

SPORTS

Bluejackets drop second game of season to Madison Southern, 6-0

By Hamilton Mathew Harris
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BEREA - The Nicholas County Bluejackets variety football team traveled to Berea Friday night and dropped their first road game in the Madison Southern Eagles, 6-0.

"I told the players before the game that conditions were bad, but every game is decided by the team that makes the minimum amount of mistakes and has the least turnovers. Friday night that team was Madison Southern," Greg Letcher, head coach, said.

"We had five turnovers to their one.

"Each team had a tremendous amount of penalties, but our penalties came in critical situations, that hurt us."

Nicholas fumbled four times and was penalized 55 yards in total while Madison Southern fumbled once and was penalized a total of 65 yards.

Madison Southern put the only points on the board in the first quarter as James Hill, the Eagles' leading rusher, took the ball north to south for a touchdown.

"James Hill has started variety since the eighth

grade. He is 6'2, 250 pounds, runs a 4.8 40 and was a state champ in shot put. He's got the speed, strength, he's an all around package, all you could ask for as a coach in a football player," Letcher said.

But even Hill couldn't get the package back over the line for another Eagle TD as the Bluejackets defense stopped the rush at every turn.

"Our defense did well, they had a good offensive line and a lot of people who could contribute," Letcher said.

"It took more than one hit many times, we've got to become a more aggressive ball

team, ready to take them down on the first hit."

Nicholas County had a good chance to score during the fourth quarter as they took it to the line three consecutive times, but the clock worked against the Bluejackets and counted down before Nicholas County could score.

Jerry Watkins, running back and linebacker led Nicholas County in attempted rushes carrying the ball 14 times for 30 yards.

Bluejackets' Nick Page followed up with nine carries and 78 yards.

Watkins also led the Blue-

jackets in tackles with five, two assists and blocked one punt.

Blaise Keating led Nicholas in passing, making five throwing attempts and completing three for 49 yards.

Nicholas County squares off against Fairview at home on Friday at 8 p.m.

"Fairview beat Lewis County last Friday night, this should be just about the best team Fairview has had in a long time," Letcher said.

"Nathan Holbrook is their leading rusher, last year he was the leading rusher in the state and in my opinion he is

the leading candidate for Kentucky Mr. Football," Letcher said.

"The key to winning the Bluejackets' second home game is control on both lines of scrimmage."

"Offensively, we've got to keep the ball out of their hands and into ours."

"We've got to manage the clock in our favor, control possession and capitalize on the chance we have."

"This is going to be a tough game for us, the first game in our district, and we've got to approach it with a good attitude, because we can win if we play the cards right."

Herd stops Morehead offense cold, takes season opener

By Hank Bond
Park Newspapers

HUNTINGTON, WV - From the coin toss on, Saturday's opener between Marshall and Morehead went the way of the Thundering Herd.

Marshall took the opening kick and drove to the Morehead 30 before turning the ball over to the Mike Comer punted on the 35-yard line.

The Eagles picked up a quick first down, on only eight in the game, as Pete Ruby had a six yard run, and Phil Dixon added a five yard carry.

With the ball first and on the Eagles' 48, Morehead failed to pick up a first down and Marshall had the ball at the Thundering Herd's 17.

The teams traded possession twice, before the host Herd could count but a line field goal in the first quarter on a 38 yard field goal by David Merrick. The host came with 12 seconds left in the game and three at their own 32.

The Eagles took the ball into the second quarter, but failed to move for a first down, and Marshall took the ball at the Herd's 42.

Again the hosts could not get the ball into the end zone and was forced to kick on the other field goal. Merrick's kick of 38 yards, was good, and Marshall had a 6-0 advantage with 9:14 to play in the first half.

Merrick took the kickoff with Casey Hill for the full point conversion, and Marshall was on top 14-0 with 6:07 left in the first half.

Morehead and Marshall traded possession, before the Eagles got the ball at their own 33 with 3:36 to play before the break.

The offense began to struggle, and the Eagles faced a third and three at their own 39. Ruby was able to get only one yard, and Brad Wallick came on to punt.

The kick carried only nine yards and the Herd was off to the races.

Fielding the punt at the Morehead 48, Marshall's other field goal. Merrick's kick of 38 yards, was good, and Marshall had a 6-0 advantage with 9:14 to play in the first half.

Todd Donson connected with Casey Hill for the full point conversion, and Marshall was on top 14-0 with 6:07 left in the first half.

The Herd moved quickly. In five plays, the herd more the Morehead 19 and had time for a couple plays.

Donson found Will Brown in the end zone from 18 yards out to count the touchdown. Merrick added the extra point and Marshall went to the locker room with the lead.

The second half offered little relief from a strong Marshall team.

On first and 10 at the Morehead 21 the Eagles' Rontae Bass fumbled. Roger Johnson scooped up the ball at the 35 and raced to paydirt. Merrick's kick was good and Marshall led 20-0.

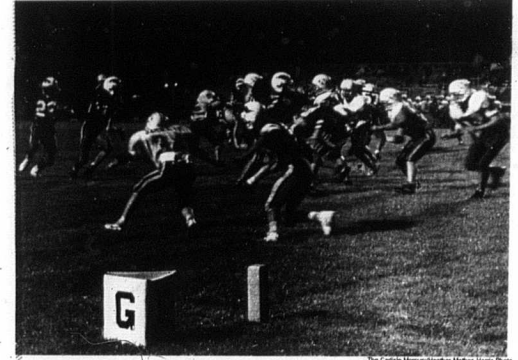
Marshall added another score following a MSU fumble, with 6:00 to play in the third quarter.

Donson connected with Will Brown from 20 yards away and Merrick's point after kick made it 26-0.

The host Herd added three scores in the final quarter on a one yard run and two passes of 25 and 30 yards from backup quarterback Chad O'Brien. Marshall 1-0.

Morehead @ Alt. Birmingham

MSU MU
First Down 8 25
Rushes 46 43
Net Yards 127 - 139
Passing A-C 1-9-30 21-29-0
Pass Yards 30 282
Fumbles/lost 3-3 1-2
Penalties/Yds 5/87 6/434
Turnovers Morehead 9-1
Marshall 1-0
Morehead @ Alt. Birmingham



Nicholas County Bluejacket Nick Page, 5'9, 150 pound, senior running back and center, looks to close the gap on Madison Southern's James Hill.

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GENERAL NEWS

Radon potential threat to families; testing urged by official

By Hamilton Mathew Harris
Of The Carlisle Memory Staff

CARLISLE - Every family in Nicholas County could be exposed today to a potentially hazardous radioactive gas called radon in their homes right now.

Radon is estimated to cause between 7,000 and 30,000 deaths per year; that's more than drownings, fires and airline crashes.

And according to Ann Mulholland of the Cytusina Health Department, radon is one of the leading causes of lung cancer, second only to cigarette smoking.

"When I presented a program at the Nicholas County Library, there were 10 people who showed up to get information on radon and a free testing kit. And taking into consideration the fact that many people are not aware of radon or how it may affect their family, I thought that was a pretty good turn out," Mulholland said.

And anyone may be suscep-

tible to dangerous radon accumulation and ensuing contamination.

"Radon is found at high levels in every state in America," Mulholland said.

"Geographically, it does not matter where you are located, whether you are in the city or country and it also does not matter how old your house is."

But Mulholland reports that there are two significant factors which are more susceptible to radon exposure than others.

"Smokers, who are already

predisposed to upper and lower respiratory problems, are especially sensitive to radon. And even children, who spend most of the time in the basement, are also especially sensitive," Mulholland said.

"But what exactly is radon? Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas primarily found in soil. It is tasteless, odorless, invisible, Mulholland said.

And since this killer is invisible, families often unaware of its detrimental and potentially harmful effects.

The Environmental Protection Agency, short term testing is the quickest way to determine if a potential radon problem exists.

"The most common testing devices on the market right now are charcoal canisters, short term detectors and alpha track detectors.

Short term testing should be conducted in the lowest living area of the home, such as a basement or crawl space, doors and windows should be shut tightly and the test should be conducted in the longest part of the year.

Even though short term testing is the quickest device for testing, long term testing is more accurate.

Consumers should make sure all testing kits bought for long term testing are checked from a hardware or retail store for about \$4 to \$15, but have successfully completed the EPA Radon Measurement Proficiency Program.

After testing is complete, and if radon is detected, removal of radon can be a quick process.

"Contractors who are quali-

fyed are trained through the EPA, and have their certification on their person and home owners should make sure they are qualified," Mulholland said.

"What they do is seal cracks in the basement or crawl space, or if the radon is seeping through vents they can use sand to get the air out from ground plumbing and pipes."

Retesting during more than one season is advisable to make sure the contractors have done their job efficiently.

"Usually contractors will do a retest to double check their work," Mulholland said.

"Most people do not realize what a hazard they are harboring in their homes, and over a period of 25 years, with children playing in the basement or downstairs, it gets scary to think of what the repercussions might be."

For testing information, most people on radon and a list of EPA qualified contractors call 502-664-3700.

Rules to protect water drafted

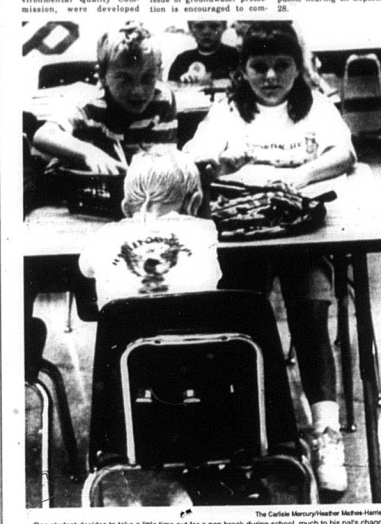
Regulations intended to protect groundwater in Kentucky have been drafted by the Division of Water and are now available for comment before a public hearing that is set for Tuesday, September 28, in Frankfort.

The regulations, which have been reviewed by the Environmental Quality Commission, were developed

through a negotiation process with a consensus task force made up of representatives of many affected parties, including agriculture, business, environmental groups, and industry. Publication of the regulations in the Administrative Register of Kentucky is set for September 1.

Anyone interested in the issue of groundwater protection is encouraged to contact

ment on these regulations. Copies are available from the Groundwater Branch, Division of Water, Frankfort Office, Park, 14 Kelly Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. The telephone number is 502/564-5410. Business hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All comments must be submitted no later than the close of the public hearing on September 28.



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