

New coach leads

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 of a near-legendary coach. Brown Hilderer is expected to lead the Jackets through the season, and the Jackets expect to finish with a record of 18-8. The Jackets expect to finish with a record of 18-8. The Jackets expect to finish with a record of 18-8.

Coach Oakley's Comments On The Season

"It was a great year for us. Anytime you have a record of 18-8, especially with the teams we have on our schedule, it's a good year."

"We slumped a little bit in the middle of the season, but they never lost their drive and intensity. Some nights we were better than others, but for the most part, they played hard all year."

"We lost a few tough games, but we beat people that nobody expected us to."

"We played well on the road and won some big games. Anderson County, Owen County, Montgomery County and Madison Southern are all tough teams, and we came away with a couple of big overtime wins on the road."

"Any season that you win both overtime games you play, especially on the road, it speaks well of your team."

"I was pleased with our effort because we never really got blown out of a game, even when the score looked bad, we usually were in there until we ran out of steam."

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Jackets' season comes to an end with a 63-55 district loss to Paris

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CYNTHIANA — The Nicholas County Bluejackets ended their season with a heart-breaking 63-55 loss to Paris in the opener of the 37th district tournament.

The Jackets held a three point lead at the start of the game's final period, but the Greyhounds rattled off eleven straight points.

Nicholas County had a chance to tie the game with less than 1:00 left, but a controversial call by the referee ended the Jackets' hopes of an upset.

Nicholas County ended the season with a record of 18-8 in Head Coach Ed Oakley's inaugural season.

The Greyhounds, 24-4, moved on to a semi-final match against Bourbon County.

Nicholas County appeared to have things going its way. In a 7-63 loss in the AIA Tournament to Paris, the Jackets fell behind by as many as 25 points.

This time, the Jackets kept things close from the onset. The Greyhounds came out of the gate ice-cold, and the Jackets took advantage of Paris' 0-5 shooting to claim an early 4-0 lead.

Paris' sophomore star Alvin Sims tied matters up with a pair of quick lay ups.

Oakley questioned whether a foul had happened under the Paris basket, and got slapped with a technical foul at the 4:50 mark.

Juan Byars hit the free throws for a 6-4 lead.

Daniel Brown and Travis Sims provided much of the Jackets' offense in the first quarter, and the Jackets had a 13-12 lead with 36 seconds left in the opening period.

Sims picked the ball up while the Jackets were trying to stall the game, and thundered down the floor for a dunk and a 14-13 lead.

Both teams went cold in the second quarter, managing only a 17-15 score at the 4:48 mark.

Jamrod Wiles hit a three pointer under pressure with 3:47 left in the half to give the Jackets their first lead of the quarter, 20-15.

Paris hit two shots in the lane in the half's final seconds.

The Greyhounds went into the break with a 29-25 lead. The third quarter belonged to the Jackets.

Glenn Hilderer opened the quarter with a long three point shot.

The Greyhounds tried to pull away, but the Bluejackets kept chipping away at the lead.

Finally, at the 3:53 mark, Brown grabbed a loose ball and fired it in from 25 feet away. The Jackets had claimed a 35-33 lead.

Brown added two more baskets, and Sims broke away from the defense for a baseline shot to provide the defense.

The Jackets allowed the Greyhounds a pair of layups, but still controlled a 41-38 lead at the end of the quarter.

That's when Byars and the Greyhounds took control. Byars opened the first period with a pair of three point shots, and added a steal and assist to lead Paris to a 46-41 lead.

Oakley called time out at the 8:45 mark, but the Greyhounds kept on rolling when Luke Summers drilled a three pointer.

Sims cut into the leads with a pair of free throws, but the Greyhounds added another jumper for a 51-43 lead.

The Jackets edged back into the game. Hilderer drove by the defense for a layup, and Brown came up with another three pointer.

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