

Harrison withstands charge, downs Nicholas, 81-77

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CYNTHIANA — A turnover on an in-bounds pass with 30 seconds left in the game was the turning point for the Bluejackets as they fell 81-77 to Harrison County Jan. 16.

After Brian Hillander tied up the ball to regain possession for Nicholas, the Jackets called time out with 30 seconds left, trailing 79-77.

Harrison stole the ball on the in-bounds and ran the clock to 14 seconds before Brad Allison was fouled. He canned two shots to ice the game for Harrison.

Both teams had balanced scoring attacks, with four players on each team in double figures.

Travis Sims and Daniel Brown led the Jackets with 17 each.

Center Jody Crump, who played a tough inside game for the ThoroBreds, led his team with 20 points.

The two teams played close in the first quarter, with Nicholas County holding a 23-22 lead after eight minutes.

The Jackets took a 28-25 lead in the second quarter on a 3-pointer by Brown.

The Breds turned it around in the early minutes of the second period, going up 40-33 on a field goal by Shen Walker.

Nicholas came back and cut Harrison's lead to 44-42 on a shot by Sims.

Harrison scored the next five points, including a 3-pointer at the buzzer, for a 49-44 advantage.

Nicholas opened the third quarter with four points, but Harrison answered with four more to hold on to a 53-48 lead.

The Jackets came within two at 65-63 on a 3-pointer by Hillander, with 30 seconds left in the quarter.

Harrison had the last bucket in the third and led 82-63 going into the final eight minutes.

After going down 73-65 on a field goal by Crump, Nicholas battled back to keep the game close.

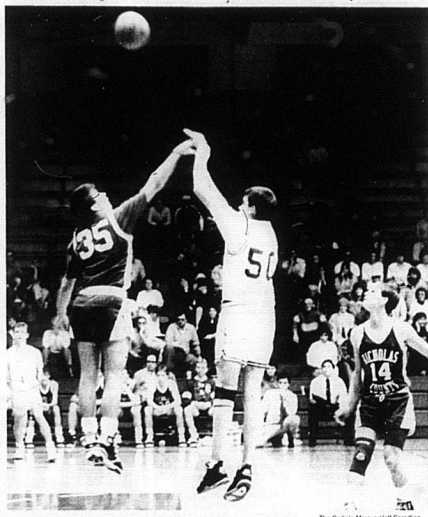
Jarrod Wills nailed a 3-pointer

with 3:08 remaining to cut Harrison's lead to 75-74.

The game was tied at 77-77 after Wills hit a five throw, but Nicholas did not score again.

Hillander and Sparks scored 16 each for Nicholas. Wills added nine, and Jamie Simms scored two points.

Kris Reitz scored 19 for Harrison. Kevin Morrison had 15 points, and Chris Ruffett scored 13. Allison added eight for the ThoroBreds, and Walker scored six.



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Defensive pressure

Travis Sims tries to block a shot by Jody Crump of Harrison County. Nicholas was unable to capitalize on a fourth-quarter surge and fell to the ThoroBreds last week.

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Lady Jackets down Madison Southern

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CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Lady Jackets claimed a win over the Madison Southern Lady Eagles Thursday night 67-42.

The first quarter went to the Lady Jackets as they moved to a 10-point lead.

Kiki Smoot jammed in six points from the field and two free throws to lead the Jackets in scoring in the second quarter.

Kim Denkins picked up four points, and Auster and Hatten brought in two apiece.

Lady Eagle Janice Ingram fired in a 3-pointer at the top of the second, but though they rallied 11 points in the quarter.

Nicholas continued to dominate through halftime, 32-15.

The Lady Eagles came out strong in the third, Ingram gaining in three shots for six points in the quarter and Shauna Turner bottled for four.

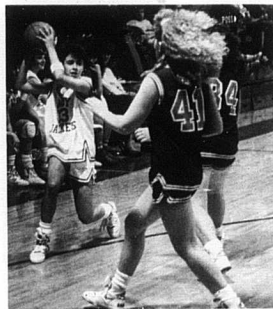
Tary Earlywine and Hatten brought in four points apiece to end the quarter 47-29.

Third quarter scores showed the Eagles were playing head up to the Jackets.

The fourth quarter saw the Jackets fouling for the first time in the game, giving the Eagles five points from the free throw line.

Denkins rallied for six points under the basket.

Christy Hatten was high scorer with 16 points, followed by Denkins and Smoot with 15 each.



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Passing game

Lady Jacket Jennifer Wroughtby passes off during a home matchup with Madison Southern. The Lady Jackets won the game 67-42.

NCHS Homecoming Court

With the homecoming game occurring the Friday following New Year's the Mercury was unable to publish all members of the homecoming court. The Mercury is happy to present the court with escort's name in this edition of SPORTS EXTRA.



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Deming freshmen down Nicholas, 49-34

SPORTS EXTRA
MT. OLIVET — Deming jumped out to an early 13-4 lead to roll over Nicholas County 49-34 in freshman basketball on Jan. 17.

Deming opened the scoring with a jumper in the middle by Jason Hughes, and the Bluejackets added a bucket by Nicholas to tie the score at 2-2.

The Devils outscored Nicholas County 11-2 to end the first with a 13-4 lead.

Billy Fryman hit under the basket for Deming and Brad Brierly countered with a jumper for the Bluejackets for a 15-6 Devil lead.

Hughes and Fryman fired in jumpers for the Devils and Brierly hit from the top of the key as Deming led 25-12 with 2:27 left in the second quarter.

Hughes scored in the paint to extend the Deming lead to 27-12 at the end of the second quarter.

Brian Ockerman hit under the bucket and Jim Compton scored

in the paint to cut the Deming lead to 27-16.

With eight seconds left in the quarter, Jamie Morgan gunned in a 3-pointer to push the Devils lead to 36-16 at the end of the third quarter.

Nicholas opened the scoring for Bluejackets in the fourth quarter, and Brierly canned two free throws to cut the Deming lead to 36-22.

With 44 seconds left in the game, Morgan made a steal for a layup and bombed in a 3-pointer to extend the lead to 47-33.

Charbel Joseph fired in a 3-pointer for Nicholas, and Morgan hit in the paint to end the game, as Deming defeated the Bluejackets 49-34.

Morgan led Deming with 19 followed by Hughes with 16, Aaron Massey added eight, and Fryman had six.

Nicholas was led by Brierly with 16, six each went to Ockerman and Joseph, Nicholas added four, and Compton had two.

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