

1991 Nicholas County High School Varsity Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Aug. 30	Powell County	Home	8:00
Sept. 6	Harrodsburg	Home	8:00
Sept. 13	Fairveiv	Home	8:00
Sept. 20	Paintsville	Home	8:00
Sept. 27	Raceland	Away	8:00
Oct. 4	Paris	Away	7:30
Oct. 11	West Carter	Home	8:00
Oct. 18	Knott Co. Central	Away	8:00
Oct. 25	East Carter	Away	7:30
Nov. 1	Bath County	Home	8:00

1991 Nicholas County High School Freshmen & J.V. Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 3	Lewis County	Away	5:30
Sept. 9	Bath County	Away	5:30
Sept. 16	Powell County	Home	5:30
Sept. 30	Bath County	Home	5:30
Oct. 7	Fleming County	Away	5:30
Oct. 21	Bourbon County	Away	5:30
Oct. 28	Paris	Away	5:30

Letcher facing new and competitive district

By Josh Shephard

The Carlisle Mercury Gridiron Preview

Facing an entirely new and more competitive district this year, Nicholas County Football Head Coach Greg Letcher is not sure what to expect from the teams they will play this season but with an experienced ball club and a wealth of up and coming underclassmen, he is looking for his first winning season as head coach.

Last season, Letcher said, was a hard one for the Bluejackets, who ended the season with a 4-7 record which Letcher believes was not indicative of the ability the team showed out on the field.

"We sustained some undeserved losses last year because of costly mistakes, some within and others out of our control. We had some third down let downs, where we were perhaps one or two yards from a first, which could have set the stage for scores and game wins," Letcher said.

The Bluejacket's game schedule features only a handful of teams

Nicholas County has regularly faced in years past and, in part, Letcher said the change is a good one.

"Bath, Paris, and East and West Carter will return from last year's schedule and I know they'll be as competitive as before. But the addition of new teams on the roster will keep us on our toes for awhile. We've no idea of their style or their strengths so it will demand greater intensity and drive on our part to take them on."

"I will miss not having Mason or Fleming County on our schedule. They always presented us a challenge and fans and players alike were familiar with the teams. I hope local interest is maintained even though we have several new teams on our schedule and we have good backing from the people. That always helps a team out a lot," Letcher said.

There will be nothing particularly fancy about Letcher's game plan. With but a few days left before opening with Powell County, the Nicholas County coaching staff have been trying hard to develop a strong running game and avoid

having to rely on a passing game.

"I think we may have thrown the ball a bit too much last year and while we were successful, quarterback Daniel Brown threw for about 1400 yards last season, we need to make our mark just as strong on the ground," Letcher said.

The running game will be aided by one of the biggest front lines Nicholas County has had in recent years, Letcher said. He estimates the average weight of the front line is about 220 pounds.

"We've worked up a consistent weight plan throughout Spring and Summer of this year and it has produced some very significant results," Letcher said. That line is reinforced with a much speedier and hard-nosed backfield.

Chris Compton, Raymond Brown, Scott Kenney, Nick Pope, and Jerry Watkins make up a varied list of running backs which can alternate and replace each other at any time, cutting down on potential injuries and not allowing members to tire themselves out during the course of a game.

"I think what we really need to

develop is confidence and intensity on the field. We ran hard last year, but hit the wrong holes in critical situations. Most is a result of being over eager and thinking too much when a back should be executing the play."

"It should be automatic. Our players should know without thinking where they should be in a play and if everyone does their job, we will come out of it winners, whatever the score," Letcher said.



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