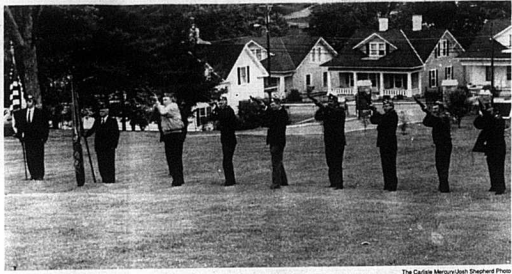


### Minor League Results

**Nicholas County Minor League Results**  
 Wednesday, April 29 - Athletics 6, Pirates 7  
 Monday, May 4 - Flyers 24, Cardinals 3 (Home run by Josh Fryman-Flyers)  
 Thursday, May 7 - Flyers 7, Blue Jays 4, Cardinals 12, Dodgers 11 (2 home runs by Eric Earlywine-Flyers)  
 Monday, May 11 - Flyers 19, Athletics 7 (Home run by Kyle Becker-Athletics), Red Sox 14, Pirates 3  
 Wednesday, May 13 - Cardinals 19, Cubs 10, Blue Jays 16, Dodgers 12 (Home run by Josh Minton-Dodgers)  
 Thursday, May 14 - Sox 16, Blue Jays 4; Flyers 29, Pirates 6  
 Tuesday, May 19 - Blue Jays 10, Cubs 6, Pirates 10, Dodgers 6  
 Thursday, May 21 - Athletics 5, Dodgers 4, Red Sox 28, Cardinals 20 (Home run by Darin Harrington-Red Sox)

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# Bat Jackets take first regional game

**Nicholas finished second in district**

By Josh Shepherd  
 of the Courier-Journal Staff

Daniel Brown's grand slam homer at the top of the fifth inning was just one of the highlights of the Nicholas County Bat Jackets 12-2 romp over the Fleming County Panthers in the first round of the 10th region baseball tournament at Harrison County field Monday afternoon.

In a game marked by outstanding fielding and solid hitting, it appeared as though Nicholas County could do no wrong.

After a faltering first inning on the mound in which Pitcher Mike Cain gave up two hits, the senior turned around and pitched four perfect innings, allowing no hits. Relief pitcher Israel Stacy came in the last two innings and finished the game with a one-hitter in the ninth.

"We bounced back from the districts and played a real strong game. Once we got settled down and into it, the team accomplished all it set out to do. I felt good coming in and with a good draw in the region, I believe we'll come out of this strong," Head Coach Billy Anderson said.

Homer runs became the Jackets signature as no less than four were sent right out of Harrison's left field.

The Bat Jackets came out under way right from the top with a five run rally.

With Jarrod Wills and Kevin Morris on and no outs, second baseman Daniel Brown knocked one deep into left field in Fleming's haste to get the ball home. The throw went hurtling well over the home plate fence and into the stands, allowing two runs to score and Brown sitting on a third.

After Brad Brierly walked, Mike Cain stepped up and blasted a three run homer over the top of the stadium.

Starting at a five run deficit from the first inning, the Panthers came to plate to finish the inning.

Travis Earlywine, looking at two strikes, popped a high fly to center field which earned him a double.

He stole third while Fleming's number two batter, Josh Zimmerman, went to a full count. He was walked, then stole second while Eric Watson filled the bases on another walk.

Earlywine scored on a sacrifice grounder, Zimmerman followed — and Fleming fence never scored again the rest of the game.

Cain cleared the Panthers' bases at the end of two. In the third, Cain scored Nicholas only run, being belted in on a base hit from Brian Ockerman.

A double play in the bottom of the third marred Fleming's chances for a score as Daniel, scooping a grounder, lobbed the ball to second for the first out. Wills led the ball to first for the third out of the inning.

Brown scored off a single in the bottom of the third.

Chris Stone standing on second, Edwin Cummings got the ball between short and second, nearly causing a double play to end the inning.

Jarrod Wills made first on two errors, but a questionable tag on Wills led off on the Bat Jackets out category and Anderson arguing with the umpire.

Unfortunately, the out stayed and a pop up left the inning with Harrison leading, 1-0.

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the save with a foul pop snag to throw the Panthers their third out.

A late fourth inning rally, led off by an unseen collision of Nicholas and Bat Jackets short stop, popped three runs off the board in Harrison's favor, and set the stage for the rest of the game.

The Reds scored no other runs in the game, but the Jackets couldn't get any of four runners across home plate.

"It was a disappointing loss," Anderson said. "What we have to do now is gear down and prepare for the region. We're still in it. We can't forget that."

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## Lady Jackets

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Royals attempt to regain control of the game.

Dunkins and Hopkins combined again for homers, George doubled, Tina Fryman scored, followed by John Johnson, Livinggood, and Favia Page. With Dunkins and Earlywine waiting on first and second, Hopkins popped up, ending the Jackets rally at seven.

The Royals came back with two runs, but no more, as the Jackets walked away with the victory and the district title.

Nicholas County softball Head Coach Bobby Stare was pleased to say the least.

"This is the first year Nicholas County has ever had a softball club and it's satisfying to see them achieve so

much, despite some lack of experience.

"This season has been a learning experience for all of us and we went into this tournament with no expectations of how well we'd do. To come out of it winners is terrific.

"We're going on to the 10th region tournament in Campbell County and I don't know how well we'll do. The girls will be facing teams as experienced as Mason County. If we play our game as well as we did today and, really, all through the season, we're 14-9 right now, I think we'll do well. It's not Northern Kentucky and that's always tough," Stare said.



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