



SPORTS EXTRA  
Nicholas County's Nikki Smoot goes for the basket in the Lady Jacket 54-50 win over Fleming County, last Wednesday.

## Lady Jackets win two

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CARLISLE — It wasn't exactly easy, but it was a win. Nicholas County's Lady Jackets exploded for a 13-2 run in the third quarter to erase a 34-27 Fleming County lead, last Wednesday, as the Jackets improved to 17-4 with a 54-50 decision.

After Kim Denkins gave Nicholas County a 7-2 lead with 5:38 to play in the first quarter, Fleming County rallied to tie the game at 11-11 and 13-13, to end the quarter.

Fleming County's Melissa Adams, who finished with a game-high 20 points, hit a tip-in basket to tie the score 19-19 with 4:45 to play in the first half.

Fleming County forged a 25-23 on two free throws by Minnie Marshall with 1:28 to play in the half. For the Pantherettes' first lead.

As Fleming County's Marshall drove the lane, just 20 seconds later, she was whistled for a charging foul, but on the rebound attempt of her shot Denkins injured her right foot and was forced to the locker room. The Pantherettes added two

more on a one and one cash in by Marlene Jolley and at intermission led 27-23.

Fleming County pushed out to its 34-27 lead and appeared to be in command of the game, but with 3:51 left in the third quarter Denkins returned to the Nicholas County lineup.

Tacy Earlywine lifted Nicholas County to a 36-36 tie with a layup at the 1:28 mark of the third quarter, and the Lady Jackets scored the final four points of the quarter on a put back basket by Denkins and a layup by Earlywine.

Denkins set-up the Earlywine score with a blocked shot - grabbing the ball Denkins fired a length of the court pass for the easy layup.

Fleming County opened the final eight minutes with two straight baskets to tie the score at 40-40, but would never lead the rest of the way.

Nikki Smoot and Earlywine scored six points each in the final stanza, while Denkins fiddled a pinpoint pass from Smoot for an easy layup to set the final margin.

Nicholas County's lead expanded to seven, 54-48.

Fleming County counted three of four charity tosses in the last 54 seconds, but Nicholas County held on to win.

"Fleming County really wanted to beat us," NCHS Coach Barbara Kenney said.

"We allowed too many easy shots, committed too many fouls and missed some key layups."

"We're not on easy street, and we have to be tough every game."

Nicholas County 47  
Madison Southern 34

BEREA — Nicholas County's Lady Jackets improved to 18-4 on the season with a 47-24 win over Madison Southern, Thursday night.

The teams played to an 8-8 deadlock at the end of one quarter, but the visiting Lady Jackets erupted for a 20-7 advantage in the second quarter to lead 28-15 at intermission.

Nicholas County out scored Madison Southern 8-8 in the third quarter and put the game away with a 19-1 scoring edge in the last eight minutes.

Earlywine led Nicholas County with 17 points, as Smoot added 13 and Denkins 10.

Christie Hodge had four points and Christa Allen three points to round out scoring for the Jackets.

### 37th District Boys Tournament Bourbon County High School

Harrison County

Wednesday  
February 28, 1990  
7:30 P.M.

Paris

Bourbon County

Thursday  
March 1, 1990  
7:30 P.M.

Nicholas County

FINALS  
Saturday  
March 3, 1990  
7:30 P.M.

### 37th District Girls Tournament Harrison County High School

Paris

Monday  
February 26, 1990  
7:30 P.M.

Bourbon County

Nicholas County

Tuesday  
February 27, 1990  
7:30 P.M.

Harrison County

FINALS  
Friday  
March 2, 1990  
7:30 P.M.

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