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Leading from start to finish

Lady Jackets improve mark to 12-2 take 54-36 decision over Bourbon

By Hank Bond
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CARLISLE — Nicholas County's Lady Jackets led from start to finish, paced by a perfect night for Kim Denkins in taking a 54-36 decision over Bourbon County, Monday night.

Denkins hit six of six from the field, four of four from the free throw line, had 13 rebounds, four steals, two assists and three blocked shots.

Even with the large margin of difference in the final score, the game was tight throughout the first half.

Denkins opened scoring for Nicholas with a shot in the lane after with an assist from Nikki Smoot.

The 2-0 advantage was a lead Nicholas County would never give up.

Denkins hit follow-up basket with 4:52 to play in the first quarter as the Jackets took an 8-1 lead.

Bourbon cut the lead to 8-5 on an eight foot shot in the lane by Beverly Berry, but Nikki Smoot canned a three point basket from the left side, but that was the total for the Jackets in the first quarter, and two free throws by Bourbon's Shannon Gillespie set the quarter score at 11-7.

Nicholas County allowed the Lady Colonels to get within two on a second quarter opening basket by heather McCarty, but Denkins canned two free throws, Kristi Burton hit a layup, Smoot took a rebound — on a Denkins miss — and put the ball back, to make it 17-9 with 5:42 to play in the half.

Renee Linville, in a substitute's role, made a strong move to the right side of the lane, fielded a pass from Smoot and drilled home a layup to increase the Nicholas lead to 19-9.

McCarty hit one free throw, but Denkins hit a follow-up shot, and canned a fade away jumper on the left side of the baseline to life Nicholas to a 23-10 advantage.

Paris scored four points, to Nicholas County's two, but the Jackets held a 25-14 lead at the half.

From what had been a comfortable lead, the Jackets jumped to a commanding 40-22 lead after three quarters.

Christie Hatton had four points in the quarter, and Smoot had five to pace Nicholas.

"We really didn't make any changes at the half," said NCHS Coach Barbara Kenney, but "We did tell the girls we didn't want to let Bourbon back into the game. We did that in the third quarter. It was important to put them away."

Nicholas County's largest lead was 22 points, with 5:50 left in the game as Tacy Earlywine raced to the basket and Hatton threaded the needle with an assist for a 49-27 NCHS lead.

The Lady Jackets held off Bourbon County, while using a lot of the bench in the final minutes to post the easy win.

"We played a lot better," Kenney said. "The real difference v ir defense was working. We knew Gillespie was Bourbon's leading scorer and we were able to hold her to eight points on the night.

"Everyone played well tonight. The first half we didn't seem to be getting our offense going, but we began to block out and got to the boards pretty well. We felt like they (Bourbon County) were getting tired.

"We did play better in the second half, there's no question."

Along with Denkins' 16, three other players were in double figures, as Earlywine scored 12, as Hatton and Smoot had 11 each. Barton and Linville had two apiece.

"We certainly are pleased with the play of all of our starters and our substitutes appear to be getting the job done."

Nicholas County improved to 12-2 with the win, while Bourbon slipped to 5-7.

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Renee Linville (11) goes strong to the basket for a shot against Bourbon County, Monday night. Linville received strong defense from Lady Colonel Roberta Jackson. Linville finished with two points, while the Jackets rolled to a 54-36 victory. The win improved NCHS to 12-2 on the year.

Wills' bucket lifts Jackets over Paris

By Hank Bond
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — Jarrod Wills hit a 12 foot shot on the left side of the baseline with 1:20 to play in the game, lifting Nicholas County to a 61-58 win over arch-rival Paris, Saturday night.

The visiting Greyhounds gave every appearance of staging a blowout, jumping off to an 8-0 lead with 6:09 to play in the first quarter.

Former Nicholas player, Collier Mathes hit a shot at the free throw line to open scoring and Juan Byars hit consecutive three points shots to give the Greyhounds the early advantage.

Daniel Brown hit the first two baskets of the night for Nicholas County to cut the lead to 8-4 with 5:09 to play.

Paris extended the lead to 10-4, before Brown hit a layup, after stealing the ball and driving the length of the court, and went to the line for one shot on a foul by Byars.

Brown's charity toss made it 10-7, but Paris jumped back to a big lead on a three point shot by Luke Summer.

Brian Hilander countered for Nicholas County from three - point land to make the score 13-10 with 3:22 to play in the first quarter.

Byars made a strong move in the lane, but a charging foul nullified his basket and Nicholas made its trip worthwhile down the floor as Brown connected with a jumper from the free throw line.

Byars hit a three point shot to boost the Greyhounds' advantage, but Hilander countered with a three point goal from the top of the key.

Alvin Sims went inside for a basket to give Paris a three point spread, but Brown's layup with 1:44 to go in the quarter set the 18-17 period ending score.

Paris was not without an opportunity, though, as a three point shot with one second to play in the quarter hit the right side of the rim and fell away.

Nicholas County had held Paris out of scoring range the final 45 seconds of the quarter, and forced a turnover, but a length of the court pass by the Jackets sailed out of bounds and Paris had its final chance.

Brown gave Nicholas County its first lead of the game on a three point shot from the top of the key.

Alvin Sims tied the game with two free throws, and Bradley George hit a jumper at the free throw line to give Paris a 22-20 lead with 5:09 to play in the half.

The game was tied at 24, but Nicholas built a four point advantage un two shots in the lane by Hilander, but Alvin Sims hit a 12 foot shot and hit another from the lane drawing a foul from Travis Sims and with the free throw Paris took the 29-28 lead.

Wills connected with a three point shot from the right corner, but Lawayne Edwards hoisted a shot in the lane with 58 seconds left in the half to knot the score, 31-31 at intermission.

Both teams scored 16 points in the third quarter, but Paris held a lead for most of the quarter. The lead blossomed to three points on two occasions, with Mathes two free throws at the 2:23 mark of the period, Paris led, 45-42.

Brown's NBA length three point shot with 48 seconds to
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Daniel Brown scored a game high 31 points to lead to Nicholas County to a 61-58 win over Paris, Saturday night. Brian Hilander had 21

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Jarrod Wills goes high for his winning shot against Paris, Saturday night. The Jackets using inspired play in the fourth quarter held the Greyhounds at bay to improve their season mark to 12-2.

Nicholas rolls over Model

By Hank Bond
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — It took a while before Nicholas County could put Richmond Model away, but a 21-11 third quarter advantage lifted the Blue Jackets to a 73-57 win last Friday night.

Nicholas County improved to 11-2, while Model slipped to 8-5.

Nicholas County never trailed and build a 13-1 lead in the first quarter on three of three shooting from past the three point stripe by Daniel Brown, Brian Hilander, and Jarrod Wills.

After Richmond Model's Chad Hall connected from the lane, Brown and Hilander connected for two pointers and Nicholas had forged a 17-3 lead with 3:35 to play in the first quarter.

Model cut into the lead with five of six free throws and some inside play, but Ni-
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NCHS downs Menifee, 61-51

By Sandy Gibbs
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

FRENCHBURG — In a hard-fought fast paced game the Nicholas County Bluejackets defeated the Menifee County Wildcats, 61-51 last Tuesday night.

The first half of the the game was marked by an outmanned Menifee squad working hard enough to keep the game close.

Despite good Nicholas shooting the Wildcats trailed by only two, 16-14, at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was a mirror image of the first marked by tenacious defense and a fast pace. By the half Nicholas led by three at half, 31-28.

Daniel Brown scored after a Brian Hilander block to start a Nicholas County run in the third quarter.

Three pointers by Brown and Travis Sims padded the growing Bluejackets' lead.

A buzzer beating shot by Brown put Nicholas up 50-35 at the end of three.

Menifee closed to 10 points during the opening minutes of the final frame but Hilander helped stem the tide with two free throws with 6:12 left.

A bucket by Brown put the Nicholas lead back up to 15 at 5:45.

After Brian Hilander fouled out at 1:04 the Wildcats closed the Bluejackets lead to 16, but the visitors improved to 10-2 with the win.

SPORTS

Regular Season Ends
LITTLE LEAGUE RESULTS

Little League Basketball
A-Teams

January 12, 1991

Phillies 27: McNabb 6, Tipton 16, A. Flora 5; **Panthers 5:** T. Ishmael 4, F. Vance 1;

Kats 15: Caswell 7, Hatfield 2, Linville 2, Howard 2, Schanding 2; **Saints 9:** Smoot 4, Earlywine 2, Mitchel 1, Charlotte Trussell 2;

Cletics 17: Kenney 9, Fulton 4, Retter 2, Duncan 2; **Rockets 15:** Nathan Linville 4, Nicholas Linville 7, R Caswell 4;

Wildcats 19: Jolly 6, Mathes 2, Everman 2, Warmouth 4, Clark 5; **Rebels 18:** Morris 6, Broderick 11, F Hunt 1.

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Mustangs 14: Lang 8, J. Sparks 2, C. Sparks 4; **Rebels 11:** Morris 3, Broderick 6, Sexton 2.

Regular Finished

Hawks 11-0, Demons 9-2, Mustang 9-2, Bears 7-4, Rebels 7-4, Bulls 5-6, Hornets 5-6, Rockets 4-7, Pistons 4-7, Wildcats 3-8, Celtics 2-9, Patriots 0-11, Kats 12-0, Phillies 8-4, Saints 4-8, Panthers 0-12.

Little League Basketball
B-Team

January 12, 1991

Phillies 7: VanMeter 5, Price 1, S. Flora 1; **Panthers 2:** Workman 1, F. Vance;

Saints 7: Curtsinger 6, Dailey 1; **Kats 4:** Grant 1, Hobbs 1, Linville 1, Hatfield 1;

Celtics 11: Tincher 1, Murrell 1, Young 6, Hamilton 3; **Rockets 6:** Grant 5, Caswell 1;

Wildcats 16: B. Ritchie 5, D. Ritchie 3, Miller 3, Frederick 1, Mathes 2, Garrett 2; **Rebels 5:** J. Hunt 1, F. Hunt 3, Booth 1.

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Kats 2: Grant 1, Linville 1; **Panthers 1:** Mathes 1;

Phillies 9: Hill 1, VanMeter 3, Sosby 1, Dixon 3, S. Flora 2; **Saints 4:** Bussell 1, Clay 2, Curtsinger 1;

Hornets 8: Anderson 7, Smoot 1; **Patriots 6:** Fryman 3, Smith 1, Ring 2;

Bulls 13: McNabb 2, Jeremy Dunn 4, Jeffery Dunn 1, Jenkins 2, Snapp 2, Hamilton 2; **Hawks 3:** Mitchell 1, Minton 1, Angee 1.

Bears 10: Fryman 4, Crump 6; **Demons 8:** Stull 1, Gray 1, Stone 2, Jones 1;

Wildcats 8: D. Ritchie 5, B. Ritchie 3; **Pistons 8:** Wheeler 2, Snapp 1, Curtsinger 1, Hall 1.

Mustang 11: Gray 8, Fay 1, Livingood 1, Crump 1; **Rebels 7:** Booth 1, F. hunt 3, Wagoner 3.

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