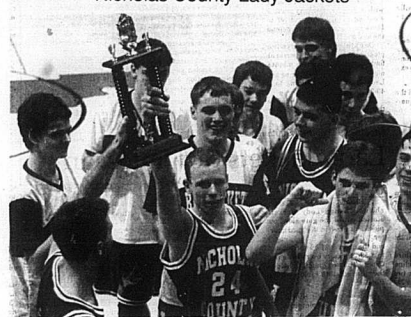


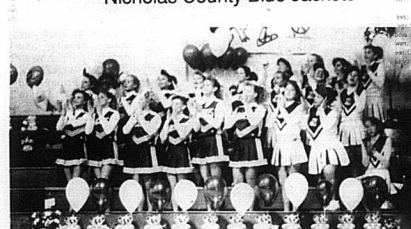
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## SPORTS

# Jackets make come back on senior night; Brown returns

**By Pam Howles**  
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**CARLISLE** — The Nicholas County Bluejackets clawed back to a 19 point deficit in the fourth quarter to edge out St. Patrick 72-69 with the return of Daniel Brown after a two game absence from an ankle injury. James Simmons sank a free throw and Jarrod Wills fired in a jumper to take a 3-0 lead. Simmons grabbed a rebound off his own miss for a bucket and Eric Schumacher fired in a base line jumper to cut the Jackets lead to 5-4. David Tucker gave the Saints a lead with 4:29 left in the first quarter.

Wills handled about eight points the lead back at 7:50. St. Pat scored six straight points to pull ahead to 12-7. Wills gained in a three pointer to cut the lead to 12-10. Troy Adams answered for the Saints with a three pointer to extend the lead to 15-10 at the end of the first period. Three Sims hit from the top of the key to cut in the Saint lead to 15-12. The Jackets tied the score at 17-17 at a bucket from Simmons. The two teams swapped baskets and with 5:59 left in the second quarter Brown entered the game and made a quick steal. Brown's layup gave Nicholas the lead back at 24:22 with 3:56 left before intermission. Schumacher ended the quarter with a three pointer to push the Saints lead to 20-28. Simmons scored the first two baskets for Nicholas of the third quarter to tie the score at 22-32.

St. Pat scored seven straight points to recapture the lead at 25. Coach Ed Oakley returned to the bench for Brown to reenter the game. Brown drew the middle of the line for his pointed shot to cut the lead to 29-25. With 3:08 left in the third period Brown converted a three point play to cut the Saints lead to 42-27. St. Patrick built a nine point lead with 47 seconds left in the game. With 28 ticks on the clock Brown netted the basket to cut the lead to 49-42. The Saints hit the final bucket of the third quarter to take a 54-42 lead. Wills scored in the point to cut the lead to 54-44. The Nicholas County team foul ratio was 9-1 and Oakley began to play his case and was successful a technical foul. Oakley said, "The team and the crowd seemed to get fired up after the technical." "We were behind and the technical seemed to ignite the team," Schumacher commented an end free throw and then Simmons was whistled for an intentional foul. Schumacher sank both charity tosses to push the lead to 54-44 with 6:52 left in the game. Down the stretch the free throw line was a salvation to Nicholas County and hurt St. Pat on several occasions. Within a period of over a minute Kevin Morris sank two free throws and Brown hit six charity tosses to bring the Jackets back to 58-52 with 5:29 left in the game. On the post possession Brown stole the in bounce game and laid the ball in the basket to cut the lead to 64-50. Sims canned two free throws to chip into the lead of 66-50. With 3:11 left in the game Schumacher pushed the Saints back to 65-58. The Jackets went on a shooting spree with Brown hitting two free throws, Brown and Sims both connected on three pointers to take a 66-52 with 2:11 left in the game. Sims committed his fourth foul, but Adams could not hit the free throw. Simmons committed his fourth foul, but Adams could not hit the free throw. Brown sank two charity tosses and Schumacher scored off the basket for the Saints to cut the Nicholas lead to 70-69 with nine seconds left in the game. Wills ended the game with two free throws for a 72-69 come back win.

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**CARLISLE** — The Lady Jackets hit farewell to two seniors, Kristin Barton and Tracy Earlywine on senior night Monday as Nicholas County defeated Berea 63-47.

Nikki Smoot sank two free throws as she was fouled driving the lane and Earlywine hit one of the free throws. Barton made a steal and Earlywine passed off to Denkins for a basket to extend the lead to 8-2. Shawn Turner canned two charity tosses and Renee Linville both sank two free throws each to push the lead to 16-8. Smoot made a steal and passed off to Earlywine for an easy bucket as she was fouled driving the lane and Earlywine hit one of the free throws. Barton made a steal and Earlywine passed off to Denkins for a basket to extend the lead to 12-4. The Lady Pirates outscored the Lady Jackets in the second quarter to cut the lead to 18-10. Any Barrall scored in the point for Berea to open the second quarter. Earlywine connected on three point play in the paint and Kim Denkins pulled down a rebound for a bucket to push the lead to 23-18. Smoot sank two free throws with 3:22 left in the second quarter to give the Lady Jackets their biggest lead of the game at 31:19. Barton ended the half with a jumper off the baseline to push the lead back to 32-8. Smoot opened the third quarter with a jumper, Denkins made a steal and Barton passed off to Earlywine for a basket to extend the lead to 35-22. Denkins and Earlywine picked up their fourth personal fouls just over the three minute mark in the third quarter as the Lady Jackets were holding to a 43-39 lead. Tina Godrick sank two free throws to cut the lead to 43-32 with 18:10.

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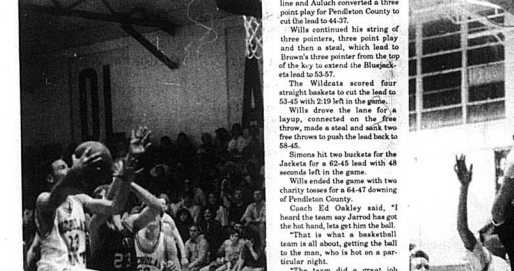
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**Heather Ash** countered for Jessamine County with a basket to hold the lead at 26-24 at the end of the first quarter. Ash drew the middle of the lane for a bucket for a 11-8 advantage. Denkins connected on three free throws to tie the score at 12-11 with 8:07 left in the second quarter. The two teams traded baskets for the next four minutes of the quarter and Denkins fired in a jumper on the three point line with three seconds left in intermission to give the Lady Jackets a 19-17 lead. Heather Williams knotted the score at 19-19 to open the third quarter. Denkins scored off a Kristin Barton assist to tie the lead back at 21-19 with 5:37 in the third quarter. Nicholas County was holding to a 24-21 lead with 2:54 left in the game as the Lady Jackets hit up the scoreboard. Denkins scored, knocked a shot and passed off to Tracy Earlywine for a basket to tie the quarter with the Lady Jackets extending their lead to 30-23. Ash hit for Jessamine to open the fourth quarter and Smoot countered for the Lady Jackets to give Nicholas a 32-23 lead. Ash Smith stepped up a jumper from the top of the key for Jessamine. Earlywine scored two baskets and Denkins connected on three point play to push the lead to 39-25 with 5:22 in the game. At the 4:27 mark Renee Linville fired a jumper in the point to begin a 14 point stretch for the Lady Jackets to push the lead to 52-29. The Lady Jackets reserve Tina Fryman sank two free throws and Tina George hit a layup off an assist from Michelle Hopkins. Smith scored from the top of the key for Jessamine at the buzzer for a Lady Jacket victory of 63-47. Nicholas was led in scoring by Earlywine with 28, Smoot followed with seven, Earlywine had six, Hinton with four, two for Lindsay Fryman and George. Coach Barbara Korney said, "Jessamine County has improved since the beginning of the season." "Their coaching staff did very well they were playing above their heads tonight when the clock got good." "We put pressure on Renee Ash to cut down her defense to score and it was successfully in the second half."

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