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# MERCURY SPORTS

## Paris stops Nicholas' All-A hopes

By William Million  
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

PARIS - The Paris Greyhounds avenged an earlier 65-58 loss, holding on late in the game for a 73-63 win over District rival Nicholas County, Thursday night.

The action took place in quarterfinal play of the 10th Region All-A Tournament Thursday night.

Paris moves on to play Tolleboro in the semi-finals Friday night.

Even though Paris jumped out to a 22.8 first quarter lead, Nicholas County put on a rally to score 31 fourth quarter points, but lost four turnovers to finish during the fourth quarter.

Paris opened its quarter by controlling the opening tip and scoring first when Luke Summers drove into the lane and opened a short jumper.

Brian Washington made the score 4-0 by putting back a Summers' miss with 7:15 left in the first quarter. After Nicholas County turnover, Washington again got on the board when he hit another short back shot.

The Nicholas County Bluejackets started the game on the other side of the spectrum when they turned over the ball on their first four possessions.

Paris kept up the tear when Wayne Edwards drew the foul from Travis Sims and nailed the free throws for an 8-0 lead.

Nicholas got on the scoreboard with 4:22 left in the period with a pair of Jarrod Willis free throws.

Paris continued to roll, and Juan Byars came off a screen to nail the three pointer. The Greyhounds led 11-2.

Daniel Brown tried to slow the Bluejackets' attack when he drove into the lane and drew the foul. Both free throws went good to make the score 11-2 with 2:26 left in the quarter.

Paris went to Matt Galbreath under the basket for the short jumper to extend the lead to nine.

Brian Hilerander tried to keep paces for the Bluejackets with a free throw, but Edwards nailed by the Nicholas County press for an uncontested layup.

The Bluejackets finally got a field goal when Daniel Brown hit a baseline jumper at the 2:18 mark, but Paris held a 15-7 lead.

Brown added another free throw with 1:47 left to go in the period, but Paris would shut the Jackets out for the rest of the first quarter.

Edwards started the run when he earned a pair of free throws and Summers stole the rebound pass for the assist.

Paris added another three pointer before the period ended, and the quarter ended with the Greyhounds up by a score of 22-8.

The second quarter found the Bluejackets ready to play defense, and both teams struggled to find the basket.

Nicholas County appeared to be on the verge of a comeback when Daniel Brown followed his own miss and stole the rebound for a free throw.

The Jackets trailed 22-13.

Jamie Simons added a free throw, but Paris kept Nicholas County at bay the rest of the half.

After a free throw for Paris, Byars earned a 16 foot jumper off the miss to put the Greyhounds up 27-13.

Brian Hilerander added a Bluejacket basket with 1:20 to end the scoring when Bradley George earned a jumper.

The Greyhounds went into the break with a 29-15 lead.

Paris opened up the third quarter with another run. Alvin Sims returned to the game after foul trouble sent him to the bench, and drew a foul at the basket, getting the dunk and drawing the foul. The free throw fell, and Paris led 36-15.

After a Nicholas County time out, Brown went to the baseline and put up the shot between two defenders. With 5:22 showing on the clock, Brown put back a Travis Sims shot to make the score 36-19 in favor of Paris.

Paris kept up the tear, running up on down the court for the easy inside shot, but Brown and Sims kept paces for the Jackets with several back door baskets.

With 3:22 to go in the quarter, Brown hit two free throws to pull Nicholas within 18, 47-29.

Both teams slowed the pace to close out the quarter. Byars finished a three to highlight the scoring, and the Greyhounds appeared to be heading for a blowout, 52-32, when the third period ended.

Jamie Simons opened up the fourth quarter comeback with a snapp at the 7:39 mark.

The two teams traded buckets until Brown added a fellow of his own miss. He added a free throw, and Nicholas trailed 54-39 with 6:19 showing on the clock.

Paris Coach Bob Eades called time out, and Edwards came out of the huddle to draw the foul and sink a free throw.

Brian Hilerander drove down the court and drew a foul of his own. After one free throw fell in, Jarrod Willis put back the miss and Nicholas County had crept back into the game, 56-42, with 5:47 left to go in the game.

After Sims canned a long jump shot, Simons pounded the boards and put his own missed shot up and in for the Nicholas County score.

Paris added six points to the lead on free throws to make the Bluejackets' deficit 63-44 with only 3:20 left to go in the game.

Brian Hilerander started the furious comeback when he ran down the floor for a layup. A Hilerander steal and layup seconds later prompted another Paris time out.

Nicholas County trailed 63-48.

After the break, David Sibert shot a long three pointer that broke the dribble. After a Sims free throw, Travis Sims broke free for a layup and drew the foul. The free throw was good and Paris saw their lead out to 19 points, 64-44, with only 2:10 left to go in the game.

Both teams were quiet once Paris went into a slow down period, but Sibert broke away for another three pointer at the 1:52 mark.

Paris led by seven, 64-57.

Summers tied a pair of free throws to slow down the Bluejackets, but Shad Tibbs answered with a layup. Nicholas Coach Oakley called time out with just 57 seconds left to play.

Paris' Sims added a free

throw when Brian Hilerander fouled out the contest. Brown tried to close the gap with a three point shot, but the ball rolled out of the basket.

Nicholas County again sent Edwards to the line, who sank both the free throws.

Brown added a free throw, and a three pointer, but it was too little to late for the Jackets.

Paris closed out the game by hitting four out of six free throws to finish with the 73-63 margin.

Paris Coach Eades felt that his team was lucky to hold Nicholas County off in the rally.

They were able to get some shots down late, some of them garbage buckets, too, and that's what made the game close.

"We played well, especially in the first half," Eades added that the Greyhounds' rebounding edge was a key.

"He held them to only one offensive rebound in the first half, and we knew we had to go strong to the boards."

"I'm just happy to win," Nicholas Coach Oakley also believed the Paris rebounding advantage did his Jackets in early.

"We wanted to box them out and limit them to one shot, but they had nine offensive rebounds in the first quarter alone."

"You have to give us credit. We did not give up and roll over like a lot of teams would. We gave them a scare."

Paris was led by the 17 points of Alvin Sims. Juan Byars added 16 points; Summers and Edwards had 12 points each.

Also scoring for the Greyhounds were Washington with seven, George with five points, and Callier Mathes, Steward, and Washington had two points each.

Daniel Brown led all scorers with 25 points, also scoring for the Bluejackets were Hilerander with 16, Sims with nine, Simons and Sibert with six points each, Willis with five, and Tibbs added two points.

Paris improved to 15-3 with the victory, Nicholas County saw its record drop to 14-6.



The Carlisle Mercury Staff's Bob Flynn  
Nicholas County's Jamie Simons goes for a basket against the Paris Greyhounds in the All-A 10th Region tournament. Paris downed Nicholas 73-63.

## Brown named all toney in All - A 10th Regional

By William Million  
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

PARIS - The 10th Region All-A Boys' Tournament Team was announced Saturday night.

Each team was represented by at least one athlete who enjoyed a standout performance during the tournament.

Nicholas County's Daniel Brown was chosen for the honor. Brown scored a game high 25 points in the Bluejackets' 73-63 quarterfinal loss to eventual tournament runner-up Paris.

The Mayville Bulldogs, champions of the 10th Region, were awarded three representatives. David Bennett and Timmy Merrick were chosen.

Mayville advanced to play the 12th Region champion Thursday night at Lexington's Memorial Coliseum.

Paris was awarded two selections, Alvin Sims and Luke Summers.

Semi-finalists Mayville Saint Patrick and Tolleboro were also granted two recipients. Saint Patrick played Jason Stahl and Troy Adams on the squad, while the Tolleboro were represented by University of Kentucky signee Chris Harrison and Brian Spence.

Mt. Olivet Deming was represented by Jamie Morgan and Millersburg Military Institute by Randall Sykes.

Also receiving the honor were Augusta's L.J. Boreles, Purnell Jones from Bath County, and Bracken County's Mark Tucker.

Because of the quality teams and players, tournament director Robbie Barc said this year's tournament attracted more fans than last year.

Homer Gains, principal of the host Paris High School, made the presentation of awards.

## Nicholas ladies roll at Menifee

By William Million  
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FRENCHBURG - The Nicholas County Lady Bluejackets exploded for 48 second half points enroute to a 77-42 victory over Menifee County, Monday night.

Nikki Smoot led the charge with 13 points in the third quarter as the Lady Jackets pulled away from the host Menifee Ladycats.

Menifee County, the 16th Region All-A Tournament Champion, kept it close early on, trailing 29-25 at the half because of Menifee County's free throw line, but was held to just 17 second half points.

The Lady Jackets were without head coach Barbara Kenney due to illness, and Assistant coach Penny Brest was at the helm instead, along with assistant Mike Kenney.

Nicholas County controlled the opening tip, but the Ladycats grabbed a loose ball and turned it into a three point shot at the 7:16 mark.

Nicholas County immediately went to the inside and the rest of the game was a rout.

Even though Menifee Coach Terry Young called time out twice, but the Lady

Jackets would not slow down.

When Nikki Smoot hit the free throw with 3:19 to go in the first quarter, Nicholas held a commanding 13-3 lead.

The Lady Jackets would cold the rest of the quarter, but the Ladycats could only muster

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## Sibert picked to academic team

By William Million  
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PARIS - The 10th Region All-A Boys' Academic Team was announced after tournament play concluded Saturday night.

Each participating 10th Region school was represented with a selection. These student athletes will compete on a state-wide level for over \$1,000 in scholarships.

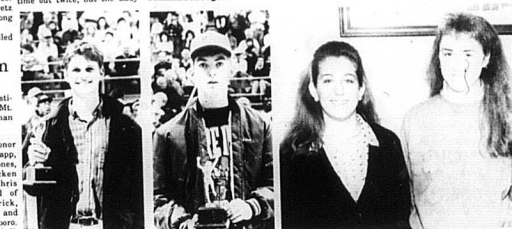
The scholarships will be awarded at a banquet held during the State All-A Tournament in Lexington.

Selected to the team from Nicholas County is David Sibert.

Millersburg Military Institute's Randall Sykes and Mt. Olivet Deming's Lee Fryman also received recognition.

Also receiving the honor were Augusta's Jason Snapp, Bath County's Purnell Jones, Mark Tucker of Bracken County, Mayville's Chris Dearrington, Jason Stahl of Nicholas County, Mayville Saint Patrick, Matt Galbreath of Paris, and Chris Harrison of Tolleboro.

These students have dedicated their time and energy to excelling in the classroom as well as on the basketball court.



Kristi Barton  
Nicholas County All-A Academic Team

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Nicholas County All-A Academic Team

Daniel Brown...  
Nicholas County All-A Tournament team

David Sibert...  
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