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A team on a mission to capture a dream

DECEMBER
Nicholas 86 Anderson 84
 The Bluejackets came from an eight point deficit with three minutes to go in the game to edge out Anderson County 86-84 in the opening game of the season.

Nicholas 47 Greenup County 41
 The Nicholas County Bluejackets traveled into the 16th region to face the defending champions at home fourth quarter surge defeated Greenup County, 47-41. Daniel Brown hit six straight free throws down the stretch to ice the game.

McDonalda Classic
Nicholas 69 Davyville 41
 The Bluejackets jumped to a 16-0 lead in the first quarter and held on to a 30-24 lead at the end of the second quarter to defeat Davyville 69-41.

Cooney County 79 Nicholas 67
 Nicholas County's first season loss came to the Cooney County Rebels at Harrodsburg. The game was complicated by the lack of a functioning scoreboard and a backwards running stop watch.

Boyle County 70 Nicholas 67
 The Bluejackets took fourth place in the McDonalda Classic as they lost in the final seconds to Boyle County 70-67, after leading the entire game.

Harrison County 62 Nicholas 56
 The Bluejackets drop their third game in a row. The Jackets were able to cut the district rival Harrison County's lead to two with only 23 seconds left in the game, but the Rebels held on to take a 62-56 victory.

Mason County 62-58 (2 OT)
 The Bluejackets came up seconds short Friday night against pre-season 10th region favorite Mason County, but it took two overtimes in a classic basketball contest.

Nicholas County went into the game without the services of starting center Jamie Simons because of an illness. Daniel Brown injured his ankle early in the game, but the Jackets refused to give up.

In regulation the Jackets came charging back with 11 straight points to take a 68-64 lead. Mason barely made the save in the last remaining seconds.

JANUARY
Greenup County Tournament
Nicholas 86 West Carter 76
 The Jackets first test in the Greenup Tournament was West Carter Cobets. Nicholas trailed most of the game, but came back in the last minute for a 80-78 victory.

Nicholas 41 Greenup County 38
 Brown scored a tournament record 47 points in the West Carter game.

Nicholas 41 Greenup County 38
 Nicholas County captured the 10th annual Greenup County Invitational Tournament and put the team back on a winning note.

The Jackets held on to a 61-58 victory over the host team as the Musketeers managed only three points in the first quarter.

Brown earned home top honor in the awards ceremony of the tournament. The only trophy Brown missed was the award for most rebounds to Simons.

Dairy Queen Tournament
Nicholas 71 Rose Hill 57
 The Jackets advanced to the second round of the Bath County hosted tournament defeat of Rose Hill Academy 71-57.

Nicholas 75 Menifee 67
 The Jackets got off to a slow start in the second round of the tournament as Nicholas fell behind 8-0 in the opening round of the game.

The Jackets came rolling back with some excellent passes from Brown to Sims and Simons to end the first quarter trailing 14-12. The Jackets scored seven straight points to give Nicholas a 40-30 lead and roll to a 71-57 win.

Nicholas 66 Paris 55
 A foul plagued Jacket team wrapped together with the assistance of several reserves to topple Lewis County in the finals of the Dairy Queen tournament and captured their second trophy of the season.

Daniel Brown was selected most valuable player and Simons, Travis Sims and Jarrod placed on the all tournament team.

Nicholas 66 Paris 55
 After a month of coming just a hair's breadth from unseating the top rated teams in the 10th region, Nicholas County delivered a stunning blow to cross county rival Paris, 66-55.

Harrison 77 Nicholas 60
 The Jackets started the game in hold and never came out as Harrison downed Nicholas 77-60. Harrison was without starter, Reggie Fugle and even with homecourt advantage the Jackets still could not overcome the Rebels.

East Nicholas 56
 The Nicholas County Bluejackets fought all game long to keep from losing a two game losing streak, but a last gasp effort against the Eastall County Engineers fell apart in the first minutes.

Led by Brian Kiser, the Engineers capitalized on Nicholas County's stalled three

point shooting to clog up the middle and deny the Bluejackets scoring inside the key.

All A Regional Classic
Nicholas 65 Paris 61
 The Bluejackets opened the 10th regional Class "A" tournament by edging out Paris on clutch free throws by With and Brown in the last 43 seconds of the game to secure a 65-63 victory and the second defeat of the season against Paris.

Nicholas 81 St. Patrick 45
 The Bluejackets rolled to a 61-45 victory and advanced to the finals of the Regional Class A tournament. With 2:57 left in the game the Bluejackets reced out to a 24 point lead as 02:27 to coast to the win.

Brocken 60 Nicholas 57
 It had been a week with both Nicholas County High School teams on a roll. Not only had the boy's varsity dodged the Paris Greyhound bullet in the opening game of the All "A" Classic regional tournament, they had cut loose on St. Patrick the night before and had only one other barrier between themselves and Wednesday morning games at Rupp Arena — the Brocken County Polar Bears.

The dream of a trip to Rupp Arena would not be in the picture for the Nicholas County Bluejackets as Brocken handed the Jackets a 58-57 upset. Brown and Sims, however were selected to the all tournament team.

FEBRUARY
Nicholas 70 Western Hills 69
 The Jackets traveled to Frankfort to take on Western Hills after the All A tournament and got back on a winning note of 70-69.

Nicholas 63 Fleming 53
 The Bluejackets jumped out to a 28 point fourth quarter lead as they held on to a 63-53 victory.

Couch Ed Oakley cleared his bench and the Panthers ran off 15 unanswered points with 2:24 left in the game as the starters returned to preserve the win.

Nicholas 72 Bourbon 54
 The Bluejackets burst out on the court for the game, it was time for just a little friendly payback. At least 18 points worth as the Jackets rolled over Bourbon 72-54.

Nicholas 63 Bowlin 57
 The Bluejackets avenged an early season loss to Brocken County (63-57, which eliminated the Jackets from the Class "A" Regional Championship).

Nicholas 67 Montgomery 60
 The Jackets hit hot and cold spots against Montgomery County, but held on to a 67-60 defeat of the 10th region Indiana. The Bluejackets outscored the Indiana 15-4 in the first six minutes of the game.

Powell 70 Nicholas 68
 Despite a final second three point basket by Raymond Brown, the Nicholas County Bluejackets' latest win streak came to a halt, 70-68 in a Hall of Fame game against the Powell County Pirates.

Nicholas 50 Madison Southern 38
 The Bluejackets took to the hardwood for the first time this season without the assistance of the state's leading scorer, Daniel Brown. Nicholas regrouped to post a 50-38 victory over Madison Southern as Kevin Morris scored 18 points.

Nicholas 64 Penitaton 47
 The Bluejackets looked to their team for leader in their homecoming bout with Penitaton County as Brown sat out his second straight game with an ankle injury. With took the challenge with 49 points including eight three pointers as the Jackets rolled to a 64-47 victory.

Nicholas 73 St. Patrick 69
 The Bluejackets clawed back from a 19 point deficit in the fourth quarter to edge out St. Patrick 73-69 with the return of Brown after a two game absence. Nicholas said farewell to eight senior basketball players on senior night.

Menifee 60 Nicholas 62
 The end of the regular season came to a disappointing finale as Menifee County ended the Jackets farewell to the home crowd for eight seniors 65-62.

March Tournament
Nicholas 53 Bourbon 52
 The Nicholas County Bluejackets had their toughest test in the regional tournament as any team in the district. In addition the Jackets defeat off Bourbon, Harrison and Paris sat watching on the jackets.

Bourbon County held the lead until 04:41 in the fourth quarter when Brown fired in a three pointer from the top of the key as the Jackets advanced to the semi-finals of the 37th District Tournament.

Nicholas 67 Harrison 61
 The Bluejackets advanced to the 37th District Tournament in a remarkable comeback over the Harrison County Thoroughbreds 67-61.

The Thoroughbreds were favored to repeat as the 37th district representative in the 10th region and have been ranked this season in the top 20. The Rebels had been up and in some polls to win the 10th region.

With 4:11 seconds remaining in the game Steve Fryman fouled Brian

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