

## Panthers use big rally to down Jackets

**SPORTS EXTRA**  
**FLEMINGSBURG** — The Fleming County Panthers rallied for 24 points in the third quarter to defeat the Nicholas County Bluejackets 77-55 Jan. 27.

Nicholas played head up with the Panthers in the first quarter with Hillander shooting for one 3-pointer and Brown bucketing two. David Sparks brought in four points to their total. Jarrod Willis and Travis Sims brought in two points apiece.

The Jackets trailed by a slim 2-point margin at the end of the quarter, 19-17.

Only three Panthers scored in the quarter, Callahan with six points, Adams with six and Lutz, who rounded out the run with seven points.

However in the second quarter, the Bluejackets began to experience problems in shooting.

Brown brought in one 3-pointer and a set of free throws, while Sims and Sparks managed to bring in two points each.

But Fleming went on a roll, Lutz firing in a 3-pointer and 2-pointer for five of Fleming's 15 points in the second quarter. Taylor scored three times for six points.

At the end of the half the Bluejackets trailed, 34-27, but were not out of the game.

The third period saw Nicholas County make more on free throws than field goals as the Panthers were successful in holding Brown to two points in the third.

Brad Brierley and Greg Glavin came into the game, scoring two points apiece.

Sparks brought in two sets of foul shots to boost the Jackets, but the 15-point total the Jackets scored in the third was dwarfed by the performance of the Panthers.

Entering the game, Baker legged a total of 13 points in the quarter off five two point shots, including one 3-point play on a shot and foul.

Adams added six points, and Callahan had Fleming's 24-point race up the scoreboard.

The score by third quarter's end was 55-42.

Baker continued to score with three 2-pointers for a game total of 19 points. He was Fleming's leading scorer for the game.

Willis led scoring for Nicholas with 14 points, including six for six on the free throw line. Brown brought in 12 points, and Willis finished with 11 points, shooting five for six on the foul line.

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## Lady Jackets double score on Augusta

**By Josh Shepley**  
**For The Carlisle Mercury**

**SPORTS EXTRA**  
**AUGUSTA** — The Augusta Panthlettes threatened the Nicholas County Lady Jackets in the first quarter, but were held to four points in the second quarter, which gave the Jackets a 76-36 victory.

First quarter action remained close despite a 3-point lead early in the game.

Lisa Lucas tied the game, 8-8, with one of two Augusta 3-point shots.

Augusta went on to log 11-8 off Rachel Hamilton's 3-pointer.

But the lead was short-lived as Tracy Earlywine hit two foul shots and another layup to regain the lead for the Jackets.

Augusta came back to threaten the Lady Jackets' dominance as Lisa Lucas fired a pass to Shelley Barnes, who bounced it to Tera Fryman for the score. With one foul shot from Hamilton, the quarter ended in a tie, 14-14.

In the second quarter, the Lady Jackets scored five times before Augusta moved from its 14-point score.

Among those scoring was Kim Denkins with a 3-point play with 6:31 to go and the Jackets led to 19-14.

Hutton fired in a jumper with 3:26 to go and following another layup from Smoot, the Jackets led by 13 points, 29-16.

Smoot scored three consecutive times on steals and Hutton ended the third quarter sinking a 3-point shot from the top of the key for a 60-24 lead.

Whiteman fouled out within a minute of the fourth quarter.

With three minutes left to go in the game, senior Chris Ausier tumbled the goal from the top of the

key for three points. At the two minute mark, the substitutes took the court.

Elizabeth Schanding made three consecutive steals for points.

The Lady Jackets had a total of 23 steals in the game with every member of the Jackets starting

lineup having at least three steals at the free throw line. Brown brought in 12 points, and Willis finished with 11 points, shooting five for six on the foul line.

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**SPORTS EXTRA** — Tracy Earlywine goes for the basket under pressure from the Augusta Panthlettes, but after a first quarter tie, the Lady Jackets went on to take the game, 76-36.

In boys' action:

## Indians prove to be too tough for Nicholas Co.

**By Jeff Spradling**  
**For The Carlisle Mercury**

**SPORTS EXTRA**  
**CARLISLE** — A flat Bluejacket team suffered a 38-point rout at the hands of Montgomery County last week.

After a spotty first quarter, Nicholas County's offense gave into the defense of a bigger Indian team, losing 84-46.

Montgomery knocked off the first seven points of the game before Nicholas County responded with five of its own.

Montgomery built a 14-6 lead, but Nicholas cut the lead to three at 16-13.

From there, the Bluejackets' offense game took a nose dive.

Montgomery ended the first quarter with a 24-13 lead and the Jackets never came closer.

Nicholas was held to only seven points in the second period, while the Indians scored 27.

The third quarter saw an even weaker offensive performance from Nicholas.

Montgomery went up by 40 points at the 1:01 mark of the third period, and the Indians held a 68-26 lead going into the final eight minutes.

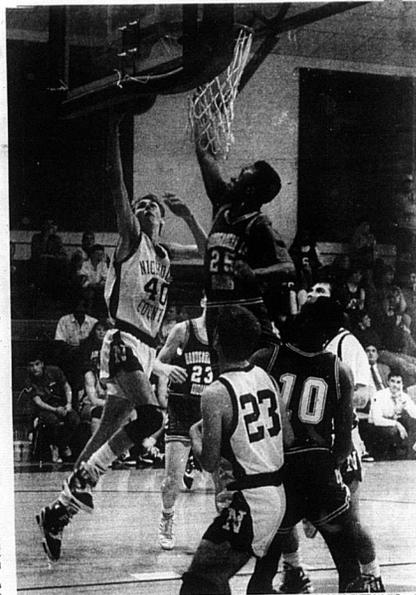
Nicholas' offense did redeem itself in the fourth quarter, reaching up 20 points in the last eight minutes, compared to 10 for Montgomery.

Nicholas had nine players who tallied points in the loss.

Daniel Brown led Nicholas County with 17 points. Brian Hillander and David Sparks netted seven each. Travis Sims, Jarrod Willis, Brad Brierley and Guy Glavin scored two each. David Pruitt scored one.

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**SPORTS EXTRA** — David Sparks skies for a shot over Montgomery County's Chris Clemens for two points. However, scoring was low and far between for the Bluejackets as the Montgomery County Indians went on to take the win, 84-46.

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