

# Jackets take aim towards Class A crown

**Staff Report**  
The Cause Mercury  
CARLISLE — In just a mere three weeks the Kentucky All "A" Classic has become a very important opportunity for the state's smaller schools. For Nicholas County, the 1992 All "A" Classic would be the ticket to a state championship.

This is a golden opportunity for the Nicholas County Bluejackets and Lady Jackets, both of whom claim the top seeds in the 10th re-

gion and least some of the strongest teams ever to shoot for Nicholas County.

The Boy's Varsity team has a unique opportunity ahead of them if they claim victory in the regional playoffs on Thursday night in Bracken County — a chance to play in Rupp Arena.

That opportunity, in and of itself, is enough to spark some of the most spirited play in the 10th re-

gion. The top pre-season ranked team in the 10th region, Paris (1), and Nicholas (2), face off in the first round of All "A" Classic on Thursday, January 30, at 7:45 in the Bracken County High School Gymnasium.

Coming off a spectacular win over Paris on their home court last Saturday, the Bluejackets are confident they may see a reverse factor involved in the game.

"We beat them on their home court and a week later we face them on a neutral court. If you are

at them like we did at Paris, there's no reason we won't walk away with a victory," Nicholas County Head Basketball Coach Ed Oakley says. "What an opportunity for these boys to have the chance to play in Rupp Arena," Oakley said. "It's an incentive for any team."

The Nicholas County Lady Jackets are high favorites to take the Girls All "A" tournament beginning this Thursday, January 23, at 7:45 on at the

Bracken County High School Gym.

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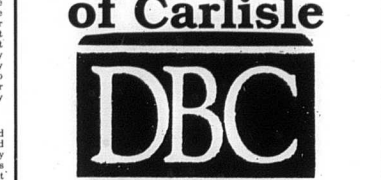
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# Lady Jackets come out cold; beat Bourbon in final minutes

**By Pam Bowler**  
The Cause Mercury Staff  
CARLISLE — The Lady Jackets came out cold as Monday night at Bourbon County need but as a 1-1 first quarter lead, but could not hold on as Nicholas edged out the Lady Colonel 34-28.

Nicholas capitalized on a Kim Denton rebound to tie the game at 7:27 with 2:32 left in the second quarter.

The lead changed hands for the remainder of the quarter and they

earlytime earned one of two free throws and the Lady Colonies led to 13:12.

The third quarter was able to rally and take the lead off Denton buckets to open the quarter with 4:31 remaining in the game.

The continued to see one back and forth and with 1:11 left in the third period Renee Lovelle hit from the top of the key to give Nicholas 20:19 lead.

Christie Hinton fired in a jumper off an assist from Nikki

shoot to give the Lady Jackets a 22:21 advantage.

Nicholas County picked up three quick fouls and Shelby Tashba and Heather McCarry fired in jumpers to take 26:23 lead with 4:31 remaining in the game.

With 2:21 left in the game Denton drove the middle of the base line to tie the score at 28:28.

Denton tipped the ball to Kelli Barton and Renee drove the base line for a jumper to take the lead at 30:28.

Denton and Kestryne needed the game at the free throw line a 34:28 Lady Jacket victory.

The Jackets ran their record to 12:1 and will begin class A tournament action on Thursday night in Paris.

Denton led Nicholas County with 14, followed by Renee with six, Hinton had three, and two each to Renee and Lovelle.

Coch Coach Barbara Kenney said, "Nicholas County played its game. We were not doing what

needed to be done to play this game."

The junior varsity team ran its record to 10:0 by downing Bourbon 40-41:21.

Coach Herb Mack Nicholas with 15, Michelle Hopkins had 11, Tawana with six, Tara George added three, and two each to Estelene and Shannon. Melinda Jones took 41:21.

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County put them again, that kind of reaction to a simple game at the Southside Gymnasium," Gilbert said.

"I guess it was my hand is concerned, I doubt we'll be going between Paris and Nicholas back."

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