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Game 13
Richmond Model 57
at Nicholas County 73
CARLISLE — The Jackets started a tough five game home stand with an easy win over Model. Daniel Brown, Brian Hlander, and Jarrod Wills all sank three pointers in the game's opening minutes as Nicholas rolled out to a 13-1 lead in the first period.

The Jackets scored a bit, but still led 38-24 at the half. The Jackets scored a jumper to give the Jackets their biggest lead, 45-28, and Richmond Model struggled the rest of the way to keep pace. Brown, 16, and Hlander, 16, were the only Jackets to land in double figures.

Game 14
Paris 58
at Nicholas County 61
CARLISLE — Jarrod Wills hit a 12 foot baseline shot in the game's closing minutes to insure a shocking win over the arch-rival Greyhounds.

Paris appeared to be on the verge of a blow out from the onset when they opened an early 8-0 lead. The Jackets stormed back to keep the game close, but it was not until the fourth quarter that Nicholas County was able to take control.

Riding a tough defensive effort and the three point shooting of Daniel Brown, the Jackets posted themselves for the final run in the fourth quarter. The Jackets stepped up the effort and out-rebounded the taller Greyhounds to cap off the quarter.

The Jackets had only three players get in the scoring books. Brown had a game high 31 points, Hlander came away with 21, and Wills dropped in nine to the effort. Coach Oakley was pleased with his team's patience and composure.

"We played well all the way. They never let Paris get in their running game, and we won with our tempo. I have maintained a team win, it was just do the little things right." The win gave the Jackets a surprising 12-2 record.

Game 15
Harrison County 56
at Nicholas County 57
CARLISLE — The Jackets continued to upset teams at home when they bounced off the regional favorite Theobald's in a heart stopper.

The Jackets came back from a four point deficit with 4:10 left in the game to pull within ahead by a score of 57-53. Brian Hlander scored six points in the fourth quarter as the Nicholas County comeback. Harrison County scored a basket in 10 seconds to put within a point with a long three point bomb, but the Bluejackets held on in the game's closing seconds for the win.

Hlander and Brown were the lone Jackets to reach double figures, hitting for 22 points each. Coach Oakley said the play of his bench was the key. "David Smart, Shad Tabick, and Kevin Morris came off the bench and did a good job for us," said Oakley. The Jackets improved to 13-2 with this win.

Game 16
East County 69
at Nicholas County 62
CARLISLE — The Engineers from East County rolled at over the Jackets despite a furious rally and a career high 43 points from Daniel Brown.

The Bluejackets kept it close early on, trailing 35-28 late in the third quarter. The Engineers went on a tear, rolling out to a 13 point lead until a David Smart three pointer early in the fourth quarter brought the Jackets in striking distance.

The Engineers watched Nicholas County chip away until the Jackets halted by only one, 57-56, with 5:00 to go in the game. East tried to pull away, but Brown led the Jackets to a 62-62 deficit with only 1:12 left to go, but the rally ran out of gas when the

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Engineers cannot score any key free throws.

Game 17
Bourbon County 72
at Nicholas County 66
CARLISLE — The Jackets dropped their second game in a row, their first losing streak of the season, when the rally fell short against the mighty Colonels of Bourbon County.

To top of a capacity crowd, the Jackets overcame a slow start to keep it close all the way. The Jackets held their biggest lead, 50-46, with 6:44 left to play in the game, but the lead was short lived.

Bourbon County crawled back on top at the 2:00 mark for a 61-59 lead. The Jackets cut the lead to 61-66 with 17 seconds left, but Cory Williams sank five of six free throws to end the game. Game Simons stepped up to the challenge, hitting the old Williams, and came away with 11 points to complement his defensive effort.

Game 18
Nicholas County 56
at Montgomery County 61
MOUNT STERNING — The Bluejackets were not able to take the Indians back on the road, and fell for the third time in as many tries. The Indians averaged the early loss in the Cole Ford Christmas Classic. Montgomery County entered the game on a tear, posting a 6-1 record since the loss to Nicholas County.

The Indians jumped on top for a 2-0 lead and never looked back. The Jackets did threaten with 1:12 left in the game by pulling within three points, but the Indians put the game away at the three point line. Travis Simps scored the Jackets with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Game 19
Nicholas County 65
at Madison Southern 62
(Over time)
BEREA — The Bluejackets got back on the winning track with a squeaker over the mighty Eagles.

The Jackets battled most of a game that saw eight ties and 10 lead changes in regulation play. Nicholas County appeared to have the game sewn up when a last second three point attempt failed, but the Eagles pitched the rebound back up and in at the buzzer to send the game into extra play with the score knotted at 56-56.

Daniel Brown, Brian Hlander, and Travis Sims at clutch free throws in overtime to insure the victory.

Game 20
10th Region All A Classic Tournament
First Round
Nicholas County 63
at Paris 73

PARIS — The Bluejackets fell behind early and ran out of steam at the end of a falling 29 Paris. The Jackets scored 31 points in the fourth quarter to help get a 28 point deficit, but that trouble started the Jackets' plans. Four Bluejackets fouled out of the game the closing minutes, and the Greyhounds took advantage to post the win and the 11th of the Jackets' All A games.

Daniel Brown led all scorers with 25 points, and Brian Hlander reached double figures with 10 points. Brown was awarded All Tournament Team honors while David Smart was recognized as an outstanding student athlete as a part of the 10th Region All A Academic Team.

Game 21
Bracken County 57
at Nicholas County 69
CARLISLE — The Bluejackets rallied in the fourth quarter to put away the peppy Polar Bears.

The Jackets played even with the Bears over the game's first three quarters, and held a 46-45 lead at the beginning of the game's final period.

With Nicholas County on top 57-53, Shad Edden made a three pointer and Brian Hlander and Daniel Brown each hit a pair of free throws to put the game out of reach.

The Bluejackets hit their last shots the remainder of the game to hold on for the win. With the win, the Jackets broke out of a slump, having lost four out of their last five games, and improved to 15-6 on the season.

Game 22
Homecoming
Bath County 63
at Nicholas County 88
CARLISLE — The Bluejackets posted one of their strongest performances of the season in demolishing the Wildcats in front

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