

# Jackets claim win in season opener at Anderson Co.

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**LAWRENCEBURG** — Ed Oakley made a successful debut Tuesday night as the Bluejackets defeated Anderson County 58-54 in overtime.

Oakley, a former assistant at Harvill, was coaching his first game as a head coach on the high school level.

Nicholas County, which struggled in the first half, barely got the game into overtime.

Trailing 48-46 after Anderson County's Brian

Somers sank two free throws, the Bluejackets had only seven seconds left.

Kevin Morris inbounded the ball to Brian Hillander. Hillander dribbled the ball up the floor quickly. He threw a pass to Travis Sims on the right side of the floor. Sims straddled the three point line and fired up a shot with around two seconds left on the clock. The ball bounced off the right side of the rim.

As the ball came off the rim Nicholas County point guard Daniel Brown climbed into the air and grabbed the rebound. With time expiring as he shot, Brown's off balance fade away jumper found the bottom of the net and the game was sent into overtime.

Nicholas County controlled the opening tip of overtime. Jarrod Willis began the scoring in overtime as he sank two free throws with 2:45 in the extra period.

Anderson County came down the floor and put up an errant jumper. Bearcat guard Johnny Shouse grabbed the rebound and put it back in to tie the score.

Nicholas County came back down the floor and spread the court. After taking 45 seconds off the game clock, Daniel Brown got the step on his defender and cruised in for a lay up to give the Bluejackets a 54-50 lead.

Anderson County got the ball right back as Anderson County committed an inbounds infraction and turned the ball over.

The Bluejackets returned the favor to the Bearcats. A cross court pass was intercepted by the Bearcats and they fed down the court looking for an easy basket.

Anderson County's Johnny Shouse pulled up and attempted a three pointer. The shot was not good.

A loose ball resulted in a foul on Travis Sims and Anderson County's Tony Cunningham stepped to the line and made two free throws.

Leading 54-52 Nicholas County spread the court again. With 21 seconds

After a quick Anderson foul again, the junior County basket, Morris was

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**NCHS Lady Jackets Game Stats vs St. Patrick**

Name	Pts.	Rebs.	Assists.
Huston	8	4	
Barton	10	2	2
Earlywe	18	6	2
DeWicks	10	6	4
Schranding	9	1	9
Lewis	6	6	2
Simons	2	7	2
Johnson	2	5	2
Sibert	2	3	1
Wiloughby	2	4	1
Fryman	8	4	2
Garbath	2	2	9
Tisor	78	51	27

**Team Stats**

Free Throw Shooting	50%
Field Goal Shooting	49%

**NCHS Lady Jackets Game Stats vs Harrison County**

Name	Pts.	Rebs.	Assists.
Huston	10	6	10
Barton	3	1	3
Earlywe	20	4	1
DeWicks	13	3	1
Schranding	13	2	3
Lewis	8	0	1
Simons	3	3	1
Sibert	2	5	1
Tisor	90	33	32

**Nicholas County vs. Anderson County**

Name	Pts.	Rebs.	Assists.
Huston	13	10	1
Barton	26	6	4
Morris	6	1	0
Sims	5	1	0
Wills	4	1	3
Shurt	2	2	0
Shouse	2	2	8
Tisor	58	27	8

**Team Stats**

Free throw percentage	64%
Field goal percentage	54%

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Travis Sims looks for two of his five points in the Nicholas County opener at Anderson County last week. NCHS took a four point overtime decision. The Jackets were scheduled to play at Grant County Tuesday night.

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# Jackets claim win

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guard stepped to the line and only made two free throws to make the score 58-54 Nicholas County.

A desperation three pointer by the Bearcats fell short and the Bluejackets had their first win of the year.

The Bluejackets were led by Daniel Brown's 26 points. Brian Hillander contributed to the Bluejacket victory with 13 points. Hillander also grabbed some key rebounds and came up with two big steals in the game.

Other scorers for Nicholas County were Kevin Morris, six points; Travis Sims, five points and Jarrod Willis scored four points.

Jamie Simons and David Sibert added two points each.

Nicholas County trailed most of the game and did not lead until early in the fourth quarter. Oakley credited assistant coach Greg Letcher with the strategy that enabled the Bluejackets to come back from their early deficit.

"That's what you have as assistants for," Oakley said after the game.

"Coach Letcher suggested using the 2-2-1 zone press to get going on offense."

The coach credited Kevin Morris with making the press effective.

"Kevin came in off the bench and picked the pressure up," Oakley said.

Oakley said he wanted to play a deliberate tempo game but felt the pace of the game in the early stages was a little too slow.

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