

Nicholas boys fall, 73-72 to Comets

By John Shepherd
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The Nicholas County Boy's Varsity ended the Pan-O-Rama with a near comeback win Saturday as they fell 73-72 to the West Carter Comets Saturday.

Daniel Brown opened the scoring quickly with two points seconds in to the first half of play. Tom Sticker dropped a shot for two points and began a fight for dominance with the Jackets barely sustaining a two point lead. Sticker's shots brought on by a foul from David Sparks, failed to clear the net, but Mark Taber was able to steal the rebound from Brown and passed to Steve Rose who put the ball in to give the Comets the advantage.

Sticker's rebound shot put the Comets up by four. Travis Sims answered with two points of his own from inside, but with Jamie Simons fouling Wes Hanshaw, the Comets moved up to a 12-8 game.

Though Sparks moved the Jackets to 10 points, the Comet game began to gain strength and before long the Jackets were trailing 20-10 despite one blocked shot from Sparks.

Brian Hlander slipped a stolen ball to Brown who was fouled, but made each shot. Steve Rose came back with a score and after being fouled by Sims, set up a three point play that sent the Jacket team back where they started from.

That is until Brown came off with a three pointer from far left court. Hanshaw's attempt to return the favor came up short and returning down court, Sims made up for his foul with a quick two that drew cheers.

However, the Comets next trip down court brought Wilks Lewis to set up a three point shot to dump the Jacket scoring drive.

The Bluejackets suddenly found themselves stuck at 21 points while the Comets continued to drive their score up to 24 points before Sparks broke the stall re-bounding Greg Gilvin's missed free throw and sent the ball back through the hoop to move within nine points of the Comets.

However the Comets moved on with a last second score in the first half to leave the court with a 40-28 lead.

Hlander set the pace for the Bluejackets in the second half as he gunned a three pointer from near the top of the key to again

bring the Jackets within 10 of catching the Comets.

Brown kept the Jackets from falling from the ten point margin, but Hlander again came up with a three point play as he scored and was fouled. Moving the Bluejackets back to trail by nine.

Hlander and Brown put together to three point shots nearly back to back as the Bluejackets went to a full court press that allowed them to control the game, holding the Comets to a very small gain on the scoreboard. Soon the Jackets were only trail-

Lewis downs St. Patrick

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Neither side could maintain the upper hand in the first half of the second game of the Nicholas County Pan-O-Rama.

The final minutes of the first half remained scoreless as both teams mounted strong defensive attacks against each other.

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However, the Saints rarely fell below a 10 point deficit as they matched the Lions score for score in the opening minutes of the second half.

One play, a combination of three quick passes from Drew Travel to Andy Muse to Dana Thornburg succeeded in setting up a lay up, but the ball went awry and Lewis County's Jamie Wedington took the rebound down the court and put the Saints at the biggest deficit they saw the entire game, 41-27.

However, the deficit did not remain long as Mike Carpenter made a high jump from near the middle of the key to rebound a missed shot and place it back in the basket for two points.

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At 69-64, Brown gunned in one more three pointer and suddenly the Comets were looking at the possibility of overtime as the Bluejackets stood just two points down at 69-67.

But the Comets maintained composure and suddenly, with little more than two seconds on the clock, the score stood at 73-70 with Nicholas in control of the ball.

Sparks sent the ball to Willis and just before the buzzer signalled the end, Willis sank a quick lay up to end it with the Comets just barely on top, 73-72.

John Adams answered with a two pointer, but Jarrid Willis returned with a quick two pointer. Back and forth the gap in scoring remained the same until Brown came up with another three pointer followed by two points from Hlander to bring Nicholas to within five of tying the game.

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Travel dropped two three point shots and another two pointer which edged the Saints closer with 49-46.

The Saints were just about to take the game, but when Mike stole the ball from Barker, he missed the lay up and was called for a foul. Mike made only one of his foul shots, but Kyle Prater came up with the rebound and gave the Lions a little breathing room at 50-46.

However, the Saints set up to challenge the Lewis County lead once more as Muse sank a three point shot and Thornburg sank a lay up to again bring the Saints within the 54-52 deficit.

However, Lewis closed the game with two more shots in and after one foul shot and a Lewis County three pointer, the buzzer sounded with the final score, 61-52 in favor of the Lions.



Eddie Covey and Patrick Ritchie killed their first deer while hunting in Nicholas County, November 11, 1969.



Kevin Watkins, son of Charles and Connie Watkins got his 10 point buck on his father's Long Run farm on Locust Grove. Behind Kevin is his cousin, Mike Watkins.

Cats fall to Vols, 31-10

By Mike Embry
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SPORTS EXTRA
LEXINGTON (AP) - The timing was right in the second half for the eighth-ranked Tennessee Volunteers to take care of Kentucky.

The Volunteers, trailing 10-9 at the half, rallied to a 31-10 victory on Saturday in recording their 20th straight November contest and retaining possession of the tender rivalry's Beer Barrel for the fifth consecutive year.

"We should have had two more touchdowns in the first half," said Tennessee freshman running back Chuck Webb, referring to two catches that were caught out of the end zone. "It was a timing thing that we worked out in the second half."

"It was just something we had to work out and I think we did," Tennessee improved to 9-1 overall and 5-1 in the Southeastern Conference while Kentucky closed at 6-5 and 2-5. The Volunteers end their regular season next weekend at home against Vanderbilt.

Tennessee will find out next Saturday where it will be playing in the postseason. The Cotton, Sugar and Hall of Fame bowls will decide among the Volunteers, Alabama and Auburn for bids to their games.

Webb ran 27 times for 145 yards, the sixth time this season he has rushed for 100 or more yards.

"It was an OK performance," said Webb, who had 122 yards in the first two quarters.

"Tony Thompson scored on a 1-yard run and Alvin Harper caught a 22-yard touchdown pass in the third to give Tennessee control of the contest."

But the turnaround came when Kentucky's Alfred Rawls was stopped for a 6-yard loss on a fourth-and-1 situation at the Tennessee 33 with 6:50 left in the third quarter.

"I thought it would be a pass, so I came back to the quarterback," said Moore, who made the stop on

Rawls. "I had a lot of momentum to help make the play."

And to change of the course of the game.

"That really changed the momentum when they stopped us on the fourth-down play," said Kentucky linebacker Tony Massey.

Trailing 10-9, Tennessee then mounted a 15-play, 61-yard drive that ended on Thompson's run off right tackle for the touchdown 4:14 later. Kelly ran for the two-point conversion for a 17-10 advantage.

Kentucky, backed to its own 8-yard line on the next possession, gave the ball to Tennessee on the 35 when Bill Hawk could manage only a 17-yard punt from his end zone.

Two plays later Andy Kelly completed the 22-yard scoring strike to Harper over the middle to give Tennessee a commanding 24-10 lead with 34 seconds left in the third period.

Tennessee added another touchdown on linebacker Shen Walker's 18-yard interception with 6:25 remaining in the game.

The Tennessee defense dominated Kentucky the final two quarters, yielding only three first downs, 16 rushing yards and three passing yards.

"The second half our defense played as well as they have all year," Majors said.

Massey thought "Tennessee came out to the second half with renewed life."

"The second half it seemed like they had a brand new team out there and we were sucking air," he said. "They just were us down the second half."

Greg Burke gave Tennessee a 3-0 lead on a 25-yard field goal with 8:35 left in the first quarter. Kentucky went up 7-3 on Rawls' 8-yard run off left tackle with 1:21 left in the first period.

Burke added field goals of 25 and 29 yards in the second quarter and Kentucky's Ken Willis hit a 47-yarder to help his team to a 10-9 halftime advantage.



The Carlisle Mercury/Pan Bowles Photo Mike King and Paula Foster. King killed a seven point deer in Carrollton, Kentucky, November 16, 1969.



Paul Graves grabbed a 10 point deer in Nicholas County during gun season this year. He said he used his 270 Rem to take it down.

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