

NICHOLAS COUNTY LADY JACKETS CLAIM STATE HOOP CROWN



Senior Lady Jackets Nikki Smoot, Tina Fryman, Renee Linville and Christie Hutton walked to meet school administrators from Lane at the podium during the Sweet 16 championship pep session at NCHS Sunday afternoon. "You remember crusty, old Mr. Lane.?" Lane asked the prize basketball players. "Well, he wants to hug you," Lane said, full of pride for his former students.

Hutton recuperating from jaw-bone injury

By Hebeven Mullins
OF THE CARLISLE MERCURY STAFF

CHARLISLE - Christie Hutton is still recuperating after taking a slug to the left cheek from Clay County's Yvette Vanda Jackson in the first half of the Sweet 16 semifinals.

Hutton's mother and coach Barbara Kenney said Tuesday Christie has what is called a "green stick" fracture to a bone in the jaw, caused by Jackson's elbow jab.

The fracture was diagnosed in Lexington on Monday, Kenney said.

Kenney said the jaw has not been wired, and will not need wiring if further injury is avoided. Surgery is not necessary at this time, she said.

Some thought has been given to whether or not Jackson intentionally hit Hutton in the jaw, Kenney said.

"It's been on TV several times. We taped it and put it in slow motion several times, and, in my opinion, it was intentional," Kenney said.

She said she will file a complaint against Jackson to the KHSAA officials and referees. She also said she will recommend a penalty be levied against players who commit acts like Jackson's in future games.

"When it gets to that extent, there needs to be some kind of penalty," Kenney said.

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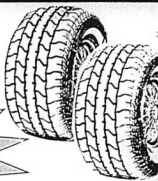
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