

Despite early 14-0 Nicholas lead.....

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The Bluejackets' defense answered with some effective stopping power of their own with Travis Sims stopping a sweep two yards behind the line of scrimmage and Hayes hustling up another screen pass attempt short of the first down.

However, the Nicholas offense was stopped again and the Coltski, supported by a pitch out that put them on the Nicholas seven yard line, scored. Gene Jones was the ball carrier.

The extra point kick, however, did just under the goal post leav-

ing the Bluejackets on top by one point.

Nicholas attempts on ground and in the air proved fruitless.

The screen pass again proved effective against the defense as Bourbon County marched from an 18 yard loss to a first down. Following that, Kevin Bellville ran the ball in for another Colonel score, putting them ahead before halftime 19-14. However, the two-point conversion attempt was stopped short and at the end of the first half, the Bluejackets were behind but within one touchdown of taking the game.

Second half Opportunities Missed

The second half of the game gave Nicholas ample opportunity to score off several fumble recoveries, but the Bourbon County defense remained steady and almost impenetrable.

After a solid pass to the flats on their first possession gave the Coltski a first down, Nicholas County recovered the fumble on second down and two. However, Nicholas could not seem to move the ball anywhere. On the punt, Bourbon was called for an invalid fair catch and taken back toward the Nicholas goal line,

and after a fumble, Nicholas again came up with the ball.

Nicholas twice attempted a halfback pass to Farah, the first overthrown and the second intercepted to give the Coltski another chance to move the ball away from the goal.

Bourbon was successful. Ferrell nearly fumbled the hike again, but picked the ball up and ran it himself for a first down. But on 2nd down and 3, a flat pass came up and was caught, but when the receiver came down with the ball, he dropped it and Raymond Brown stripped it from the receiver's hands.

However, the offense performed much the same and possession soon reverted back to Colonel control.

Play continued back and forth until the fourth quarter Bourbon County had possession of the ball and they were playing to run out the clock and end the game when another fumble was committed and Nicholas hopes were revived when they recovered it.

The Bluejackets resorted to deception to move the ball downfield, the closest of which came on a flea flicker play.

Daniel Brown, under pressure, released a pass to Brumback, but once the Colonel's had adjusted, Brumback returned the ball to Brown. Down the field, Hillard was wide open.

The pass came up inches short. On the last effort Daniel Brown released a long pass to Brumback which was intercepted by the Coltski, effectively ending the game.

Head Coach Greg Letcher said "The game against Madison Southern was a real test for the team. It was the key difference between the play in the first and the second half."

Otherwise, we played head to head with this team. We executed well and it is obvious we have improved greatly over the first couple of games.

Nicholas County faces Madison Southern Friday night, 7 p.m., at Madison Central field.



SPORTS EXTRA Josh Shepherd Photo
Nicholas County runningback Raymond Brown looks for some room on one of his 10 carries against Bourbon County, Friday night. Brown had 43 yards on 10 carries to lead Nicholas County. The Jacksies fell to Bourbon 19-14. Brown had 10 tackles on defense, aided Daniel Brown, John Watkins and Chris Jones. Randy Hayes had 12 to lead Nicholas while Travis Sims had 11 tackles. Daniel Brown had two of five fumble recoveries for the Jacksies.

NEXT

Bluejackets travel to Mad. Southern; game is set Friday 7 p.m. @Mad. Cent.

SPORTS EXTRA

RICHMOND - Madison Southern will sport a large roster in its last year as a single A school, Nicholas Head Coach Greg Letcher said.

The game against Madison Southern has been scheduled for Friday night at Madison Central H.S. field kickoff is 7 p.m.

Having lost only one game in its regular season, Madison Southern is ranked in the top 10 of Class A schools sporting several starters picked up from Richmond Madison.

"They have a quality tailback and quarterback as well as a big line dominated by seniors, all of whom are well experienced in the game," Letcher said.

Nicholas County will be looking to rebound from a heart-breaking 19-14 loss to Bourbon County last Friday in Paris.

Nicholas County had built a 14-0 lead early in the game, but Bourbon County was able to put together a sustained offense to capture the win.

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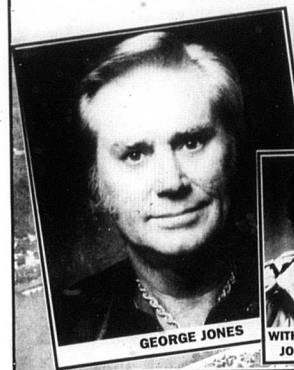
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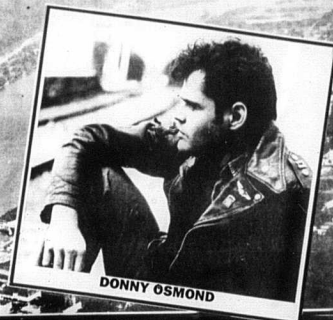
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