Seventh grade splits, eighth grade sweeps in NCES basketball

Nicholas County Junior High girls basketball continued its two game a week schedule with a home contest last Tuesday against Georgetown and road games Thursday at Bath County.

Entertaining the Lady Buffaloes Nicholas County broke away fgam an 11-11 tie at intermission in the seventh grade contest to post a 29-22 win.

Tara George led Nicholas County with nine points and six steals.

Jennifer Auxier had eight points and five steals, while Rebecca Jolly had six points and five steals.

Krystal Hamilton had four points and five rebounds for Nicholas County while Melanie Jones had one point and nine rebounds, and Tracey Fryman had one point to round out scoring.

Nicholas led 18-16 at intermission and went on to claim a 29-22 decision.

In the eighth grade game . . . Nicholas County wasted little time in racing to an 18-2 lead at the first stop.

At intermission, the Jackets had increased their lead to 31-4, led 51-4 at the end of the third quarter and went on to win 64-51.

Elizabeth Schanding led Nicholas County with 17 points and four steals.

Kim Denkins poured in 15 points, grabbed a game high 12 rebounds and dished out four steals.

Twanya Livingood hit for double figures counting 11 points, plus seven rebounds, and Alicia Sibert scored 10 points. Sibert also had eight rebounds.

Julie Caswell had four points, Jennifer Willoughby three points and five rebounds, with Rose Ann Farah and Kristie Cox adding two points each.

On the road, Thursday . . . The Jackets seventh grade basketball team fell on hard times, as their record fell to 4-4 on the year, with a 20-11 loss at the hands of Bath County.

Jones led Nicholas County with 10 points and nine rebounds, while Fryman had one point.

Bath County led from the opening tipoff, led 6-4 at the first stop, 12-8 at intermission, and 14-10 at the end of the third quarter.

"The seventh grade team hasn't been playing with much consistency," said Nicholas County Coach Barbara Kenney.

"We should be able to improve as we gain playing experience," she added.

In the eighth grade contest with Bath County, however, Nicholas County exploded for a 27-0 lead at intermission, increased the lead to 32-4 at the third stop and posted the 33 point decision.

Willoughby had her best game of the year with 14 points and six rebounds.

Denkins played an well versed game, according to Kenney, with 14 points, six rebounds, eight steals, and five blocked shots.

Schanding had 11 points and 10 steals.

Julie Caswell had three points, Twanya Livingood had two points and seven rebounds, while Cox and Jones contributed two points each.

"The eighth grade has been playing good defense. We held Bath County at bay with some strong defense," Kenney said.

Tuesday the Jackets were scheduled to play Scott County. Thursday the Jackets travel to Paris Southside. Next Tuesday Nicholas County hosts Mason County, with a game at Woodford County, October 19.

SPORTS EXTRA/Beth A. Bond Photo
Tracey Fryman, a Nicholas County seventh grade player, looks for a basket against Georgetown Middle School, last week in Carlisle.

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The 1989 Tournament Champions are the Cardinals. The winners are pictured from left to right. Front row: Stuart Baird, Adam Morris, Barkley Caswell, W.C. Duncan, Brian Wagoner, Justin Jenkins, Chris Marcum. Second row: Kyle Galbraith, Derrick Thornsburg, Jennifer Livingood, Adam Anderson, Eric Hunt, Josh Fryman. Coaches: Jim Galbraith, Greg Wills, Kenny Cartmill, Henry Caswell, (not present - Mark Fryman).

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Murray hands Morehead, 27-13 setback

SPORTS EXTRA

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) – Michael Proctor's 12-yard touchdown pass to Glen Arterburn late in the fourth quarter sealed Murray State's 27-13 victory over Morehead State in an Ohio Valley Conference game Saturday.

Morehead State (2-3 overall and 0-1 in the OVC) had pulled within 20-13 on Chris Swartz' 17-yard scoring pass to Mike Gray earlier in the period.

But Murray State (4-2 and 1-1) took over on its 41-yard line and marched 59 yards behind Proctor and running back Patrick White, who combined to rush for 49 yards in the drive, to put the game away on Arterburn's TD catch.

White's 39-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and Greg Duncan's 52-yard field goal in the second staked Murray to a 10-0 halftime lead.

Duncan added a 41-yard field goal in the third quarter before his counterpart, Mitch Fedak, drilled a 22-yarder to get Morehead State on the scoreboard.

James Burr returned a blocked punt 28 yards for a touchdown to put Murray up 20-3 heading into the final stanza.

Proctor had an off night passing, completing just five of 16 for 35 yards, but he led Murray is rushing with-81 yards.

Swartz passed for 303 yards and Jerome Williams rushed for 123 yards to lead Morehead.

EKU rolls 45-20

SPORTS EXTRA

RICHMOND, Ky. (AP) – Markus Thomas had scoring runs of 72 and 36 yards and Leon Brown returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown as Eastern Kentucky beat Austin Peay 45-20 in an Ohio Valley Conference game Saturday night.

Eastern Kentucky (5-0 overall and 2-0 in the OVC) scored on its first three possessions and was never headed. Lorenzo Fields had a 3-yard TD run, Brown scored from 5 yards out and James Campbell kicked a 36-yard field goal to give the Colonels a 17-0 lead in the first quarter.

Eastern, the top-ranked team in Division I-AA, led 17-6 when Thomas scored on his 36-yard run. After another Austin Peay touchdown, Brown returned the ensuing kickoff 100 yards for a TD that made it 31-12 at halftime.

Thomas' 72-yard scoring run came in the third quarter.

Thomas finished with 154 yards rushing on 10 carries. Brown added 113 yards on 15 carries.

Kerry Severson completed 30 of 54 passes for 208 yards and rushed for 52 yards and three touchdowns to lead Austin Peay (0-5 and 0-2).

Cats fall to Auburn

By Ed Shearer
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SPORTS EXTRA

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) - Reggie Slack knows 11th-ranked Auburn can't stand another loss if it hopes to capture a third consecutive Southeastern Conference football crown.

Slack did enough Saturday to keep the Tigers in the race, throwing a pair of first-quarter touchdowns in Auburn's 24-12 victory over Kentucky.

"We were concentrating more today and weren't as emotional," Slack said, alluding to last week's 21-14 loss at Tennessee.

"We knew to have a shot at winning the conference, this was a game we had to win," Slack said.

Auburn (3-1 overall and 1-1 in the SEC) saw Kentucky (2-2 and 0-2) miss on three opportunities inside the Tiger 30 in downing the Wildcats for the 11th time in a row.

Slack's touchdown passes went 25 yards to Greg Taylor and 36 yards to Pedro Cherry.

The Tigers stretched their lead to 21-6 with an 83-yard drive that ate up almost seven minutes, with Stacy Danley plunging 1 yard for the touchdown with 11:13 left in the game.

The Tigers added a 40-yard field goal by Win Lyle after the Wildcats had cut the lead to 21-12.

"We kept making the game close with turnovers, but Kentucky kept turning the ball back to us," Auburn coach Pat Dye said.

Both teams had four turnovers – two fumbles and two interceptions apiece.

Andy Murray scored both Kentucky touchdowns on 1-yard runs, the first midway through the second quarter and the other with 4:41 left in the game.

"We just couldn't put points on the board," Kentucky quarterback Freddie Maggard said. "We've got to take advantage of field position."

The Wildcats got nothing out of penetrations that reached the Auburn 19, 21 and 13-yard lines, twice missing field goals.

"I think everyone is a little angry right now," Maggard said. "We should have won. We could have won this game."

Taylor's touchdown came two plays after Alexander Wright had dropped Slack's pass in the end zone. Taylor made his reception at the Kentucky 20 and scored from there when defender Tony Massey fell.

Cherry's touchdown came when two defenders failed to make the stop at the point of reception, the Kentucky 16. It was the first catch of Cherry's career in his first college appearance.

Wiburn gets pro look

SPORTS EXTRA

GEORGETOWN, Ky. (AP) – Georgetown College running back Mitch Winburn went from trying hamburgers to frying defenses by a stroke of luck.

"He just walked in here one day," Coach Kevin Donley said. "I'd like to say it was great recruiting, but it wasn't. It was Lady Luck."

Winburn, who has been scouted by the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants, has done plenty to catch the scouts' attention. He rushed for 1,466 yards last year, third-highest among the nation's NAIA runners, and had gained 3,135 yards for his career heading into this season.

Four years ago, when he was working at a fast-food restaurant, playing in the National Football League was the furthest thing from Winburn's mind.

"It's still kind of strange now," he said.

The Giants told Donley that Winburn definitely will be on their draft list.

The 6-foot-1, 213-pound senior missed the first two games this year because of an administrative snafu over his days at the University of Louisville – he erroneously was credited with being enrolled two semestrs there instead of one, which would have made him ineligible – but returned to form immedietly upon his reinstatement.

Winburn gained 126 yards in a 14-14 tie with Hanover and 226 in a 28-21 victory over Evansville last Saturday that left Georgetown 2-1-1.

Actually, it wasn't only luck that sent Winburn to Georgetown.

Donley got a little help from a couple of Winburn's old teammates at Henry County High School. Winburn had mentioned that he wanted to return to school and get his degree. His friends, who now played for Donley, helped talk him into enrolling at Georgetown and playing football while he was at it.

"He's found a home," Donley said.

Football almost had become a foreign concept to Winburn. He had been injured during his senior year in high school and didn't draw much attention from colleges, so he decided to hang up his cleats for good.

"I had it in my mind that just going to school was what I was going to do," Winburn said. "A year or two later, the fever came back again."

It's been burning ever since. He gained 569 yards as a freshman, 1,109 as a sophomore and, despite being a prime target for defenses last year, averaged 27.5 carries per game.

"He has tremendous balance, runs with a lot of power and is a good receiver and a good blocker," Donley said. "But probably the best thing about him is that he just has a tremendous work ethic."

Donley said that during the summer he'd arrive at work around 7 a.m. a.m. and see Winburn and a couple of teammates already out on the track. Winburn's morning regimen usually included a two-mile jog, a sprint workout, weightlifting and another jog. The afternoon called for a bike ride, usually between 10 and 15 miles.

"And we made sure we got out there in the heat of the day," Winburn said.

Qt Scoring	1	2	3	4	Tot.
MOREHEAD	6	5	3	10	13
MURRAY	7	3	10	7	27

MUR–White 39 run (Duncan kick)
MUR–FG Duncan 52
MUR–FG Duncan 41
MOR–FG Fedak 22
MUR–Burr 28 blocked punt return (Duncan kick)
MOR–FG Fedak 33
MOR–Gray 17 pass from Swartz (Fedak kick)
MUR–Arterburn 12 pass from Proctor (Duncan kick)
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Statistics	MOR	MUR
First downs	25	15
Rushes-yards	45-127	40-265
Passing	30	335
Return Yards	00	47
Comp. Att. Int	22-39-1	5-16-1
Punts	5-37	4-34
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	1-0
Penalties-Yds	4-35	8-70
Time of Poss.	30:34	24:26

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS RUSHING-Morehead St., Williams 32-123, Tacza 2-8, Murray St., Proctor 16-81, White 12-78, Davis 8-63.
PASSING-Morehead St., Swartz 22-39-1-303. Murray St., Proctor 5-16-1-35.
RECEIVING-Morehead St., Williams 6-72, Howard 6-94, Irwin 4-32. Murray St., White 2-6, Arterburn 1-12, Reynolds 1-6.

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