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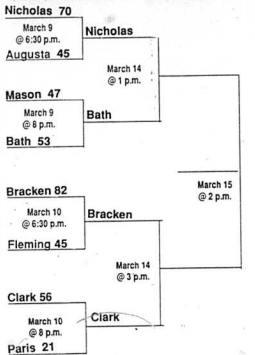
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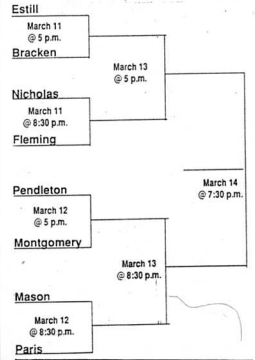
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SPORTS

Lady Jackets bury Augusta in region first round

By Tom Bowles
The Courier-Mercury Staff
PARIS — The Nicholas County Lady Jackets rolled down a double-digit lead to a 24-18 victory over the Augusta Lady Jackets in the first round of the 10th regional tournament on Monday night.

Mandy Foy scored the first basket for the Panthers and they Earlywine followed with two buckets in point off Nikki Smoot

in three free throws to push the lead to 20-18.
Smoot pulled down a rebound on the three-point line. Hutton Smoot and Hutton tossed in a bucket apiece to push the lead to 24-18.
Augusta's Angie Williams and Smoot traded shots and the score was 10-6.
With 2:50 remaining in the first quarter Foy closed the gap to 18-8. Hutton and Renee Loville fired

at the basket before falling to out the lead to 20-21.
Smoot pulled up for a jumper and the three-point line. Hutton Smoot and Hutton tossed in a bucket apiece to push the lead to 24-18 with 2:48 before the half.
Dunkins grabbed a rebound and moved the length of the floor and missed off of Smoot's assist for a 26-18 lead.
Kim Dunkins made three at-

Blue and Lady Jackets capture 37th District

Paris Bowles & Josh Shepherd of The Courier-Mercury Staff
PARIS — The Nicholas Blue-Jackets advanced to the finals of the 37th district tournament, Thursday night in a remarkable comeback over the Harrison County Thunder 67-61.
The Jackets opened the game with three turnovers and Harrison ran off four straight baskets to take a 8-0 lead.
Nicholas' first point came with 2:54 remaining in the first quarter as Jamie Simons hit one of two two free throws and Jarrod Willis grabbed a rebound off the three-point line to tie the score at 8-8.
Willis followed with a three pointer for a 8-16 lead for Harrison. Brown and Kevin Morris opened the third quarter with hot shooting by firing the Jackets back 23-20 with 6:37 left in the third period.
Together Travis Sims and Brown made a steal and Brown connected on a layup to tie the score at 24-24 with 4:10 in the eighth.

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At the top of the second half, Dunkins and Earlywine showed the Jackets back to a five-point lead. Hutton bombed in two of the key and Nikki Smoot, adding to a stellar defensive effort, popped one from the foul line.
Earlywine finished a three-point shot and Nicholas County fans exploded as the Jackets moved ahead by five.
Coming into the fourth quarter, Smoot's early jam threw the Jackets to their biggest lead of the night, 41-34.
Operating off a single foul bucket by Paris, Katie Shriver threw the Jackets behind for the first time since the opening half, 44-43, with just over a minute left in the game.
Kim Dunkins came through as she drove for the basket and drew the foul. But as Cheryl, checking up her fifth foul, left the court, Dunkins had apparently been injured. Dunkins came back into the game with eight minutes to take her shot. She tied the game.
With 47 seconds left Earlywine dove in the winning shot.
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Guard on maneuvers in desert

By Tom Aumack
The Courier-Mercury Staff
FORT IRWIN, CALIF. — One hundred and three members of H Company, 201st Engineer Battalion of the Kentucky Army National Guard departed their Carlisle unit Wednesday, March 4 enroute to Fort Irwin, California.
Capt. Robert Hacker, commander of the unit, explained that the guard would be performing intensive maneuvers. "We will spend twenty days in the Mojave Desert receiving the most realistic combat experience available anywhere, outside of actual combat," Hacker said.

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The Carlisle Military Post, Fort Irwin, Calif. is the site of the 37th District tournament. The Nicholas County Blue-Jackets and Paris Thunder won the 37th District tournament.

Vote registration...

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Fryman said, to sign the document at home and mail it back to the Clerk's office. They don't need a notary. They only need a witness' signature to confirm the legal signature of the registrant.

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"I've talked with some people and they think by not registering, they get out of jury duty. They don't want to be called up."
"But that's a misconception. True, some jurors are chosen through voter registration files, but they are also called up through the driver's license rolls as well. Therefore, anyone who has a driver's license is automatically eligible to be called up for jury duty. So not registering to vote doesn't keep anyone out of jury duty. If they already have a driver's license, they might as well register to vote," Fryman said.
Still, voter apathy is a problem. Babbage hopes to see diminish in the coming years. As secretary of state, Babbage is also chairman of the board of elections and, through his efforts and the efforts of citizens and businesses in the private sector, he hopes to see improvements in voter participation.
"We can replace excuses with conveniences. It's time we made citizenship easier. High technology can aid in accomplishing this," Babbage said.

the unit will be supporting the Fort Irwin based 17th Armored Brigade. Together they will enact the part of the war during battle situations. "As engineers, our main mission is to slow down if not stop our opposition," Hacker said.
Obstacles such as mine fields, tank ditches, and concrete wire traps constructed by unit members, are just some of the methods used to train other units.
"This will be a great challenge for the men to sharpen the engineering skills they learned in basic training," Hacker said. Company 1st Sgt. Gordon T. Sargent said, "This will be a good training experience for the men."
Sargent also stressed the importance of having a National Guard unit in Nicholas County. "We are so lucky to have engineers right here in Carlisle that could help tremendously if a disaster hit at home."
"Young men in our community should become a part of this good training," Sargent said.
Staff Sgt. Willie Hogg said he was looking forward to seeing Carlisle and taking his farthest trip away from home. The unit departed Wednesday morning, March 4 from Lexington Bluegrass Airport and will return to Carlisle Tuesday, March 24.

Kim Dunkins came back from an ankle injury on Friday to drop 22 points and 18 rebounds in the Lady Jackets win over the Augusta Lady Panthers Monday night in the first round of the girls 10th region tournament.



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