

## Desperation shot at buzzer lifts Paris

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**SPORTS EXTRA**  
**PARIS** — Luke Summers' desperation shot at the buzzer put the finishing touches on a game that deserved no less of a finale.

Paris came away with a 66-63 win against Tolleboro on Summers' 3-point shot Feb. 2 in semi-final action of the All A 10th Region Tournament.

With the score 63-63 and Tolleboro in possession, the Wildcats opted to put the ball in the hands of Chris Harrison, the state's leading scorer.

Paris put a double team on Harrison in the closing seconds, and Summers took the ball away from him and raced toward the basket.

Summers put up his off-balanced jumper just a few feet inside the half-court line. The shot hit the bottom of the net as the buzzer sounded. Summers was swarmed by Paris fans and teammates as a dejected Harrison marched off the court nearly in tears.

The game remained close throughout.

In the first quarter, Harrison brought in two to tie the game at 10-10 and gave the Wildcats the lead off foul shots. Tolleboro marched to an 18-12 lead with an 8-point run.

Travis Earlywine broke the Greyhounds stall with one foul shot.

Tolleboro's Tommy Marshall pushed the Wildcat total to 20.

Paris' LaWayne Edwards, with 29 seconds to go in the quarter, hit a 3-pointer.

Harrison had a chance to match the score with a 3-point play, but missed the free throw.

The score was 22-16, Tolleboro, after the first eight minutes.

Summers and Earlywine cut Tolleboro's lead to two, with Earlywine just missing a possible 3-point play in the process. However, at the 5:42 mark, Summers led the Greyhounds to a 1-point trail, 24-23.

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Hampton tied the score in the opening seconds of the fourth quarter and Harrison took Tolleboro to its second lead in the game, 53-51, with 6:35 left to play.

Coller Mathes regained Paris' advantage with a field goal at 5:09.

Harrison answered with a shot at the top of the key to bag three points and take a 1-point lead.

Earlywine brought Paris to a 3-point lead with 1:23 left to go as Harrison logged his fourth foul in the game.

Earlywine's shot and foul was good for a 63-60 lead for Paris.

## Bulldogs trample Wildcats to reach finals

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**PARIS** — The Mayaville Bulldogs rolled over the Bath County Wildcats, 68-58, to take a championship berth in the All A 10th Region Tournament Feb. 2.

Mayaville jumped to an early 7-3 lead with a jumper and 3-pointer from Jerome Turner at the 6:10 mark of the first quarter.

However, the lead lasted but a short time as both County players quickly collected themselves and Darris Jones connected with a 3-point play for an 8-7 lead.

Bath trailed by one until the 4:01 mark as the Wildcats moved one point ahead, 10-9. The lead was short-lived, with Mayaville mounting defensive pressure that held the Wildcats at 10 as the Dogs marched to a four-point lead.

Turner hit a 3-pointer for a 16-12 lead, followed by another 3-point shot from Jerry King.

Damon Reed bombed two foul shots to end the quarter with Bath County trailing by three, 19-8.

Jerry King fired in a 3-pointer to kick off the second quarter.

Mayaville rolled to a 7-point lead, 25-18, with 6:54 left in the half.

Jones cut it to a mere 1-point margin with 5:04 left.

For nearly two minutes, neither side scored, until Jones went to the line at 3:18 for foul shots to

give Bath only its second lead of the game.

Jerry King tied it back up with a 3-pointer, and Mayaville scored for a 2-point lead to end the half, 32-30, Mayaville.

In the third, the teams had a see saw battle for the lead, with the score tied several times and neither side managing to lead by more than two.

By the end of the third the score was tied, 43-43.

Jerry King brought Mayaville to the game's biggest second half lead, 49-46.

However, another tie ensued and Mayaville did not manage to log another substantial lead until

the 2:08 mark when the Bulldogs went ahead by nine points, 61-52.

Mayaville attempted a stall game to hold Bath County back, but with 31 seconds, the Wildcats were in a position to make a comeback at 62-58.

However, a series of fouls assessed against Bath took the game out of the Wildcats hands and gave the Bulldogs 67-57.

Scoring for the Bulldogs had Turner with 27 points, Jerry King with 14 and Andy Merton with 12.

For Bath, Reed brought in 20 points, followed by Leigh with 16, and Jones with 13.

Paris battled across court to find an opening at the 3-point line to tie the score, 63-63, with exactly one minute left in the game.

Earlywine was fouled but both his shots failed to strip the net and Tolleboro gained possession and an opportunity to take the game.

For several seconds, Tolleboro sustained the pressure, but with 10 seconds left, Summers successfully picked the ball away from Harrison.

Earlywine brought 23 points to the game for the Greyhounds, with Summers leading 21 points to the win.

Harrison had 24 points, Spence scored 15 and David Hampton with 13.

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## Little League Tourney, Feb. 9-11

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The Nicholas County Basketball Boosters are holding a double-elimination Little League Basketball Tournament Feb. 9-11 at the high school.

Action gets under way at 7 p.m. Friday night, when the Nicholas County Bears face the Fleming County Tigers.

At 6:45 p.m., the Nicholas County Hawks play the Mason County Patriots.

At 7:30 the Rookies will take on Olive's Devils. At 8:15, the Rebels will face off against Rowan County's Bad Boys.

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The Wildcats held a 44-point advantage, 76-32, after three periods.

Chris Harrison, with 18 seconds left in the game, broke the 100-point mark off a steal.

Wayne French led scoring for the Devils with 27, followed by Lee Fryman with six and Jamie Morgan with five.

Brian Spence led the Wildcats with 31 points. Harrison netted 11 and Tommy Marshall and David Hampton had 17 each.

**Nicholas down Augusta**  
The Bluejackets defeated Augusta's Panthers 104-71 in opening round competition.

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Augusta closed to within two points early in the second quarter, with the score 32-30, and eventually tied it up at 32-32.

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Daniel Brown at the close of the half put Nicholas County up 54-42.

In the third, Nicholas marched to a 30-point lead at 87-57.

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Brown scored 22 points in the victory. Brian Hilderer netted 20, and David Sparks came away with 16.

**Nicholas vs. Mayaville**  
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