

## Junior girls continue play

Nicholas County's junior high girls teams played two games last week.

The seventh grade jackets absorbed reverses, while the eighth grade team was able to capture two wins.

Against Mason County, last Tuesday, Nicholas County's seventh graders led 14-9 at intermission, trailed 21-16 at the end of the third quarter and fell 35-24.

George finished with four points, Hamilton had eight points and four rebounds, Jones had

seven points, Lisa Livingston had two points and Astor had three points and four steals.

In the conference finale for the seventh graders, last Thursday in Versailles, the Jackets trailed from the opening tip in falling 40-21.

Woodford County held a 25-8 advantage at intermission.

Jones led Nicholas County with 11 points and 10 rebounds, while Astor finished with six points and George had four points.

In eighth grade action . . . Nicholas County held a 21-1 lead over Mason County after six

minutes, led 27-7 at intermission and went on to claim a 52-27 win.

Denkins and Schanding had 14 points each, while Denkins had seven rebounds and three assists and Schanding had seven steals.

Alicia Sibert had nine points, four rebounds and four assists.

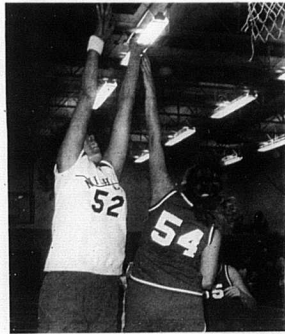
Jolie Caswell had six points for the winners, as Cox finished with three points, Jones had two points and Farah had two points and five steals.

In the important conference ending game with Woodford County, Nicholas County

squeezed a 10-9 lead at the end of the first quarter, led 23-17 at intermission and held off to post a 44-38 win.

Denkins led in all around performance with 21 points, 19 rebounds, four steals and seven blocked shots.

Schanding had 10 points and seven steals, George had four points, Tawnya Livingston had two points and six rebounds, Sibert had two points and five rebounds and Willoughby had two points.



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Above, Kim Denkins goes for a hoop against Mason County in eighth grade action. Right, Nicholas County's Jennifer Willoughby looks for a basket in Nicholas County's 52-27 win.



Junior Lady Jackets vs Woodford Co. - Saturday 10 a.m.  
Conference Tournament Action, Monday, Oct. 30 vs Clark Moore  
6 p.m. at Nicholas County Elementary

## PAC loss emotional for MMI

By Jack Shepley  
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The loss of the PAC championship was an emotional one for one MMI player when the Magoffin County Hornets defeated the cadets, 22-6.

The fourth quarter of the MMI homecoming game against Magoffin County ended in pandemonium as one Cadet was forced to be restrained physically by his own team members from attacking a referee. Meanwhile, in the stands, a fist fight erupted between a Magoffin woman and the mother of an MMI Cadet.

The game started mildly, the MMI defense holding the Hornets to short yardage and forcing a punt. The Cadet offense started slowly, two illegal procedure calls put the cadets at their own three yard line. However, the cadets found room through the middle for two fifteen yard gains.

But the offense got no further as the cadet tailback fumbled on a sweep and Magoffin recovered. Yet the MMI defense seemed able to hold them until the Hornets Brian Osborne found an opening in the MMI wall and scored for the early lead. Magoffin's fullback drove in for the two point conversion.

After a kickoff run to the 35 yard line, the Cadets were thrown for a loss, making it third and 14. Control reverted to Magoffin which resulted in one good run play from Osborne for 12 yards.

The rest of the Hornets drive consisted of short yardage plays which proved effective against the cadet defense. But on a sweep to the outside, Magoffin dropped the ball and MMI recovered.

The Cadets' drive covered little ground and Magoffin took over. Magoffin came back with a short pass to Osborne that resulted in an 81 yard run into the end zone. After another successful two point conversion, the Hornets were ahead 16 points.

The Cadets' only score came at midpoint of the second quarter when the defense blitzed into the Magoffin backfield and blocked the punt.

Players raced to the end zone for the ball, but it was Rigor who recovered for MMI and put them on the board at 6-16.

After another fumble recovery, allowing the Cadets a chance to challenge the Magoffin lead, ended with no score, the time ran out leaving the Cadets at a 10 point

deficit to begin the second half.

The Cadets received to open the next half and, relying on the run, maintained steady movement to the goal. However, Magoffin forced a fumble and took control of mid-field.

This scoring opportunity was blown by a Magoffin fumble, reverting control back to the Cadets, but possession was short-lived as the running back fumbled again and Magoffin, from about the 20 yard line, managed a full-back run through the MMI line and in to the end zone and out of touch of the cadets.

Problems began in the fourth quarter as MMI defeated themselves.

On third down, a pass play to the flats found an MMI receiver who made it to the three yard line. However, the play was nullified by

a personal foul call against a Cadet player.

Fifteen yards back, MMI again threw another long pass received on the 10 yard line, but the opportunity was erased by a clipping call on the same player.

When the linemen responsible for both penalties began to protest loudly to the referee, he was ejected from the game.

At this point the player began flailing wildly as several Cadets immediately restrained him from apparently attempting to assault the referee.

As the Cadets were taken back another 15 yards, the mother of one of the Cadets and a Magoffin woman started beating each other in the stands.

Little effort was made from either team to finish the game, save a few obligatory plays to run out the clock.

Robert Hopkins, Head coach of the Cadet team, said the institute has removed the linemen from school.

It was certainly a let down after we had come so far to lose the PAC championship and many kids were really excited to win. It was an extremely emotional loss for the team because they were pumped for a victory. But when we lost the two pass opportunities that could have put us back in the game, some lost control. The referees did not make the mistakes, we did, Hopkins said.

A few decided to go without dignity and I'm disappointed they did.

However, trying to get at a referee is inexcusable and that player is home now and others involved will not dress, and may not dress next year, Hopkins said.

"For the most part, I think we played well against Magoffin defensively and if not for the 81 yard pass play, we may have beaten them."

"But sometimes, things don't go as well we sometimes hope, Hopkins said.



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The Magoffin County fullback takes the ball for short yardage against the MMI Cadets during their homecoming game. Magoffin defeated the Cadets, 22-6, and kept them from a PAC championship Saturday afternoon.

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RUSHING CAR		YDS		TD		STATISTICS			
R. Brown	17	91	0						
D. Cox	7	15	0						
H. Hays	2	10	0						
D. Brown	4	4	0						
PASSING ATT		COM		INT		YDS		TD	
D. Brown	12	5	0						
R. Brown	1	6	0						
Farah	1	9	0						
Hickox	0	0	0						
KICKS NO.		YDS		AVG.					
Osborn	1	155	31.0						
D. Brown	1	25	25.0						
K.O. Returns		NO		YDS		AVG.			
H. Hays	2	16	7.5						
T. Hays	1	18	18.0						
R. Brown	1	19	19.0						
H. Hays	1	6	6.0						
Punts		NO		YDS		AVG.		SOL	
H. Hays	2	0	0						
John Watkins	2	1	0						
Osborn	1	0	0						
Alvord	1	3	0						
Sims	1	0	0						
Fleming	4	7	0						
R. Brown	6	1	0						
D. Brown	2	8	0						
Farah	2	6	0						
Kerney	1	0	0						
Hickox	2	7	0						
Palmer	6	3	0						
D. Coyleton	0	1	0						
Johnson	2	2	0						
July	2	0	0						