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Jackets roll over Paris Greyhounds 22-14 in overtime

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PARIS — For the first time since 1976, the Nicholas County Bluejackets defeated long time rival, the Paris Greyhounds, 22-14 in an overtime stunner that launched them into post-season play and puts them into contention as district champions.

"Paris gave us a good game and they almost took it away from us. They're a great team. It was a great game. I'm glad we won," Bluejackets Head Coach Greg Letcher said.

"We've accomplished one goal. We have to look ahead, to winning the district. If this team doesn't want to quit I won't quit either. You have to credit this win with the kids. When it came down to overtime, they were determined and pulled the game out," Letcher said.

If one word could characterize the game Friday night, that word was defense. As the game got underway, the Jackets were able to move the ball, but relied primarily on short yardage to move up field. The Greyhounds defensive line converged on the run and its secondary remained tight to the Bluejackets' receivers.

The Jackets pushed out to about the 50 on their first series before the defense forced the Jackets to punt.

Greyhound's Collier Mathes' reception gained little at the Nicholas 30 yard line, but as tacklers converged on the senior running back, both teams drew penalties. A face mask call against the Jackets and an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against Paris left the ball on the 35.

Greyhounds' quarterback David Norman put together two quick passes to Broch Allen to bring the Greyhounds across the 50 to the Nicholas 20 yard line. But the scoring attempt went awry when the Greyhounds attempted to move the ball on the ground. Linebacker Ronald Newby shot into the backfield to throw the Greyhound for a three yard loss. Newby followed up his Greyhound setback with another tackle on the line of scrimmage.

The Greyhounds tried to take to the air, but Norman's passes couldn't connect and the Jackets took over on downs with 6:07 to go in the first quarter.

The young Greyhound team displayed an iron defense that shut Raymond Brown down four yards behind the line of scrimmage. The setback spelled disaster for the Jackets. At 4:46, the Jackets made their biggest move in the game on a punt. Mathes, back to the Paris 40 yard line to receive, fumbled a high hanging punt from Brian Ockerman as the Jackets flooded the field in a scramble to recover the ball. When the ball was blown dead, Nicholas had recovered a mere 39 yards from the goal line.

But this series of Jackets downs fared no better than the last, although on second down, Chris Jones sent a powerful block to Mathes rushing in the backfield. With a face mask penalty shoving the Jackets backward on the field, they opted to punt.

The game took an uncharacteristic turn as Paris fielded the ball on a shallow punt to the 35 yard line.

The Jackets defense let up and the hole the Greyhounds formed brought Lahrawn Holman through the line and into clear field, literally outrunning pursuing tacklers into the end zone. The single offensive strike gave Paris first lead in the game, 6-0, at the 3:16 mark of the quarter.

Not to be outdone, the kickoff left the Jackets on their 36 yard line and ready to play offense. But though Raymond Brown went sprinting for a five yard gain, a clipping penalty nullified the first play and sent the Jackets back deeper in their territory.

But the penalty ultimately meant little to the Jackets as Raymond Brown busted through the line once more, this time covering 78 yards for the Jackets to tie the score. All that remained to take the lead was the extra point. Daniel Brown, facing extreme pressure from a blitzing defensive line, found the sweet spot in the end zone, connecting a pass to Morris double teamed by the Greyhound secondary. The Jackets took the lead, 6-6.

After a quick spurt of game dominance by both offensive teams, the game returned to sport iron defense preventing either team to move much of anywhere on the field.

Paris gained nothing on its next offensive drive, although it almost gave the ball away as a pass bounded away from Chris Jones fingertips.

If it wasn't for penalties against Paris, the Bluejackets would have been held to four plays. At a crucial point in the play, a third down and four situation, a pass interference call gave the Jackets first down to end the quarter.

As the second quarter commenced, Paris were thrown a second pass interference penalty to put the Jackets 22 yards from the goal line. But try as they might, Daniel Brown could not get his passes through the secondary to Morris.

But neither were the Greyhounds able to move the ball any further than five yards.

Toward the end of the half, the Greyhounds stopped for the second time with only four plays, their punt rolled to the Nicholas six yard line. An illegal motion penalty moved the Jackets back to the four yard line, making hopes for putting any type of scoring drive together considerably dim.

But, after so many failed attempts, Daniel Brown's long pass to Kevin Morris plopped neatly into the receiver's hands. Morris sped down the Paris sideline with the Greyhounds hot on his heels. He was brought down at the 35. But though gaining over 60 yards on the play, Paris went to a put up a spectacular defense. Paris freshman Jason Bailey made a crucial interception and turned the ball back over to the Greyhounds.

But the interception was as far as it would go for the hapless Greyhounds offense as Mathes just missed a reception which, if had been caught, would have given him the field to score.

The Greyhounds waited out the remaining minute to end the half, clinging tightly to their 8-6 lead.

For the Greyhounds, the second half displayed a marked improvement in their offense.

Held to third down and eight, the Greyhounds broke their game slump when Norman's pass went complete to Corey Dumpford for a first down on their 40. Darren Gray slammed through for another first, but just over the 50, Paris fumbled and the Jackets recovered.

Raymond Brown led off with an eight yard gain back across the 50 and aided by a slick run up the middle by Junior Mark Hamon, the Jackets finally brought in a first down. But Paris defense remained consistent, holding the Jackets to third down and nine when Morris pulled the Jackets into scoring range at the 11 yard line.

Raymond Brown flew to the one yard line, stopped just shy by a last chance tackle by Paris though Brown's forward motion slid him in the end zone.

At 5:18, the Jackets jarred a hole wide enough to put their second score on the board, 14-6. But, in what would play an important factor toward the end of the game, the Jackets' attempt at a two point conversion failed.

"I wish we had made those points," Letcher muttered on the line as they Jackets prepared to kick off.

The Greyhounds moved slowly but consistently from the 11 yard line when a clipping call forced them to start from that point.

Led by determined running from Darren Gray, the Greyhounds slowly pulled away from deep in their territory, gaining an average of five yards per carry throughout this possession.

With 1:20 remaining, the Greyhounds were positioned on the 50 yard line when their offense stalled.

At fourth and five, Norman tried to turn the offense around aiming straight over the line for Mathes, but the ball bounced from Mathes fingers and the possession was lost to the Jackets to start the last quarter.

The Jackets could not get anything to develop as both their pass and ground game was deftly halted by the Greyhounds.

The Greyhounds continued to gain ground, getting their best chance to score on this series as Broch Allen's pass reception took the Greyhounds deep in Nicholas County territory. But suddenly, the Jackets defense began to churn at the 15. Watkins put the Hounds down for no gain and Morris came into the backfield to crush T. W. Frymam's sweep. But the deciding play came on fourth down when Newby, playing his best defense this season, batted Norman's screen pass to the ground for no gain.

But so deep in their end of the field and unable to generate a consistent offensive attack, the Jackets were faced with punting in good position for the Greyhounds.

From the Nicholas 45, Dumphord snatched Norman's pass and hurtled to the 10 yard line before Morris could catch him and send him to the ground, hard. By then, however, it was too late. Gray ran to the six and sophomore Greg Wilson caught a short pass in the end zone with 6:03 to play and the score showing the Jackets leading, still, 14-12. But it was Wilson again for two points to knot the score at 14-14.

Jones gave Nicholas its only major gain as time wound down and the Jackets couldn't seem to bring their offense back in. Defensive holding gave the Jackets one last chance, but Paris held to their guns and forced a punt at fourth and nine.

The last Paris offensive gasp went nowhere near the end zone. They punted and Nicholas ran the clock down to send the game into a heart stopping overtime.

Paris won the toss, but gave the Jackets first possession. It would prove to possibly be the only serious mistake in judgement the Greyhound's made all night.

Set at the 10, Daniel Brown, given plenty of time from a reinvented and fired up offensive line, laid the ball into Travis Sims' hands on the first play. A quick sweep by Raymond Brown burned through tacklers and put the Jackets back on top for a 22-14 lead which demoralized the Greyhounds.

Watkins nailed David Billman, then teamed up with Jones for a tackle on Norman that sent his pass wobbling harmlessly to the sideline.

On fourth down, though, Norman found Wilson open at the three and made the pass. But Wilson suddenly found himself being pounded away from the end zone by most of the defensive secondary, landing yards away from the goal and a touchdown away from winning.

The Bluejackets defensive line had prevailed for a Nicholas County victory of 22-14 in overtime.

Jackets defeat Paris for only fourth time

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CARLISLE — Nicholas County Bluejackets assured themselves of a playoff berth Friday night as the Jackets took the Paris Greyhounds into overtime for a 22-14 district victory.

This was only the fourth time in the school's history to ever defeat a Greyhound football team.

The last Nicholas County team to down Paris in the 1978 when it defeated Greyhounds 19-14 on October 4, 1978.

The Bluejackets, under the guidance of Ben Pumphrey, directed Nicholas County to its first ever victory over Paris in 1976 with a 7-0 win.

Nicholas County owns a three year rout of Paris from 1976-78.

The victory in 1976 was the first win for Nicholas County over Paris since 1959 when the Carlisle High School Musketeers had defeated Paris 47-6 on September 2, 1959.

The head coach for Paris in 1959 was none other than Pumphrey in his first year coaching the Greyhounds.

Pumphrey commented after 1976 win over Paris, "This victory against Paris was not our last goal, it is our first step."

The victory was the first step for the Jackets as they became district champs with a 10-2 regular season record and a first ever state-playoff appearance.

This same team consisted of current Nicholas County Head Coach Greg Letcher and staff member Gary Williams.

The Bluejackets entered district play ranked fifth in the state at home against Bellevue on November 10, 1976.

The entire community gathered around the team in its efforts to claim a playoff win with a snake-dance, parades, bonfires, pep rally, banners hung through the streets, bumper stickers on cars, pennants, merchants decorated their windows, and blue and white was everywhere on Bluejacket Day.

The Tigers came to town and stung the Jackets hopes of a playoff victory 26-7.

In 1977 the Bluejackets rolled over Paris 21-7 on October 5, 1977.

The Jackets were eliminated from the district championship with a loss to Raceland on October 19, 1977 34-20.

Nicholas County was invited to the CKC Bowl in Versailles against Woodford County on November 10, 1977. A first ever appearance by the Jackets as Woodford downed Nicholas County 26-23 to end the its season at 26-23.

The Jackets made a second attempt in the football playoffs in 1978 at home against Beechwood, but Nicholas County came up on the short end as the Tigers downed the Jackets 17-12 in the Class A Region III state-playoffs.

The Jackets finished the season at 7-5.

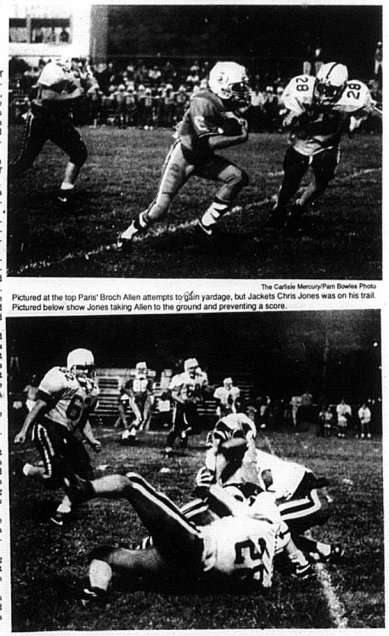
Williams also was a senior on the 1978 team.

Nicholas County's last playoff appearance came in 1983 as the Jackets traveled north to square off with Beechwood in the opening round of the Class A Region III state-playoff game.

On November 11, 1983 the Tigers handed the Jackets a 36-0 loss and ended their season with a 8-4 record.

Nicholas County's leading scorer in 1983 was Robert Hopkins, an assistant coach on the 1991 Bluejackets team.

The Bluejackets have been stopped in the opening round of each of the three previous state-playoff appearances.



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Pictured at the top Paris' Broch Allen attempts to gain yardage, but Jackets Chris Jones was on his trail. Pictured below show Jones taking Allen to the ground and preventing a score.

Carlisle Musketeer Head Coach E. Tebay Rose A Tribute

Rose inducted into MSU Hall of Fame

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MOREHEAD — On Saturday evening at Morehead State University, former Carlisle High School coach and superintendent E. Tebay Rose was inducted into the Morehead State University Hall of Fame.

Along with four others, Rose was officially recognized for his outstanding performance as a tackle on the Morehead Eagles between the years 1936-39. Recognized as one of the greatest linemen in MSU history, Rose learned a great deal in those early formative years.

As one of the star lineman for one of the most successful Eagle football teams in MSU history, Rose said the team lost only four games in the four years he attended.

For the most part, his term at MSU was a happy one, but the four losses produce a slight tinge of frustration in him for they are attributed to only one team in the OVC. A team which constantly kept the Eagles from claiming sole ownership of the OVC championship crown, Murray State.

"It doesn't really mean much now," Rose said at his home on Catnip Court. "But we would beat every team on the schedule, come in fired up to take the OVC championship, and Murray would beat us every time. Thing was, we'd always beat Eastern Kentucky and Eastern would beat Murray. Even now, I'm still at a loss to explain it," Rose said.

But despite Murray being a consistent wrench in the Eagle machine, Rose said MSU's true rival was Eastern Kentucky. Rose, a devout MSU alumnus, remembers the Eagles continuous trouncing of EKU fondly, and, if one looked closely, a sincere satisfaction that his school never once had to turn over the coveted Hog Rifle to their most bitter rivals.

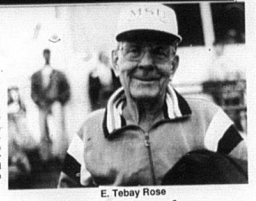
"The rivalry between Eastern and us was vicious. Every year, the winner of the game would hold the Hog Rifle, the symbol of our rivalry. It was one of those old time guns with the muzzle that flanged out like a trumpet and the winner of the game got to display the horn for the year.

"But the rivalry was much deeper than that. The losers were often chased down and their hair cut. But it got worse than that. The fighting and tension that developed between the school became so numerous and violent that the both University Presidents terminated them.

"But the rifle still remains in a glass case at Morehead," Rose said.

Retired now, Rose spends most of his active life fishing for large and small mouth bass along the banks of Lake Cumberland, relaxing through the winter in his Florida home, and between times, he may possibly be fodnd in his home on Catnip Court in the Lake Carnico area.

Those who remember him best, mostly those who grew under his tutelage at Carlisle High School, know Rose remains an avid sportsman and remains a past instructor and superintendent of good memory at MSU and here in Carlisle.



E. Tebay Rose

Rose recalls CHS Musketeers days

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CARLISLE — E. Tebay Rose probably didn't realize the enduring legacy his years at Carlisle High School would leave when he first came to coach in 1946, or that his years as Carlisle High School's superintendent would be the last years the school would remain in operation.

But his six year career as head coach of the Carlisle Musketeers is exceeded only by the dynasty Nicholas County Head Coach Ben Pumphrey forged several years later.

But in 1946, when Rose assumed the mantle as head coach of the Musketeer football and basketball team, both teams were assembling a roster of very talented athletes, chief among them a young developing quarterback by the name of Emery Clark.

But before he finally arrived in Carlisle to begin coaching, Rose had already logged some impressive statistics.

After graduating from Morehead State University in 1940, where he had spent four years as one of the toughest lineman in that University's history, he went to Harlan as a coach before serving five years in the Army Air Corps, a service branch which would eventually develop into the U. S. Air Force.

But assigned to the training command, Rose didn't see war action during World War II as much as he saw action on the gridiron.

"During those days, there were so many young men being taken out of college, we had the pick of the crop. Service teams played nationally and went undefeated.

"But when you consider that every able-bodied young man at college age was either drafted or volunteered to join, the service teams were actually made of the very best athletes. We made it as national champions at least one year," Rose said.

In 1946, Rose came to Carlisle to replace Coach Charles Anderson.

"When at CHS, I had a slew of good players. But it was my pleasure to coach Emery Clark, who was possibly the best player I ever had to train. He was a natural athlete. But as any good coach knows, even a stellar quarterback can't do anything without a front line. Fortunately we developed one of the best," Rose said.

After Clark graduated, he went to play football at the University of Kentucky under legendary Wildcat coach Bear Bryant.

"He was an excellent all-around athlete. He could have played basketball under Rupp along with his football. But Bryant wouldn't let him. Said since Emery was playing on a football scholarship, that was the sport he would play," Rose said.

The first three seasons for Rose's Musketeers were rough, even with Clark playing.

But in 1950, the Musketeers developed into a formidable CKC team. They had already logged a promising 4-2 record from 1949, Rose said, but stopping blocks on their way upward were the Cynthiana Bulldogs and Paris Greyhounds.

They had both slammed the Carlisle 11 for disappointing losses in the first two games of the '49 season, although the Musketeers rallied in the final four games behind freshman halfback Kimball Booth, running back Jimmy Hardin and the talented hands of quarterback G. C. Myers.

At the start, though, the Musketeers lost two crucial senior lineman, Joe Stephenson and Billy Dale Crawford, for the first two games due to injuries in scrimmages prior to the season.

Understand that in 1949, Rose said, football players were not equipped as they are now.

"We didn't have that cage in front of your face to protect yourself the way they do now. And little to no plastic at all. No, it was just a simple leather helmet, shoulder pads and bulky thigh, hip and knee protectors not made of foam rubber. They were this hard cloth called kaypot which really made blows harder than they are today.

"Another big difference is memory serves. They played three Louisville teams; Male, Manuel, and Flaget, and beaten them all," he said.

Flaget was the Louisville team, sporting a host of young talent which included a running back by the name of Paul Hornung, Rose said.

"Well Hazard was a long trek and we had rented a Greyhound bus to carry us to the field. But when we got close to town and the roads narrowed and started going straight up and down, the bus driver refused to go any further. We were stranded in the middle of the wilderness several miles from the school.

"I had to get the Hazard superintendent to send a school bus down to pick us up," he laughed.

Coach Rose's memories of the games have dimmed somewhat over the past 50 years, but two games during his term come to memory.

The first was the 1951 game against the Hazard Bulldogs.

The Musketeers were rolling off one of the most spectacular performances in their history. They had gone 6-1 in 1950, just barely edged from first place in the Central Kentucky Conference by a tragic loss to Versailles. But at the top of the 1951 season, Musketeer prospects were still as good.

"We were 3-0 going into the Hazard game, having once again beaten Cynthiana, Paris and Stanford," he recalled. They had held each team to only one touchdown each, although the Stanford game was a squeaker. The extra point had carried Carlisle over the top, 7-6. But reeling from the wins, the Musketeers had added Hazard to their schedule for the first time since Rose took over as coach.

"Hazard had a good team that year, probably the best if any squad, beating everyone on the list.

"We were the front runners in the CKC through most of the season, but as we got through Georgetown to compile a 6-0 record, the team got quite a bit over-confident.

The Versailles game was away and when the teams met each other on the field, the Musketeers, never having a team of great numbers, faced a Yellow Jackets with almost twice the number of people.

"I'd pull guys out and they would tell me they couldn't get a fix on anyone because it seemed they were facing someone new on each play. Versailles put it to us pretty well," Rose said.

After 1951, the Musketeers said goodbye to their coach as he headed to Harrodsburg to coach, a stint which would grant him one state championship and constant contention for Kentucky coach of the year. But his association with Carlisle High School was not yet at an end.

He returned to CHS in 1957 as superintendent of the school by request of school board chairman Cleary Fightmaster and remained head of the school until its final year in 1963 when his leaving prompted the school to go ahead with plans to merge with Nicholas County High School.

"My memories of Carlisle have always been special to me. I am always loyal to the memory of my Musketeers and the years I served as their coach. It has been my honor to see the team members I coached go on and make something of themselves and remember the times when they were young, strong, and even then, determined to play to the very best of their ability," Rose said.

1946	4-4
CHS 14 - Paris 6	
CHS 0 - Somerset 60	
CHS 0 - Lafayette 40	
CHS 40 - Lancaster 0	
CHS 6 - Cynthiana 13	
CHS 7 - Georgetown 13	
CHS 30 -Nicholasville 14	
CHS 32 - Stanford 0	

1947	3-4
CHS 0 - Cynthiana 6	
CHS 6 - Paris 14	
CHS 28 - Stanford 13	
CHS 19 - Lancaster 6	
CHS 12 - Versailles 6	
CHS 20 - Georgetown 27	
CHS 25 - Nicholasville 27	

1948	2-3
CHS 0 - Cynthiana 48	
CHS 12 - Paris 24	
CHS 27 - Stanford 7	
CHS 26 - Lancaster 14	
CHS 7 - Georgetown 27	

1949	4-2
CHS 6 - Cynthiana 21	
CHS 6 - Paris 7	
CHS 20 - Stanford 7	
CHS 19 - Lancaster 7	
CHS 27 - Nicholasville 26	
CHS 14 - Georgetown 12	

1950	6-1
CHS 14 - Cynthiana 0	
CHS 13 - Paris 7	
CHS 27 - Stanford 0	
CHS 32 - Lancaster 0	
CHS 19 - Nicholasville 7	
CHS 25 - Georgetown 0	
CHS 13 - Versailles 39	

1951	5-3
CHS 19 - Cynthiana 8	
CHS 13 - Paris 6	
CHS 7 - Stanford 6	
CHS 7 - Hazard 26	
CHS 22 - Lancaster 0	
CHS 7- Nicholasville 13	
CHS 0 - Georgetown 32	
CHS 20 - Versailles 19	

Carlisle High School Musketeer Football Players Pay Tribute To Coach Tebay Rose

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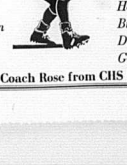

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Charles Harper
Bill Clark
Herman Dayton
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