of the Pan-O-Rama, it was the Madison Southern Eagles who set the pace of the game early into the first quarter, establishing a commanding 11-2 lead.

The eagles set up a strong defensive strategy that held the wildcats to four points for nearly five minutes of the game. However, the Wildcats began to strengthen against the Eagles' consistent offense and soon were looking at a six point deficit.

The Eagles' Roger Pollard scored most of the points early on until they reached a 19-15 score. For the moment, the score held as neither side seemed to bring about a change in the score until Harrison, from the left side of the key, dropped a three pointer that put the Wildcats in the lead for the first and only time in the game. Pollard returned the favor with a tying shot at 21-21 and Chris Rawlins sank another shot to re-take the Eagle lead at 25-24.

But it was Kyle Bricknell with a final second shot that sustained the Eagle lead in to halftime with the score 30-28.

The second half saw the Eagles spread their lead to eight points brought about through the efforts of Eagle Chris Elliott. Rarely did the Wildcats come within seven points of the Eagle lead.

However, Tollesboro did put some pressure on Madison Southern when Brian Spence dropped two foul shots for a 48-45 game, but the Eagles quickly regained control and brought themselves to a comfortable margin.

Spence also plunked in the Wildcats last score of the game to bring them to 53 points, but the Eagles mounted a Dean Smith stall game to finish out the game, 68-53.

# Bracken County falls to Williamstown, 76-62

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Bracken County slid out to an early 8-2 lead against the Williamstown Demons, but they soon found it would be difficult to hold on to their lead.

Williamstown's Dwayne Stone put in three pointer from the top of the key to jump to five points, but the opportunity to bring the Demons up to a two point deficit failed.

Two Bracken scores were discounted because of fouls committed before the shots, but the Polar Bears held on to their lead by a slim 12-9 margin.

Just as Williamstown was about to take the lead, Bobby Simpson managed to keep the Polar Bears clear with two foul shots, but, the Demons Brian Milburn tied the game at 21 all and blocked an attempted shot from Bracken's Shane Todd.

Williamstown went on to a 25-21 lead, but the Polar Bears could not be counted out as Brian Whaley sank a reverse lay up to regain Bracken's lead by a slim 27-25.

Bracken stretched their lead to four points with Whaley and were lucky to hold on when Milburn slammed in one alley-oop shot, discounted for goal tending, but returned to stuff another to close the gap between themselves and Bracken.

But though Milburn made several plays to keep the Demons just on the periphery of regaining the lead, Bracken held on to their lead and by the end of the first half were still up by two with the score 40-38.

The Polar Bears again sped to a four point lead coming out in the second half and held on to it by a slim margin throughout most of the game, but as their score hit 52 points, their shooting bogged and the Demons took over the lead, 53-52.

The Demons slowly advanced and roles reversed as Bracken fell to a keep up game. By the final buzzer, however, the Demons dominated the final minutes of the game which ended in a 14 point win over Bracken, 76-62.

## Games rescheduled to December 3

Due to conflict with the Christmas Parade on December 2, Little League Basketball is rescheduling its games to December 3 (Sunday).

Games will start at 1 p.m.

Games are as follows:

1 p.m. Celtics Vs. Bears, 2 p.m. Bulls Vs. Rockets, 3 p.m. Rebels Vs. Rockies, 4 p.m. Hawks Vs. Hornets, 5 p.m. Mustangs Vs. Patriots, 6 p.m. Jets Vs. Demons, and 7 p.m. Saints Vs. Kats.

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Jackets 27 point bog with a rebound from an Earlywine shot to make the score 48-29.

Earlywine brought in two foul shots to bring the Jackets to 31 points.

Free throws were as close as the Jackets could seem to get to the basket as Auxier, Hatton and Smoot went to the line to push the Jackets to an 18 point deficit at 53-35.

Denkins came up with a two point rebound score, but Scott, on a foul shot, pulled the Indians to 60 points.

Elizabeth Schanding ended the game with the only three point shot from the top of the key made for the Jackets during the entire game, ending with score of 60-47.