

Maysville rolls, 98-64

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MAYSVILLE, Feb. 13 — Trailing by 10 points in the fourth quarter, Nicholas County had four technical fouls called against the team, helping the Maysville Bulldogs to a 98-64 victory.

Though starting out with the early lead, the Bluejackets fell behind when Jerry King and Jerome Turner fired in two shots for a 5-2 lead for Maysville.

At the 3:36 mark, the Jackets held to a 3-point deficit until Turner's 3-point shot sailed, caught net and put the Bulldogs up 12-8.

David Sparks cut the Bulldogs to a 4-point lead temporarily as he slid under Brad Morton's guard to slip in an underhanded layup.

Morton, at 2:15, added to the Bulldogs' lead as he reached for a jump shot and bought a foul in the attempt. The 3-point play cut the Bluejackets trail to seven.

The Bulldogs climbed to a 23-8 lead within a few minutes of the end of the first quarter before Brian Hilderer turned scoring around for the Bluejackets with a 3-point play for a 23-11 score.

Daniel Brown slipped the ball from Terry King with 46 left and ran down for a last second shot to end the quarter, 25-13.

Hilderer opened the second quarter with an immediate 3-pointer to bring the Jackets back to within nine of the Bulldogs.

Hilderer followed with a layup, before Tony Moore broke the ice for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs mounted an 11-point lead with 5:24 left in the half, before the Bluejackets had their second run at the Bulldog lead.

Scores from Hilderer and Jamie Simons put the Jackets behind five points.

Toward the final seconds of the half, Nicholas had three opportunities to cut the Bulldogs lead to three, but several rebound attempts from the team to strip the baskets failed to bring the Jackets any points.

David Bennett ended first half scoring with a 3-point play, which gave the Bulldogs an 8-point advantage in the half, 39-31.

Nicholas came within four off shots fired in from Jarrod Willis and Travis Sims. By 6:53, the Jackets trailed, 39-35.

The 4-point difference remained for a short time until the Bulldogs staged a run on the boards, which brought them back to a 9-point lead.

At third quarter's end, Nicholas trailed by eight, 52-44.

However, at the beginning of the fourth, the first technical foul against Nicholas was called on a protesting Head Coach Lee Cruise.

As the Bulldogs mounted their lead, 65-46, by the 6-minute mark, Travis Sims garnered a technical foul.

As Nicholas attempted to route the Bulldogs scoring, Nicholas received technical number three.

Jerome Turner logged his fourth foul toward the end of the quarter and left the game at 3:51, before Daniel Brown was called for a technical after showing disappointment for missing a shot.

After the technical, the Bulldogs had a commanding 80-56 lead.

Brian Hilderer was high scorer for the evening with 28 points, followed by Sims with 12 and Willis with 11.



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Brad Direrly pulls down a rebound against Maysville Feb. 13. Nicholas County was assessed four technical fouls during the fourth quarter of the game.

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Nicholas upsets Bath County, 68-64

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OWINGSVILLE, Feb. 16 — Brian Hilderer sank both ends of a 1-plus-1 free throw with seven seconds left in the game to ensure a 68-64 victory against Bath County.

Hilderer went to the line four times in the final minute of the game as Bath scrambled to erase a lead Nicholas held for most of the contest.

With the score 64-59, Hilderer went to the line with 52 seconds left but missed the front of a one-and-bonus shot.

The Wildcats cut the lead to 64-61 on a basket.

On his second trip to the line with 22 seconds left, Hilderer again missed the first shot and Bath regained the ball.

On his third trip, Hilderer connected for two to make the score 66-61.

Darris Jones answered with a 3-pointer for Bath with eight seconds left, but it was the Wildcats' last score.

The Jackets' performance was keyed by senior David Sparks, who turned in one of his best scoring performances with 21 points.

"We played better defense. Most of the time we got two or three passes (on offense) and made them play defense," said Nicholas County Head Coach Lee Cruise.

Cruise said his team's efforts are being expended with an eye toward its matchup against Bourbon County in the district tournament.

After being held scoreless for nearly the first three minutes, the Bluejackets got on the board with two free throws by Sparks to tie it at 2-2.

The two teams were also tied at four, six, eight and 10 apiece, before Daniel Brown canned a 3-pointer to make it 13-12.

Brown repeated the feat after a field goal by Bath, and Nicholas led 16-14 after one period.

The Bluejackets did not relinquish the lead in the second period.

A layup by Sparks at the 6:30 mark gave the Jackets a 21-16 lead.

The Wildcats got within one at 26:25 when Jones hit a shot.

Nicholas went up by five again when Hilderer connected on a 3-pointer to make it 34-29.

Bath County closed out scoring for the half, but trailed 34-32 after two periods.

Damon Reed hit a bucket to open the third and tie the score at 34-34, and the Cats went up 37-34 on a 3-pointer by Jones.

Nicholas came back and tied it at 37-37, and a field goal by Sparks and a rebound bucket by Hilderer gave the Jackets a 41-37 lead at 3:45.

Bath County did not get closer than two in the closing minutes.

A bucket by Travis Sims ended the third period with Nicholas County leading 50-43.

The Wildcats could not put together a rally in the fourth, and the Jackets took their largest lead of the game at 60-39 with 2:30 left on the clock.

Scoring
Nicholas: Sparks 21, Hilderer 13, Sims 7, Brown 23, Willis 4.

Bath: Leigh 19, Jones 9, Telle 8, Reed 17, Wilson 2, Carpenter 4, Vinson 5.

Squeezing In

Travis Sims gets jammed between two Bath County players during Nicholas County's matchup with the Wildcats last Friday night in Owingsville. Nicholas came away with a 68-64 victory.

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