

# Colonels prevail over Jackets, 88-67

**By Job Shepherd**  
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**SPORTS EXTRA**  
The Nicholas County Bluejackets jumped to an early lead against the Bourbon County Colonels January 2 before falling, 88-67.  
A minute passed before either team could put points on the board. Daniel Brown finally put in a jumper from the side of the key to put Nicholas on the board first.  
The Colonels' David Ahrens, after another minute, gunned in a jumper from the foul line to tie the score.  
The Bluejackets slowly began to pull away from the Colonels as Brown fired in two 3-point shots for Bluejackets leverage and a 10-4 lead over the Colonels.  
After Brian Hilderer's shot was deflected by Vincent Kenney at 3:21, a 2-point score cut the Jacket lead to two, 10-8.  
Hilderer and Sparks brought in two points apiece to move the Jackets away from the climbing Colonels.  
A 3-point play from Kenney cut the Jacket lead to one point and with 10 seconds left in the quarter, James Black hit a layup, which allowed the Colonels to take the lead, 15-14.  
A minute and a half passed in the second period before Corey Williams hit a foul shot, giving the Colonels a 2-point lead.  
Hilderer tied the game, 16-16, off two shots from the foul line, but Ahrens came back to push the Colonels forward two points.  
From that point, the Colonels' scoring took off. Craig Foley fired a 3-point shot at 3:38 for a 25-16 lead.  
At 3:14, Brown fouled Ahrens and he was also charged with a technical.  
However, referees mistakenly allowed Williams to shoot first for the technical. As Ahrens stepped up to shoot normal foul shots, referees realized they had allowed the wrong person to shoot foul shots.  
Striking the Colonels' score from the board, referees told statisticians the error was cor-

rectable and had the Colonels rebound the foul and technical.  
As play resumed, the Colonels stretched their lead to 31-19 on shots by Kenney and Williams.  
The half ended with the Colonels scoring twice for a 35-24 lead.  
Wills cut Bourbon's lead to 10 at the opening of the second half with a 3 pointer.  
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# Lady Jackets roll over Rockcastle

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The Nicholas County Lady Jackets burst to a 17-point lead in the first half against Rockcastle County, and went on to win, 49-24.  
The win came for the Nicholas County Homecoming celebration January 9.  
The Jackets logged seven points before Rockcastle's scored.  
From the 2:27 mark to the end of the first quarter, Nikki Smoot dominated the boards, shooting for six points.  
After eight minutes, the Lady Jackets led, 12-4.  
By midway through the second quarter, The Rockets had two players with three fouls each.  
Angie Gentrys fired in two from the key and Angee McClure hit an open layup, which completed Rockcastle's second-quarter scoring.  
Tary Earlywine scored six points in the quarter, one shot came on a steal and run.  
Dunkins finished out scoring for the half with the Lady Jackets holding a 25-8 advantage.  
The second half opened with the Rockets breaking into double digits with foul shots. Few fouls were called in the second half as the game slowed considerably.  
However, Rockcastle began to penetrate the inside more effectively and climbed 11-points in the quarter.  
Nicholas ended the quarter in a commanding 40-18 lead.

keep within 10 as Brown scored two consecutive shots.  
Sims and Hilderer cut the Bourbon lead to six off two layups, but then a foul set up a 3-point play for Ahrens with 1:34 left in the third.  
An Ahrens 3-point made the score 59-42.  
As Jeff Stamper sent in a shot the third ended 61-42, Colonels.  
Ahrens bucketed a 3-pointer to kick-off the fourth quarter. However,

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Tina Fryman went to the line at 2:48 for a point. Andrea Galbraith shot on a one and bonus situation, but just missed clearing the rim.  
After a score by Beth Amyx, time ran out.  
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# Paris gets revenge over Nicholas girls

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PARIS — The Nicholas County Lady Jackets were handed their second loss of the season, 54-44, by the Paris Lady Hounds January 2.  
Yolanda I own missed a chance at a 3-point play when she missed a foul shot at 2:48, but her score gave the Paris Lady Hounds an 8-point lead, 12-4.  
The Lady Jackets went on a 5-point scoring rally with Nikki Smoot scoring from mid-key twice to cut the Paris lead to three.  
Smoot finished out first quarter scoring to keep the Jackets within five points.  
Christy Hutton brought in four points to bring the Jackets within going distance of Paris, but the Lady Hounds ended the threat with a 6-point push in the latter half of the quarter.  
The score was 26-19 Paris at the half. Paris increased its lead to 33-23 on a shot by Allen midway through the third quarter.  
By 1:50 in the third the Lady Hounds held their large lead of the game at 40-27.  
Smoot scored a last-second jumper for the Jackets, who trailed 49-31 after three periods.  
The two teams matched each other in scoring in the fourth. Kristi Barten brought the Lady Jackets to within eight of Paris on a layup and foul shot.  
Nicholas Head Coach Barbara Kenney said the girls lacked aggressiveness.  
"It's always a disadvantage to play Paris at home. It's almost an automatic 10-15 points on the board," Kenney said.  
Another factor to the loss was that Tacky Earlywine was held to only three points.  
"She had an off day," Kenney said.  
Christy Hutton led in scoring for the Jackets with 14, followed by Amyx with 12 and Kim Dunkins with 10.  
For Paris, Brown brought in 20 points, followed by Ashley Allen with 13.

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# Lady Jackets roll over Powell County

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With the Nicholas County Lady Jackets 82-33 win over the Powell County Lady Pirates they have set a Nicholas County Girl's Basketball record, winning 10 games for the first time in the team's history.  
Head Coach Barbara Kenney said every team member played a solid game throughout.

Along with the 10 game record, Christy Hutton, with 11 assists, tied the assist record set by Nikki Smoot against Fleming County in December.  
"We had a good idea we would defeat Powell before the game, but they ran well against our press to get layups and though behind, the

Pirates didn't let us up," Kenney said.  
Nikki Smoot was high scorer for the game with 22 points and seven assists, followed by Tary Earlywine with 20 points, seven rebounds and six steals.  
Senior Christa Axster had two points and seven steals, and Hutton, with 11 assists, scored 12 and had six rebounds.  
Kim Dunkins checked up 10 points, with six steals and 11 rebounds.  
Hesse Linville was 4-4 from the field for eight points in the game. Andrea Galbraith, coming off the junior varsity game with 12 points, brought in four for the varsity.

# Curry takes Kentucky coaching job

**By Hoyt Harwell**  
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**SPORTS EXTRA**  
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Bill Curry said he quit as Alabama football coach because too much pressure was being put on his family, staff and players.  
Curry, who told his players of his decision Sunday night, has accepted the head coaching position at the University of Kentucky.

The official announcement was made at a Monday night press conference in Lexington. Curry replaces Jerry Claiborne who had a 41-46-8 mark at UK, spanning eight seasons.  
Curry, 51, told The Tuscaloosa News he left Alabama because of "inordinate pressure being brought to bear on people I was sworn to serve."  
He had nothing to do with money, he said. "It had nothing to do with pressure. There was no single incident."  
The reality of achieving something difficult in a group endeavor requires that all of the key people be pulling in the same direction. It became apparent that this was not going to happen at the University of Alabama as long as I was there.

The Lady Jackets succeeded in shutting out the Pirates in the first quarter with a score of 19-0 and by halftime had managed 14 points, the score 28-14, Jackets.  
However, the Jackets rolled in the second half, shooting for 21 points in the third and 23 points in the fourth to take the game, 82-33.  
After Powell County, the 10-2 Lady Jackets are looking to Lewis and Cassamine County, both touted as a test of the Jackets' mettle.  
"The team is really coming together and has surpassed even my expectations of the season so far. There is no individual effort, they are there to help the team," Kenney said.

Curry has 57-53-4 mark with four bowl encounters and has 2-2 post season mark.  
The career coaching record of Bill Curry, who resigned as Alabama head coach Sunday and accepted the University of Kentucky Head coaching position, Monday.  
YEAR TEAM W L T  
1980 Ga. Tech 1 9 1  
1981 Ga. Tech 1 10 0  
1982 Ga. Tech 5 5 0  
1983 Ga. Tech 2 8 0  
1984 Ga. Tech 6 4 1  
1985 Ga. Tech 9 2 1  
1986 Ga. Tech 5 5 1  
1987 Alabama 7 5 0  
1988 Alabama 9 3 0  
1989 Alabama 10 2 0  
Totals 57 53 4

**Bowl Record**  
1985 - ALL AMERICAN  
Georgia Tech 17, Michigan State 14  
1987 - HALL OF FAME  
Michigan 29, Alabama 14  
1988 - SUN-  
Michigan 29, Army 28  
1989 - SUGAR  
Miami, Fla. 34, Alabama 25



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Nikki Smoot goes for a loose ball against Paris in girls action, last week. The Lady Hounds averaged a loss to Nicholas in the Harrison County Tournament, with a 54-44 win in Paris.

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