

Nicholas runner-up in District Governor's Cup

By Josh Shepherd
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CARLISLE — Having home advantage was not quite good enough to give the Nicholas County High School Academic Team the overall win in the District Governor's Cup Saturday, but they put up a challenge as far as any basketball tournament hoped to be.

After the primary written assessment the morning of Nicholas and Bourbon County took to the top spots in points. But the quick recall round, the afternoon which would decide the overall district winner.

In the final minutes of the contest, however, Bourbon launched an attack on the boards with five unanswered points to go into the half leading 12-5. An inquiry dropped Bourbon back to a point entering the second half.

Two tie-up answers from Canopy put Nicholas County on the board, but the home team took a decisive 21-19 victory.

Unlike previous years, however, Nicholas County has emerged together to lead in the district.

At question 16, Brian Canopy took the more but Paris came to reclaim the lead.

So when Bourbon stepped into the Lilian for the championship...



Nicholas County District Governor's Cup runner-up, first row from left to right: Kathleen Lawrence, Maria Vice, Meghan Denton, Mary Ann Lawrence, Mandy Abnee, Chuck Holder, and Nicole Smoot, third row: James Ambrey, Brian Duan, Brian Canopy, and Jamaica Short.

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SPORTS

Jackets bury Bourbon County in 18 point rout 72-54

By Josh Shepherd
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PARIS — A hot Saturday, Nicholas County defeated Bourbon County 72-54 in the hands of Bourbon County.

They edged the Nicholas County team by 18 points in the Freshman tournament at Nicholas High School, capped the Nicholas County High Academic Team by three points in quick relief to emerge as the Governor's Cup 37th district winner, and they edged Nicholas out of second place in the cheerleader's competition.

So, when the Nicholas County Bluejackets burst out on the court Saturday night for a game, it was time for a truly friendly payback. Nicholas led 18 points worth.

The Jackets themselves had just snapped back from the one-point upset Brecken County gave them early in the year.

But what came out on the court that night was just a little different from a week before. A team, for the most part, in constant motion, jostling the board with several impressive scores that highlighted a commanding Jacket win.

The first quarter began light with Nicholas scoring primarily from the foul line, although Travis Sims came through with a rebound on an outside Daniel Brown jumper for a quick two off the glass.

Nicholas scored for the first time with a three pointer from the game with a two-point lead on another three from John Lawrence. Three Jackets race out to 26 point victory over Fleming County.

A Sims steal and feed to Brown, and the other Morris forcing the turnover and handing the fast break baskets to Jarrod Willis. It was clear the Bluejackets had found the Cola's number 1 in the second quarter as they rolled to a 10 point lead in the first ten minutes of the contest.

The Jackets advanced offense came in full bloom with Brian Ockerman in temporary form. Sims, Brown slipped a pass into the substitute center who found Sims open in the paint for a stunningly effective jump into the Bourbon defense.

The Jackets ended their second quarter romp, leading the Cola's with a 14-3 scoring streak in the last four minutes of the half.

It was nearly two minutes into the second half before anyone scored a point, but Sims broke the trend with a scoring three pointer from near the top of the key. Morris hounded a jumper out to 18-3.

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LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL RESULTS

- Little League Baseball Tournament**
- Bears: 20; Titans: 11; Smoot: 3; Earlywine: 11; Fryman: 2; Colles: 15; Duncan: 3; Fulton: 14; Rector: 2.
 - Rebels: 39; G. Morris: 25; F. Hill: 6.
 - Mustangs: 16; Livings: 4; Gray, P: 2; Vic: 10; Dixon: 2; Ramsey: 7.
 - Phillies: 14; Brewer: 2; Hill: 6; Tapp: 9; Warner: 4; Pannab: 7; Panthers: 6; R. Ishmael: 2; T. Ishmael: 4.
 - Kats: 5; Grant: 1; Smith: 4; Saints: 3; Gills: Trussell: 1; Charlotte: Trussell: 2.

- 8-A-Teams**
- 1000 Willets vs. Pitons
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*Notice Little League Baseball will play on Saturday, February 16, 1992 at 1 p.m.

Statistics provided by Jimmy Tischer of The Carlini Mercury Staff

Jackets roll over Bracken

By Pam Bowles
OF THE CARLINI MERCURY STAFF
BRECEN COUNTY — The Nicholas County Bluejackets emerged an early season loss to Brecken County 63-57 on Tuesday night, which eliminated the Jackets from the Class "A" Regional championship.

The two teams played an even game the first quarter by ending the period tied at 1-1.

Mark Tucker scored for Brecken County, while Williams led the Bluejackets with a 1-0 lead in the third quarter.

The Jackets reclaimed the lead with 1-0 left in the third period as Willis fired in a three pointer from the top of the key to give the Jackets a 1-0 lead.

Coach Ed Oakley brought his team out in a slow down game to bring Brecken out of the zone.

The Polar Bears scored five straight points to tie the lead to 2-2. Brown fired in a three pointer and brother Bradley countered with one of his own to end the quarter with the Jackets holding a 3-2 lead.

Oakley said, he tried to play down the leading factor and put in a couple of benches.

Travis Sims and Jarrod Willis had the Jackets take a 4-0 lead in the quarter and take a 4-0 lead. The two teams stayed close with 2-5 left in the game Willis fired a three pointer to push the lead to 22-6.

Brown had four straight assists to James Sims, Travis Sims, Willis, and Brian Ockerman to push the lead to 60-57 with 38 seconds left in the game.

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Below: Daniel Brown drives for the basket against Bourbon County Saturday night as the Jackets defeated the Colonels 72-54 in a district match. Above: Tara George tips up a jumper against Menifee County Monday night as the Lady-Jackets roll to a 68-35 victory.

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OF THE CARLINI MERCURY STAFF
PARIS — The Nicholas County Bluejackets jumped out to a 26 point quarter lead as they contended to avenge the Fleming County loss on Friday night.

Jackets center James Sims opened the game with the first point for Nicholas County.

With 4:28 left in the first quarter Travis Sims fired in a three pointer to give Nicholas a 2-1 lead.

Lindsay Lee took one of two free throws for the Panthers.

Sims grabbed a rebound off Simmons to push the lead up to 11-3.

Vincent Lewis popped up a jumper from the top of the key to tie the lead at 1-1.

Daniel Brown and Simons had 2-4 left in the quarter for jackets to extend the lead to 16-5.

Kevin Morris ended the first quarter with a three pointer for Nicholas lead of 21-4.

Some had shooting from Chris Graham, Eric Walton, and Lest put the Panthers back in the game with 2-45 left in the quarter as Fleming cut the lead to 29-25.

The Jackets scored nine start points with 33 seconds left in the game for a 38-23 lead.

Graham fired in a jumper for Fleming and Jarrod Willis ended the quarter with a steal, which led to a layup for a 40-27 lead.

Willis fell off to Simons for a jumper to give Nicholas a 44-29 advantage.

With 4:14 left in the third period Brown connected on a three point play to push the lead to 47-31.

Simons ended the third period off an assist from Brown for a three point play and a 52-32 lead.

Brown connected on three point play, Willis fired in a jumper from the top of the key and Sims gunned a three pointer for the largest lead of the game, 60-32, with 2:11 left in the game.

Coach Ed Oakley cleared his bench and the Panthers ran 45 unanswered points with 2:34 left in the game as the Jackets were holding to a 13 point lead.

The stars returned for last two minutes and protected the victory.

The Jackets were led in scoring by Brown with 20, Simons followed with 16, Sims added 10, Morris had eight, and Willis with seven.

In the Junior varsity game the Jackets were edged out by Fleming 43-39.

Israel Stary led the Jackets with 15, Bradley Brown eight, Wes Braderick seven, John Gilbert four, and two each to Charles Nichols and Chris Reaton and one to Kevin Feback.

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