

SPORTS

Lady Jackets head to EKU

By Rebecca Mullins
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MIT OLIVET - For the second consecutive year, the Nicholas County Lady Jackets are going to the Class A State Tournament after winning the Girls 10th Region Championship. The team's wins in the Class A Regional Tournament against Paris, St. Patrick and Bath County have them ranked seventh in the state in the Rating the State poll in the Lexington Herald-Leader. It rates 83.4, just a few points behind third-ranked Clay County who host the Lady Jackets in the Famous Rector Classic two weeks ago, averaging an earlier loss.

The Lady Jackets maintained a steady 20-30 point spread in the game for the most of the third quarter, making their 63-44 almost set in stone.

However, an injury on Bath County's side put a damper on the Lady Jackets' excitement. The tension worsened when Bath County's Hopey Newkirk wanted to forfeit the game with 4:30 left on the clock in the first quarter because of Bath starter Brandy Bromagen's injury. Bromagen dislocated her knee while under some good defense from Nicholas County.

According to Lady Jackets Head Coach Barbara Kenney, Bromagen has spent the past few days at the University of Kentucky Sports Clinic to undergo therapy. The injury was not Bromagen's first, Kenney said, and her knees were too weak to play in Saturday's game.

Bath County players and fans were blaming the Lady Jackets and Kenney for the injury, however, and that's when Newkirk threatened to forfeit.

If Bath had forfeited the game, they would have given all proceeds from the regional tournament and would have had to pay a fine to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association as a result, Kenney said.

Coach Newkirk called Kenney over the weekend and apologized for the rude behavior.

For some of her players and the fans at the game, Kenney said.

"She was upset with what had happened about her player. She called me Sunday and apologized for any of the incidents that had occurred."

Apparently, Newkirk was also upset with the absence of Bath's center in the game. The girl had been in a car wreck and her loss had left the team at a loss of strength, Kenney said she appreciated the support of the Nicholas County fans at the game and throughout the tournament. The fans could have gotten upset about some bad calls in the Bath county game, but they didn't, Kenney said.

"Kim Denkins was clipped in the back and the referee saw it that way and the fans didn't say anything. We're proud of them as they are of us," Kenney said.

But she was a little upset after the game. The fact that the Lady Jackets won the game fair and square and they didn't feel good about angered her.

"We set a good trap on the kid and she lost control of the ball," Coach Barbara Kenney said about the injury. "We've won the region and our kids are scared to celebrate."

And they had every reason to celebrate. From 6:20 in the first, the Lady Jackets led the game with beautifully executed layups, rebounds and steals.

With Kim Denkins back in the tournament after setting Friday night's match

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School's out on February 3 in Jackets' honor

Nicholas County School Superintendent Cebert Gilbert, Jr. announced at Monday night's Lady Jackets' and Paris Lady Hours' game that no school will be held Wednesday, February 3.

The day will be reserved for students and faculty to watch the Lady Jackets play in the Girls' State Class A Tournament.

School will be in session Thursday, February 4, weather permitting, Gilbert said.

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Junior Lady Jackets tough on St. Patrick

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MIT OLIVET - The second game for the Lady Jackets' in the Class A Regional Tournament at Denning against the St. Patrick Shamrocks was a breeze for Nicholas' starters and a show of strength for the junior varsity squad.

Even without the help of Kim Denkins, who set off the match with sore big joints, the Lady Jackets whipped the Lady Shamrocks by a 76-34 margin.

From the middle of the first, it seemed certain that Nicholas County would take away the Lady Shamrocks' chance of reaching Richmond, Christie Hutton and Elizabeth Schanding had led the Jackets to an 11-point lead by 6:53 in the second with a slew of layups and short jumpers. The Shamrocks couldn't get past six points until 5:55 in the second when one of its players scored a hit for two points.

Nevertheless, the 11-point spread remained and grew even larger. A drive and layup by Tawnya Livingston



Tara George stunned the Lady Hours Monday night on the Lady Jackets' home court with a layup at 2:47 in the second quarter.

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Bath

Against St. Patrick with sore big joints, the Lady Jackets had strong defense against Bath's Lady Cats and never missed a rebound.

After Elizabeth Schanding fouled one from the Lady Cats at 4:40 in the first, Denkins drove forward to score a layup and missed, but managed to get the ball to Nikki Smoot who shot a cool two-pointer at 4:19 for a score of 8-4.

Denkins then scored two points when she broke through Bath's defense at 3:35. Smoot fouled in the first minute of the first and scored two from the charity stripe to found out a nice 15-9 lead over the Lady Cats in the first.

The second quarter was blessed from the start with a hit by Christie Hutton at 7:21 and a long shot jumper by Smoot for a 19 score.

Denkins overpowered Bath's Sheldagard at 6:54, the opponent found it more difficult to score while Smoot and Hutton raised the Lady Jackets' totals to 25-13 at 3:25.

Hutton hit a long jumper at 1:57 after a couple of good charity tosses by foul victim Smoot for a heavy 29-17 lead over the Lady Cats in the last minute before the half.

Mitchell Hopkins, whose usual tough offense never jugged over fallen Lady Cat Jill Crouch, stole the ball and ran to the goal. She provided Hutton with the ball for her 24 score on a layup.

The third ended with a smooth steal and layup attempt by Smoot. Her miss didn't affect what her excellent defense and free-throw percentage had already left the Lady Jackets, which was a two-to-one lead of 48-24 over Bath County.

The fourth quarter was the one of both certain victory and uncertain danger for the Lady Jackets. It was at 4:20 in the quarter that Bromagen, who had scored more than 10 field goals for the Lady Cats, had her accident.

The quarter began with Hutton scoring a charity toss followed by a one free-throw.

At 3:45 in the third, Smoot moved up to the basket and scored a layup for a 52-20 lead at 6:55.

The Lady Cats couldn't stop fouling Hutton and Smoot, and five charity points were ricked up between the two right before Bromagen fell.

The Lady Jackets Junior Varsity squad came when the game resumed after an at least 10-minute time-out, and Alicia Sibert scored two charity tosses at 3:59 for a to bring the victory margin to 65-point for Nicholas County.

Tawnya Livingston held steady to successfully execute two free-throws at 3:20.

The Lady Cats bounced back offensively with a series of threes and two-pointers before the end of the game, but to no avail. The Lady Jackets crushed them, 63-44, and every Lady Jacket point was scored by good, old-fashioned hard work and ability.

Scoring and stats: Christie Smith 1, Reid 1, Curder 1, Fryman 4, Rebecke 4, Jesse 3, Beitz 1.

Haywards 4, Jones 3, Wilson 1, B. Jones 1, S. Minton 3, Rocketts 6, Terrell 3, Baird 1, Grant 1.

Hornets 6, C. Earlywine 1, Woolley 1, W. Earlywine 2, Vire 1, Collette 8, Fulton 3.

Blood drive held Jan. 4

On January 4, 1993, 29 people donated blood at Nicholas County Hospital in Carlisle.

The drive was sponsored by Central Kentucky Blood Center and Nicholas County Hospital.

The drive was successful in that it met its goal of 25 donors.

Contributing to the successful drive was Cathy Brunker who serves as hospital chairperson. The Nicholas County Blood Program is greatly aided by the community.

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