Lady Jackets beat Berea, 63-42

By Rebecca Mullins Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

BEREA – The Berea Lady Pirates 17-8 record became 17-9 after their bout with the Lady Jackets Monday night at Berea Community High School.

The Lady Jackets brought the Lady Pirates down on their home court by a 63-42 margin, with most of the scoring being made by star-player Kim Denkins.

Denkins had a total of 22 points in the game, putting in balls after almost all of her 14 rebounds.

The second highest scorer was Christie Hatton with 14 points. Hatton, Denkins and the rest of the team had some trouble with the Lady Pirates defense, but both teams had their share of defensive action, according to Coach Barbara Kenney.

"I was unhappy that we had 23 turnovers. They didn't full-court press us that much," Kenney said. In fact, the Lady Jackets put on most of the defensive pressure.

The team made a total of 12 steals and 19 assists during the game. And on the offensive end, the Lady Jackets shot 39 percent against the Lady Pirates.

"I think that's the first time we've won in Berea," Kenney said. "Berea has played right with Whitesburg, and it's ranked number one in the state."

The Lady Jackets got the lead in the first quarter of Monday night's game. After Hatton made two points with a short jumper at 3:37, the score was 11-6.

The Lady Pirates stole the ball at 2:32 and made two on a layup, but that was of no importance at the end of the quarter.

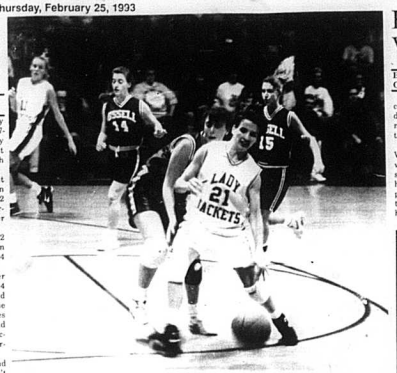
Three-on-one defense kept the Lady Pirates from scoring, and the rebounds were heavy for the Lady Jackets. At the end of the first, the score was 18-12.

At 7:32 in the second, Renee Linville sneaked threw the Lady Pirates defense and nailed one.

Nikki Smoot took the next rebound, but was stopped short from scoring by defense. The Berea crowd pounded the bleachers to keep Nicholas County tense.

The crowd's plan was foiled by Elizabeth Schanding at 6:23, however, when Schanding scored two in the paint to bring the lead to a 22-12 Jacket advantage.

Hatton was offensively-blessed at 5:35 when she hit a three-pointer from the side. Her playing skills were well-honed in the game. At 5:01, she was fouled while stealing the ball from Berea, making one-of-two from the free-throw line as a result.



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Nikki Smoot tries to get a Russell County Lady Devil off her back and away from Nicholas County's ball during the game at Nicholas County High School Friday night. The Lady Jackets took the game by a 50-point margin.

A few nicely-executed shots by Hatton led the Jackets to a 39-25 lead at 5:01 in the third. Then Linville wowed the crowd with a three at 4:31. Berea was straggling behind Nicholas by 17 points at this point.

Hatton and Schanding trapped Berea's Patton at 3:26 and stole the ball, but the play was unsuccessful, resulting in a foul on Hatton.

The Lady Jackets had to call a time-out at 3:26 when Linville had trouble with her contact lenses.

The Lady Jackets had some more problem with optical contacts later in the game when Alicia Sibert was poked in the eye for the second time in a month. She resumed play, however, as did Linville.

The team didn't dismay despite these two physical dilemmas, because it still had an 18-point lead over the Lady Pirates by the end of the third.

The game was sewn up in the Lady Jackets favor by the fourth quarter. Denkins, Smoot and Hatton made a total of five points from the charity stripe. The points from the line combined with a two-pointer by Denkins at 7:13 had the score at 61-38 by 5:01.

The scoring ended at 1:57 with the 63-42 point margin.

Scoring and stats: Christie Hatton, 14 points, six rebounds, six steals, five assists; Nikki Smoot, 13 points, five assists; Renee Linville, eight points, five rebounds, three assists; Kim Denkins, 22 points, 14 rebounds, four blocks Elizabeth Schanding, four points, four steals, six assists Tara George, two points, two rebounds and two steals.

Junior Varsity scoring; Michella Hopkins, 19 points; Tawnya Livingood, 10 points; Alicia Sibert, nine points; Jennifer Willoughby, two points; Tara George, five points; Becky McGlothin, six points.

Bluejackets beaten by Wildcats, 75-49

By Jason Hart Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

The Bluejackets of Nicholas County went down to defeat last Friday in Falmouth at the hands of Pendleton County.

The Jackets outscored the Wildcats in the first period, with Wes Broderick scoring six points, Bradley Brown hitting once from the three point line, Israel Stacy putting two points up, and John Brown hitting for four points. The Jackets scored a total of 15 to Pendleton's 14.

Wildcat guard Jeremy Roberts did the most damage to the Jackets, hitting a total of six points in the first period.

First period ended with the score at 15 - 14, Bluejackets lead.

Second period saw the Jackets outscore the Wildcats once again, hitting a total of 14 points, and the score at the half stood at 29 - 26, with the

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Lady Devils fall fast, hard to Nicholas girls

By Rebecca Mullins Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE – Something went awry for the Russell Lady Devils at Nicholas County High School Friday night when they faced the Nicholas County Lady Jackets.

The Lady Jackets stomped Russell 78-28 in what appeared to be an easy win for Nicholas County and an exhibition match for the Lady Jacket junior varsity team.

Junior varsity players Tawnya Livingood and Alicia Sibert each scored four points in the varsity game, and both scored several points in the junior varsity match as well.

Both players were key factors in the fourth quarter of the varsity game, which the Lady Jackets dominated.

The score at the beginning of the fourth was 58-18. Lady Devil Sarah Lockow had just scored two points with a short jumper at 7:22, to bring Russell's scoring to 18 points. But by 5:40, Lady Jacket Christie Hatton had made her sixth point of the fourth period, Nikki Smoot had hit a layup, and Elizabeth Schanding scored two on a layup, bringing the Lady Jackets score up to a formidable 68 points.

It was at 5:19 in the fourth period that head coach Barbara Kenney took out the varsity starters and let the junior varsity team finish off the Lady Devils.

Melanie Jones was fouled by Lady Devil Elizabeth Gale at 5:19, and made one from the charity line.

At 3:34, Tawnya Livingood hit a layup to bring the score to 70-23, Lady Jackets leading.

Jones was called for a personal foul at 3:10, and was fouled herself at 2:09 and hit 2 of 2 from the free throw line., after free throw points were followed by one from Lady Jacket Kayo Ko Takamura, who scored one from the charity stripe at 1:54.

Takamura sent the crowd into a frenzy at 1:28 when she hit a layup, upping the Lady Jacket lead, 75-26.

Jones was fouled again with 33 seconds remaining and scored one from the charity strip for her third point of the game.

With one second remaining in the game, Tara George hit a short jumper to bring the game to a sensational end for the Lady Jackets.

Kim Denkins made steal after steal and basket upon basket in the first few minutes of the game. She scored six points in a little more than one minute of play in the first by rebounding shots and putting them through the net.

Bluejackets...

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Bluejackets holding on to a slim lead. The score at the end of the second period stood at 29 - 26, Bluejackets lead.

In the third, the Jackets started to tire, and allowed the Wildcats to open up a deficit of four points, scoring a total of 18 points to the Jackets 14. The score at the end of the third period was 44 - 43, the Wildcats leading by one point.

The Wildcats exploded in the third period, scoring 31 points. The Jackets faltered on offense, scoring only 16 points. The final score stood at 75 - 59, Wildcats in a hard-fought loss for the fighting Bluejackets.

Scoring and stats: Nicholas County: Stacy, 4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 turnover, 5 assists, 2 steals; B. Brown, 10, 2, 2, 0,0; J. Brown, 10, 6, 1, 3, 0; Trussell, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2; Broderick, 10, 8, 1,0, 1; Adams, 4, 2, 1, 0, 0. Pendleton County: Schafer, 7 points; Veirs, 2; Mains, 18; Yelton, 10; Todd, 8; Roberts, 11. Pendleton - 14/12/18/31 - 75. Nicholas - 15/14/14/16 - 59.

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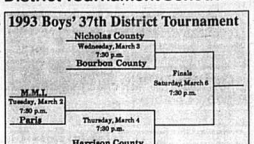

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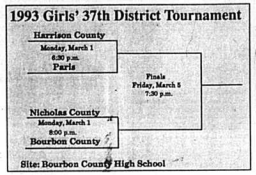

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Smoot attempted a layup at 4:27, but was overcome by Russell's strong defense, and was knocked to the floor. Hatton made the save, however, and scored two at 4:10. The score was 10-0 in favor of the Lady Jackets.

At 2:33, Renee Linville hit two with a layup. Hatton then had a turn at the goal again and scored two more points.

Lady Devils Holly Reed and Sarah Lechow had some success at the net before the first buzzer sounded. Each made a layup in the last minute to give Russell their first points of the game.

The second period began with a slick play by Smoot and Schanding. Schanding stole the ball and passed it to Smoot, who nailed two with a charging layup.

While working two-on-one defense on the Lady Devils, Nicholas County got the ball and passed it to Denkins at 6:24, who scored two, following a hit by Lady devil Holly Reed.

Hatton hit a three-pointer at 5:40, wowing the hometown crowd. At 5:05, Linville scored on a layup. The Lady Jackets had a 17 point advantage at that point in the game.

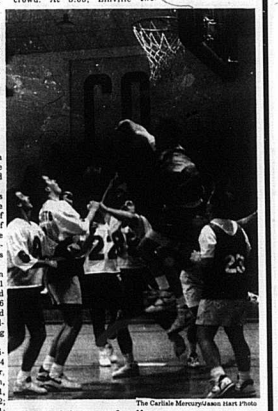
After two hits by Denkins, Livingood hit a layup at 2:47, extending the Lady Jacket lead, 31-8.

At 2:01, Russell scored its second hit in the second quarter when Holly Reed put up two. Russell did not score again until 4:59 in the third, when Carrie Campbell hit a short jumper, reviving the team's spirit.

The second ended with the score standing at 37-10. Alicia Sibert hit a layup with 24 seconds left in the second.

The first blood drawn in the third was by Smoot, who 1 of 2 free throws. Hatton returned to the charity stripe at 6:21, and hit two, upping the Lady Jacket lead, 40-10.

Smoot showed off her strength on offense at 5:20 when she got the feed from Denkins and hit a layup for two.



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The Lady Jacket lead grew to 46-12 after Linville hit a short jumper. Denkins came up with the rebound and passed it to Schanding, who put it through the hoop. The Lady Jackets led, 49-12 at 3:32.

At 2:33, Denkins hit a short jumper for two. She then scored the third three-pointer for the Lady Jackets at 2:01, stretching the Lady Jackets lead to 54-12.

Denkins scored two more points at 1:25 in the third, and then hit a short jumper with 53 seconds left inthe period.

Denkins followed nearly all of her strenuous rebounds with a goal, and led the Lady Jackets roster in scoring with 24 points.

Scoring and stats: Nicholas County: Hatton, 15 points., 3 rebounds, 2 steals, 4 assists; Smoot, 10, 4, 3, 6; Denkins, 24, 14, 7, 3; Linville, 6, 2, 3, 4 assists; Schanding, 4, 2, 7, 5; Hopkins, 2 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 assist; Livingood, 4 ponts, 1 rebound, 1 steal, 1 assist; Willoughby, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 assists; Sibert, 4 points, Jones, 3 points, 1 assist; Takamura, 3 points, 2 steals, 1 assist; George, 2 points, 1 steal.

Junior Varsity game scoring: Michella Hopkins, 16 points; Tawnya Livingood, seven points; Alicia Sibert, four points; Jennifer Willoughby, 12 points; Tara George, eight points; Melanie Jones, four points; Becky McGlothin, three points; Elizabeth Schanding, two points.

Russell: Campbell, 2 points; Reed, 10 points; Hensley, 2 points; Lechow, 4 points; Nelson, 4 points; Gale, 6 points.

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