

Academic team wins one, loses another in two contests

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BROOKSVILLE — The Nicholas County Academics



Dr. Jeffrey Peters has been busy getting himself and his family settled in the past few days. He will begin working hours on Monday. For appointments, call 288-6056.

went to 2-1 in Limestone League competition with a commanding, 114-93, victory over Bracken County last week in their first away meet of the season.

"Coming off a tough loss to league favorite Montgomery County two weeks ago, Nicholas County had to regroup and become more aggressive in the tons up rounds. Against Bracken, they strengthened their weak points in the Humanities and continued to dominate in science and social studies.

"Montgomery is probably the strongest team in the league this season, very aggressive and quick to the buzzer. We needed a win after that game to get back our confidence and build an aggressive edge," team sponsor

Kathy Green said. Nicholas started the tons up rounds of the competition four points ahead of Bracken, 88-64, after the written assessment concluded.

Although Nicholas was able to retain the lead after the language arts section of the tons-up rounds, Bracken launched a light offensive, outscoring Nicholas 9-7, to shave the academics lead to a mere two points.

But the comeback didn't last through the second round in Math as Nicholas County recovered the two lost points to pull to the original four point gap, 82-78.

The last three rounds, science, Social Studies, and the Humanities, marked a Nicholas County dominance reminiscent of their earlier defeat.

In science, the round score

held Nicholas in control, 12-7, and reaffirmed their strength in the subject.

led by Aaron Judge and Brian Dunn, the Academics broke to a nine point, 94-85, lead.

Bracken attempted to stage another upset in social studies, hitting questions for five points, but Nicholas County went four points better to break the 100-point barrier.

But, in the Humanities section, to which a week ago stayed Nicholas County's comeback efforts against Montgomery, the Academics suddenly took unexpected control, and soundly defeated Bracken by an 11-3 margin to complete the rout.

St. Patrick - 115 Nicholas Co. - 105

Following the Bracken County victory, the Nicholas County Academic Team came

back home to challenge St. Patrick and advance their record in the win category.

Unfortunately, Nicholas couldn't come back from a 13-4 slashing in the Math round and, despite mounting a

gradual comeback, fell short by 10 points, 115-105.

Opening up in Language Arts, the Nicholas Academics displayed an unusual versatility, shooting St. Patrick's even up game down in the last two questions.

Otherwise, the clear leader was Mindy Abner, whose answers accounted for eight of Nicholas County's 10 points in the first round. At the end of

cont, Nicholas emerged with a tenuous 77-76 lead.

After the Math round pounding, Nicholas emerged out of the round not out of the competition. They trailed by eight, 89-81.

Science was Nicholas County's strength and they played to it well, with every member hitting at least one answer and Aaron Judge taking eight points himself, cutting into St. Patrick's lead until they trailed by a slim three points.

But in social studies, both teams were evenly matched. St. Patrick edged Nicholas by two points to widen the gap. In Humanities the gap widened further until it was beyond Nicholas grasp to come back.

Their record returns to even as they prepare for next week's meet.



The Carlini Menzies/Josh Shepherd Photo
Coley McCall, 6, and Dwayne McCall, 11, pose behind the biggest pumpkin to come out of their family's Crooked Creek road garden, a 120 pound whopper that comes close to reaching young Coley's chest. Though the pumpkin was weighed on a bathroom scale, it stands there as a very noticeable ornament in the front yard, and promising to make a whole lot of pies.



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