

SPORTS

# Girls whip Bourbon, 61-41

**By Hebece Mullins  
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff**  
PARIS — The Lady Colonels fell one again this season to the record 29-2 Lady Jackets in the first match of the Girls' 37th District tournament at Bourbon County High School Monday night.

The game began as an even show of strength for both Nicholas and Bourbon counties in the first half, but turned when the second half when the Lady Jackets point margin climbed by more than 20 points.

The game ended with the Lady Jackets leading 61-41. The lead was impressive, but Coach Barbara Kenney saw some room for improvement in the game despite the Lady Jackets' winning score.

"I would have liked to work a little better. They were a little slow on defense," Kenney said.

She said she hopes the Lady Jackets can tighten up defensively before they meet Harrison County on Friday at 7:30 P.M.

"We've got to be more aggressive and play more defense against Harrison County," Kenney said.

Defense worked wonders for the Lady Jackets for at least one part of the first quarter, however, when Elizabeth Schandling stole the ball and made a fast break to Nikki Smoot, who scored two at 10.

Christie Hutton followed up at 3:05 scoring two while making an air glide to the goal. The score showed the Lady Jackets leading 13-10.

Kim Denkins, who had already scored six points in the first by the middle of the quarter, was still in trouble and was replaced by Tawnya Livingston at 1:15.

In the last few seconds of the game, Hutton made a wonderful play. She watched the clock and waited for the end of the quarter and then drove to basket and nailed two in the last couple of seconds. This play has proven to be successful for her repeatedly.

The score at the end of the first was 17-12.

Some nice footwork came from Denkins at 5:46 in the

second after she rebounded a shot. She rebounded and then hit two with a short jumper. She was fouled, and made one-of-one from the charity stripe.

Some glory then followed for Michelle Hopkins, as she took a rebound and made two on a speedy layup at 4:38.

Some decisive thinking by Hutton brought the Lady Jackets three more points at 3:20 when Hutton scored a three-pointer. The score was then 27-15.

Hopkins once again scored points on the court as she moved through the Lady Colonels' barriers and scored two in the paint.

Smoot followed her up with a two-pointer at 1:53, and the score was at 30-18 at the half.

The start of the third brought good news to Denkins, who made one of her 13 rebounds in the game and scored two in the paint subsequently.

Renee Lavinille made her second two-pointer of the game at 6:03. Denkins then scored four points with two goals made at 6:03 and 6:42.

At the end of the third, the score rested at 46-28. Hutton attempted another last minute shot at 0:02, but it wasn't successful.

At the start of the fourth, Smoot nailed one inside the net bringing two more points to the Lady Jackets.

Denkins took the rebound and passed it off to Hutton, who scored a three-pointer for the team at 6:18.

The game finished up with Alicia Sibert making two-of-two from the charity line at 3:32, the same time Lady Colonel Weis, Bourbon's top scorer, fouled out of the tournament.

Scoring and stats: Christie Hutton, 17 points, five rebounds, one steal, three assists; Nikki Smoot, 13 points, one steal, three assists; Kim Denkins, 14 points, 13 rebounds, three steals, three assists; Elizabeth Schandling, two points, three rebounds, two steals, three assists; Renee Lavinille, six points, three rebounds, three steals; Michelle

Hopkins, seven points, four rebounds, one steal; Tawnya Livingston, one steal, one assist; Alicia Sibert, two points; Jennifer Willoughby, one point, one rebound.

# Jackets hit Vikings in 79-59 upset

**By Joann Hart  
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff**  
CARLISLE — The hard-fighting Bluejackets of Nicholas County went down to defeat Saturday night at the hands of the Rowan County Vikings.

The Jackets scored 12 points to 25 put up by Rowan County.

"We fought hard," said Nicholas County Head Coach Chris O'Hearn. "But we just couldn't get past them."

First period ended with the score at 25-12, Rowan County leading.

Vikings Steve Trivette and Scott Blair did the most damage to the jackets in the first, scoring six points each.

In the second period, the Vikings, racking up 20 points to bring the score to 38-22, with Rowan leading by three at the close of the first half.

Bluejackets' Izabel Stacy put up three field goals in the second period, John Brown put up one field goal and hit a three-pointer, and Mark Adams nailed one from the three-point line.

Rowan County came back to life in the third period, scoring 21 points, and giving away only 15 points to the Bluejackets.

John Brown took four of those points in the third, as did Mark Adams and Wes Broderick. Other points scored were on free throws, and the jackets hit 15 of 17 shots.

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"That's a good percentage, any way you look at it," said O'Hearn.

Third period ended with the Vikings holding on to a 12-point lead, 59-47.

In the fourth period, Nicholas County gave the Vikings a fight, but Rowan slipped by, scoring 20 points in the final period.

Final score was Rowan County Vikings, 79, Bluejackets, 59.

Scoring: Nicholas County: Stacy, 16; J. Brown, 19; Adams, 12; Broderick, 8; D. Henry, 2; Section, 2.

Rowan County: Trivette, 22; Blair, 25; Wells, 13; Hardin, 5; Crawford, 2; Zaher, 1; Adams, 2; Section, 2.



Michelle Hopkins takes a big leap during this amazing layup, appearing to kneel a Lady Colonel accidently in the process.

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Kim Denkins wands off two Lady Colonels as she prepares to make a long pass to Nikki Smoot. Denkins scored 14 points in the game, which was the first in the 37th District Tournament.



The Nicholas County Bluejackets Cheerleaders were awarded fifth place in the 10th Region cheerleading competition held at Clark County February 27. The team is (front row) Shelle Bussell, Suzanna McCormick, Dara McCormick, Middle row, homilist Laura Tabor, Emmie Ritchie, Suzie Collier, Back row, from left, Cybil Hunt, Emily Hamilton, Sponsor Shelby Collier, Favia Pope, Beth Dunn. Not pictured: Aquia Sparks, Erica Beach, McCornell and Collier were named the All-region Cheerleader team.

# Purcell is known as super athlete in Texas

**By Hebece Mullins  
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff**  
CARLISLE — Media have reported jogging making a big comeback in the United States since President Clinton's jogging crusades have been broadcast on almost every news channel.

Nicholas County native Billy Purcell started what has become a jogging career long before Clinton thought about the White House.

Purcell, now 56 and living in Austin, Texas, has been running for several years and has become what is known as an "ultra-runner."

He runs very long distances for hours at a time to satisfy his craving for running.

Purcell won the Ultra-48 Hour Run in Dallas last Thanksgiving. This was quite a feat, considering that Purcell, a grandfather of five children, ran endlessly for two days in 20-degree weather.

Purcell ran a total of 167 miles in the race. He had a U-Haul to sleep and eat in, but did most of his eating on the truck, he said.

"The U-Haul was like a cheap R.V.," Purcell was quoted as saying in a column in the Austin-American Statesman. "I ate everything from spaghetti to frozen bananas. The bananas were evidently frozen because of the cold weather, which brought the temperatures to the zero mark."

So, Purcell really likes to run. Believe it or not, he has recently ran in worse conditions than he faced in the Dallas race.

In the fall of 1991, he ran the Denville Blue Light Trail 100, a 100-mile rocky Colorado trail that exceeds heights of 12,000 feet. Purcell completed the run in an average of 28 minutes and 44 seconds.

Moreover, Purcell has run more than 50 marathons, including 40-mile, 50-mile and the 100-mile race and the Vermont 100-mile Endurance Run in July of last year.

Purcell likes to run in the log races, he said, because he gets exhausted. But he also doesn't mind sprinting in short races, such as the Nicholas County Blackberry Festival 5K Run in which he competed.

He is involved in sports most of the time when he comes back home for a visit, said his sister Freda Sparks of Mayville Road.

"He comes back in the summer and different times to visit. He knows quite a few of the local people. Kimball

Both and some of them even played rival basketball one time," Sparks said.

For a 56-year-old, Purcell is in wonderful shape. Running and his love for other sports which require exertion has probably been a big factor in keeping him young.

"For a few years, he played golf. That was the least stressful thing he's done," said Sparks.

Purcell was only a year old when he and his family moved from their home on U.S. 68 in Nicholas County to Paris.

He was a very young Bourbon County when he became a sports enthusiast.

"At Paris City School, he played star-basketball, and went to state. He played football and baseball, too," Sparks said. "He was also in the Navy for two years."

In 1956, Purcell married Carol Meringer of Paris, with whom he has three children and five grandchildren.

In 1967, the couple moved to Austin, where Purcell retired from IBM in 1991. Ever since then, he's been running most of the time in the wild west.

"He runs every year to celebrate his birthday," Sparks said. "He runs every year to celebrate his birthday."

In March of this year, Purcell will have to run 57 miles to keep with that tradition. But for the Nicholas County-born ultra-runner, 57 miles will just be like an early-evening walk.

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Billy Purcell has run in more than 160 distance races, and at age 56, is still running. He is known in Austin, Texas as an "ultra-runner" because of his ability to withstand miles and miles of running.

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# Sponsors needed for food service programs in area

The Department of Education is taking applications for sponsors to operate the 1993 Summer Food Service Program in Kentucky.

The program provides meals to children during extended school vacation periods. In most areas, the program operates from May until September in schools, playgrounds and parks.

Public or private nonprofit schools, units of local, municipal, county or state government and public or private nonprofit agencies may qualify as sponsors in areas where at least 50 percent of the children are eligible for free or reduced price school lunches.

Residential summer camps where enrollment includes needy children may also act as sponsors. Qualified sponsors are reimbursed for operating and administrative expenses on a current basis.

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