

Fourth quarter surge lifts Nicholas

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SPORTS EXTRA

MT. OLIVET — Nicholas County outscored Deming 11-2 late in the fourth quarter to down the Devils 96-70 in boys high school basketball action Jan. 3.

Travis Sims opened the scoring for the Bluejackets with a jumper from under the basket, and Lindsay Leet drew the middle of the lane for a jumper and 3-pointer for a Deming lead of 5-2.

Nicholas connected on a 3-pointer from Daniel Brown, a bucket from under the basket by Mice Gilvin and a jumper from the left corner for Sims, increasing the Bluejacket lead to 9-5.

Todd Cooper sank a free throw and Jeremy Messer hit a put back to cut the lead to 9-4.

The two teams traded baskets and Brian Hlander canned two free throws to end the quarter with the Bluejackets leading 19-17.

Deming regained the lead at 25-19 off a 3-pointer and a jumper by Jamie Morgan and 3-point play by Aaron Massey.

Nicholas took the lead back at

the 2:55 mark of the second quarter off a 3-pointer by Brown for a 28-27 lead.

The Bluejackets scored 11 straight points and Messer sank two free throws as the quarter ended with Nicholas holding a 41-31 lead.

Brown opened the scoring in the second quarter with a layup for Nicholas.

Wayne French added a bucket off a rebound and Morgan gained in a 3-pointer for the Devils to cut the lead to 43-33.

Nicholas staged a 16:2 run to extend its lead to 67-46.

Cooper and Leet canned two free throws for Deming, and Brown connected with two charity tosses and a 3-pointer for a Bluejacket lead of 69-50.

The Bluejackets outscored the Devils 37 with 1:52 left in the game to extend their lead to 96-64.

Nicholas was led by Hlander and Brown with 23 each. David Sparks added 18, Sims dished out 15, Jarrod Wills followed with 13, Gilvin had six, and Pruitt had four.

French led Deming with 15.



Nicholas County's David Sparks pushes an underhand scoop shot toward the basket in the Nicholas - Bourbon game last week. The Colonels took the win 96-67 in four.

Leet followed with 13, Morgan and Massey each had 11, Messer added 10, Cooper and Sean Stewart each had five.

"We had a poor free throw shooting night and mishandled the press," Deming Coach Gary McKinney said.

"We were not running our discipline offense, we cannot give up 80 points in a game and be competitive," he noted.

"The positive aspect was we did place five players in double figures."

"I am glad to have the win, but Deming played harder than we did tonight," said Nicholas Coach Lee Cruise.

"We have to block and cover

and get into our offense.

"We are a young team, but we do have good, young talent."

"I am satisfied with the win," Cruise said.

In junior varsity action the Bluejackets downed the Devils 49-48 in overtime.

Nicholas jumped out to a 11-2 first quarter lead and Deming came back to close the gap to 13-9.

The Devils led 25-17 at the half, and Nicholas recaptured the lead at the end of the third, 32-29.

The fourth quarter ended with a 43-43 tie.

Nicholas was led by Brad Dickey with 16, and Gilvin added 14. Justin Jefferson led Deming with 12.

Little League Results

A - TEAMS

Scores provided by Jimmy Tucker.

Kats (15) - Caswell 8, Bantz 2, Dunn 4, P. Trussell 1, Saints (7) - McKee 6, Earlywine 1.

Bears (20) - K. Smoot 3, C. Eaton 2, Burden 12, Hiller 5, M. Eaton 2, Sturm 2, Patriots (20) - Mitchell 9, Vice 5, Compton 2, Hughes 4.

Mustangs (21) - Smoot 6, Mullins 2, Lang 5, J. Sparks 2, C. Sparks 2, Ramsey 2, Celtics (7) - Kenney 6, Anderson 1.

Bulls (20) - S. Fulton 16, Jenkins 7, Massey 1, R. Fulton 2, Hookies (20) - Cleaver 3, Clark 13, McKee 2.

Hookies (18) - Stone 4, Dunn 7, Rucker 5, Livville 2, Hornets (3) - Buckler 1, Hunt 2.

Rebels (20) - Simpson 13, Sep 8, Morris 2, Wills 2, Broderick 4, Demons (15) - J. Taber 5, K. Vice 2, C. Taber 6, J. Vice 2.

Hawks (28) - Burns 4, Fryman 15, Cook 2, Sims 4, Mitchell 3, Jete (27) - Russell 17, Calvert 4, McLean 2, Earlywine 4.

B - TEAMS
Kats (7) - Schandling 6, K. Trussell 1, Saints (5) - Earlywine 1, McKee 1, C.H. Trussell 1, Hunt 1, Bantz 1.
Bears (7) - Smoot 6, Earlywine 1, Patriots (6) - Hatchison 4, Eubank 1, Anderson 1.
Mustangs (7) - Gray 3, Ramey

1, Hopkins 3, Celtics (2) - Duncan 1, Hector 1.
Hookies (11) - Miller 1, Clark 8, D. Ritchie 1, R. Ritchie 1, Bulls (5) - Snapp 1, Jenkins 2, Fryman 1, Bantz 1.

Hornets (6) Hamilton 3, Clark 3, Hookies (10) - Sexton 5, Booth 1, Brownage 1, Waggoner 1, Stoker 2.

Demons (2) - Bowles 1, Jones 1, Hawks (14) - Brown 1, Pettit 3, Sims 11.

Jets (1) - Kenney 1.
STANDING RECORD
Bears 5-0, Hawks 8-1, Rebels 8-1, Bulls 6-3, Patriots 6-3, Mustangs 5-4, Jets 4-5, Hookies 3-6, Hookies 3-6, Demons 1-8, Hornets 1-8, Celtics 0-9, Kats 7-0, Phillies 2-4, Saints 1-4.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
2 p.m. Patriots vs. Hornets
3 p.m. Kats vs. Phillies
4 p.m. Jets vs. Mustangs
5 p.m. Hookies vs. Celtics
6 p.m. Rebels vs. Hawks
7 p.m. Bulls vs. Bears
8 p.m. Demons vs. Hookies

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
1 p.m. Saints vs. Phillies
2 p.m. Mustangs vs. Bears
3 p.m. Rebels vs. Patriots
4 p.m. Jets vs. Hookies
5 p.m. Hawks vs. Hookies
6 p.m. Demons vs. Bulls
7 p.m. Hornets vs. Celtics

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