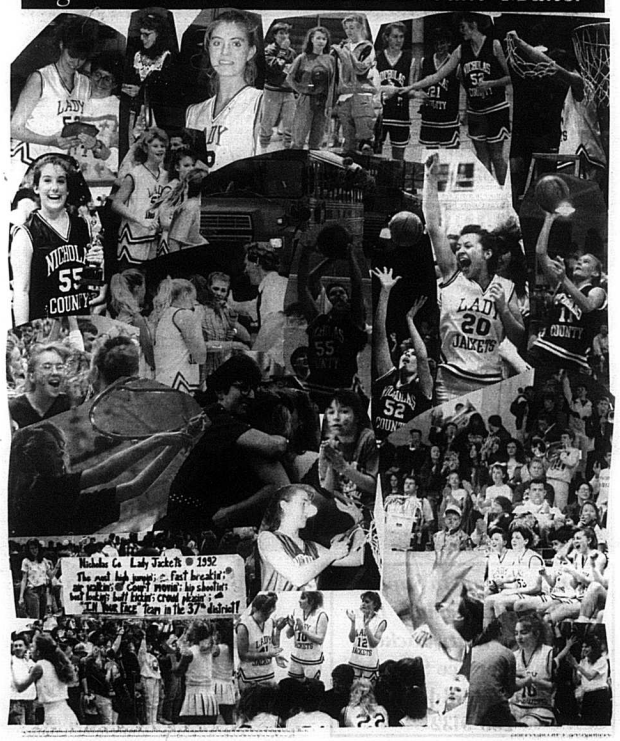

A season of firsts.....

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ing into the chaihpionship game.

Nicholas County escaped with a two point victory and became champions of the 37th district

10th Region Tournament

Nicholas 70 Augusta 45

The Lady Jackets first victim on their road to Richmond was Augusta for the fourth time this season.

Nicholas made two strong runs against Augusta coming into third quarter with Ockerman. Ockerman had only hit one for 10 from the line this season, but hit nothing but net this time around to increase the lead to 63-56.With 25.8 seconds left in the game Brown sank two free throws and brother Bradley ended the game with two tosses as the Jackets defeated Harrison.

Nicholas 61 Paris 55

The 3,000 plus crowd that jammed the Bourbon County gymnasium for the final to the 37th District Boy's basketball tournament came prepared to see a scorcher between district rivals the Nicholas County Bluejackets and Paris Greyhounds.

For the Nicholas County Bluejackets, it was the end of a long hard road, surviving a near defeat at the hands the Bourbon County. They escaped by a single point.

The Bluejackets then turned their ball game around and handed heavy region favorite Harrison County a stunning defeat.

While Nicholas County fought and scraped to make it to the finals, Pairs hammered MMI.

Two final second technical fouls on Paris sealed the Jackets' game. Sims hit both ends of a one plus one and and Brown finished it off with two to garner Nicholas County's first 37th District title since 1959.

10th Region Tournament

Nicholas 60 Fleming 50

11 straight points for a 48-32 lead and 12 straight points to push the score to 60-37 with 3:57 left in the game for a final score of 70-45.

Nicholas 54 Bath 37

Before the Lady Jackets could step up to their re-match with the Lady Cardinals in the 10th region championship they had to get past the Bath County Lady Cats.

It hadn't been long since they had locked horns in the second round of the All A Classic regional tournament. While Nicholas won the game, Bath County had come off an impressive victory over the Paris Lady Hounds. It was apparent they had the talent to upset them and emotion, the unpredictable factor in any tournament ball game, could be in Bath's favor.

Bath jumped out to an early lead of 8-2, Nicholas came back to tie the score at 10-10 and the Lady Jackets held to a 27-16 half time score.

Bath County cut the lead to seven in the early minutes of the second half, but got not closer as the Lady Jackets game went into overdrive for 54-37 victory.

Nicholas 23 Clark 18

With :37 left to go in the girls 10th region championship game, Sophomore Elizabeth Schanding found herself in a familiar predicament. During practices, she would stand at the free throw line and her teammates would tell her this was it, the winning shot of the 10th region tournament.

When she went to the line for two charity tosses it was real.

The Jackets led by one, 19-18. In a game where the average score per quarter was five points, a three point lead was equal to a game shutout.

Each of Schanding's shots caught all net.

Kim Denkins sealed the Jackets victory 15 seconds later with two more free throws for a 23-18 victory.

Those final four shots marked the Lady Jackets first ever 10th region championship and unseated 10th region powerhouse Clark County. For five years the George Rogers Clark Lady Cardinals had never known defeat at the hands of another 10th region team.

"Our team had to beat the best to get to the sweet sixteen. Clark was ranked 12th in the state, has been to the state finals two out of the last three years, and went five straight year's without losing to 10th region team. This win proves we can beat the best teams around because we are one of the best teams around," Kenney.

Denkins was selected as a member of the all state tournament team.

A team on a mission.....

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The Jackets first leg to the state tournament came from Fleming County. Nicholas County advanced to the semifinals with a 60-50 downing of Fleming County.

Nicholas 71 Estill 58

After dropping off potential region dark horse Fleming County Panthers, the Nicholas County Bluejackets entered the second round of the 10th region tournament against the Estill County Engineers and in a familiar place as an underdog.

The danger for Nicholas County this go around was under estimating the Engineers without key point guard Brian Kiser.Kiser had injured his ankle in the the first round defeat of Bracken County.

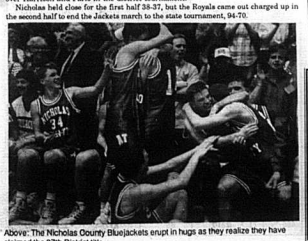
The Engineers could get no closer than 10 points as Nicholas embarked on a march up the scoreboard from the charity strip. By the end the Jackets prevailed 71-58, and had earned a shot at the 10th region title.

Mason 94 Nicholas 70

The Boys 10th Region championship game between the Nicholas County Bluejackets and the Mason County Royals played to a packed house of over 6,000 people geared up and read for a big show.

The Jackets were the upset kings of the tournament posting unexpected victories over Harrison and Paris in the district tournament.

Nicholas held close for the first half 38-37, but the Royals came out charged up in the second half to end the Jackets march to the state tournament, 94-70.



Above: The Nicholas County Bluejackets erupt in hugs as they realize they have claimed the 37th District title.

Congratulations To The Girls & Boys Basketball Teams.

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