



The Carlsle Mercury/William Milton Photo
Centerfielder Kevin Morris settles in on the plate against Harrison County in the 37th District Baseball Tournament opening game at Cynthiana. The Bluejackets hit 14-1 to end the season with a record setting mark of 29-6. Nicholas County finished the year ranked 13th across the state.

The Andersons: Like father like son

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When Jessamine County High School baseball coach Steve Anderson was just a boy he would follow in the footsteps of his father at Nicholas County High School. "He was always going to the ball games with me," Billy Anderson said. "He'd keep a clipboard. We'd go see the Cincinnati Reds three to four times a year, he was raised on baseball and basketball."

Steve Anderson is still following in his father's footsteps. But this time it is in baseball.

Billy, the athletic director at Nicholas County, has been coaching various high school sports for 21 years. And all but two or three of those years have been in baseball. Twenty-three years, in fact, he has been the coach of the Bluejackets' nine.

Last year was Steve Anderson's baptism of fire into the prep baseball coaching ranks. He won only seven games and one of them came against his father in a doubleheader at Carlsle. But father receded in the second game.

Father and son were 1-1 before a scheduled doubleheader last Saturday. They are still 1-1. The rains will, concealing the games.

"You have mixed emotions about facing your son," Billy Anderson admitted. "On one hand you want to beat him, on the other hand you don't want to lose."

Steve Anderson also admitted it's a strange feeling to coach against your dad. "I can't really describe it, Steve said. "It isn't the same although on one hand it is just another game. I just want my kids to play well and represent me well. I'd hate to have something happen in a game like that. But bottom line is we still want to win."

The family Andersons saw their seasons go in different directions last year. Faced with some attitude problems, the Colts nine finished 7-25. Meanwhile, Billy's team won 17 games.

"I told him to hang in there," Billy said of his conversations last year with his son. "He got off to a bad start. Sometimes it is hard to get it turned around. Losing can be contagious. But it seems like he got it turned around. He'll do a good job. He knows what he's doing. It just

takes time. Father and son are following the same path this year - winning more games.

Jessamine is 8-3 in games played through April 11 while Billy Anderson's Bluejackets are 11-2. Anderson had only two seasons from last year's team.

Billy Anderson said he thinks he's received a few more calls from his son this year. "We talk a lot during the season, but it seems he calls me more when he wins than when he loses," Billy said.

Steve Anderson started all four years of varsity basketball for Nicholas County. He still holds the career scoring record of 2,084 points, averaging 22, 24 and 25 points a game his last three years.

As for baseball, Steve started for his dad five years and still holds the school batting record of .508.

"Steve could always hit the ball," Billy said. "It was a good pitcher too. In fact, he went to Georgetown College to play first base/midfielder."

Steve Anderson was eight games as a pitcher his sophomore year at Georgetown, but then he hurt his arm his junior year and became strictly a first baseman. He went on to set Georgetown records for total baseballs and innings.

"He probably would never have got a chance to be a hitter if he hadn't hurt his arm," Billy said.

Billy and Steve Anderson have forged a strong relationship off the field of play.

Billy Anderson has a 470-acre farm in Bourbon County and farms tobacco and raises cattle on it. He moved to Bourbon County two years ago.

"I also maintain three farms in Nicholas County," Billy Anderson said. "And when I can get him (Steve) off the golf course, he helps me when it is time for cutting and stripping the tobacco."

Another son, Chris, also cattle on it. He moved to Bourbon County after finishing a 22 record after blanking Lindsey Wilson last week. Steve Anderson is still maintaining a good and positive attitude about the 1991 Colts. "The attitude is better than what it was last year, but we are also winning right now," Steve said.

"That kinda of keeps us going. But lose a couple, and we'll see what we are made of. And that is going to come."

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Children in the morning session of Nicholas County play school visited Southern States, last week, to view Percheron Horses. The animals which are as tall as six feet and weigh as much as 2,000 pounds were brought to Carlsle from Hooters, North Carolina's Show Line Farms. The farm has 12 such horses, usually traveling with eight. Workers hook up six or eight animals to a wagon, which also travels with the horses in a separate truck. However, rain prevented showing the entire group. The wagon is an authentic replica of an early 1900's street wagon and silver studded leather harness worn by the animals were both hand made by Amish craftsmen especially for Southern States.



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Nicholas County firemen responded to the property of Sanford Watkins on Locust Grove Road, Monday night. The house on the property, which contained the effects of the estate of Marvin Watkins, was completely destroyed. According to NCFD Chief Mark Hughes, "The house was engulfed in fire before we arrived. I could see it from Moorefield Road." Hughes also said no origin of the fire could be pinpointed, however Kentucky State Police and State Police Anson investigators were called to the scene of the 11 p.m. fire.

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ADAMSON
Verdie Cooper Adamson, 93 of Route 1 Bowling, died Sunday, May 15, 1991 at the Nicholas County Hospital.

She is the widow of James T. Adamson, a member of Blue Licks Assembly of God Church, and daughter of the late George and Anna Poe Cooper.

Survivors include three sons, Lester Workman, Mayville, Deon Adamson, Mason County, Carolas Adamson, Mason County; five daughters, Margaret Gray, Fleming County, Adeline Henderson, Mayaville, Emogene Purcell and Alma Eavis, both of Carlsle, Evelyn Jolly, Fleming County, a brother, Albert Cooper, Germantown; 49 grandchildren, several great and great great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, May 16, 1991 at the Blue Licks Assembly of God Church by Rev. Don Rowan. Burial was in Mayfield Cemetery. Cash-bearers were grandsons, Mathers-Gauntz Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.