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high instead of posting low. On the offensive end, the Lady Rebels, not only double teamed Denkins, but triple teamed Nicholas County's big center, cutting her off from the ball and effectively shutting down the Lady Jacket offense as Nicholas entered the difficult column on shooting percentage.



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Height powered up beneath the basket and rediscovered her magic shot at the baseline, sending the Lady Jackets up by three and Casey County into timeout.

After Buis missed two crucial shots for Casey County, Nicholas took a tentative one point lead to close the third quarter of a low scoring game, 25-22.

The Lady Rebels continued to triple-team Denkins in the paint, but body fouled her as she muddled for the ball. Denkins went two for two at the line.

But after two fouls, one on Denkins, her first, and one on Schanding, her third, Nicholas County called a timeout.

Short assisted Hopkins for a basket, but after Buis and Julie Castello both hit ringers, the score was tied 29-29 with 2:22 left.

In crunch time, Nicholas County's shot fell short and they were left to pour on the pressured man to man, full court defense.

Schanding was fouled after she stole the ball from a leaping Clay County defender and made an effort at the shot. However, with 30 seconds to play, neither one of Schanding's shots found their mark and Casey County called a timeout.

At the clock wound down, Kelli Latrell put the final nail in the Lady Rebels victory with an uncontested jumper goal.

Denkins led scoring with 17 points and 12 rebounds. Hopkins followed with eight points. Jones and Schanding, two points each. George, nine rebounds; Sibert, five rebounds.

"We had every opportunity to win this game. And every kid out there had a good opportunity to shoot. All I can say is - we played miserably," Kenney said.

Between three of our starters we had 10 mistakes. If our kids want to win they are going to have to work harder at practice and really get down to business. I was pleased with Melanie Jones' game, she played well."

"We're going to have to take it one game at a time and play to our potential every time."

**LITTLE LEAGUE RESULTS**

Postmaster Charles Watkins said the post office was busy, even earlier in the week, preparing to deliver mail despite the weather.

Little League Basketball games that were scheduled for January 15 and 16 were cancelled due to bad weather. The games for January 22 and 23 are as follows:

**Sunday, January 23, 1994**  
High School  
1 p.m. Hornets vs. Rebels  
2 p.m. Celtics vs. Patriots  
3 p.m. Phillies vs. Panthers  
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**1994 Girls' All "A" Regional  
Tournament Preview**

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**NCHS hosts  
tournament**

By Heather Mathes-Harris  
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

**CARLISLE** - Nicholas County High School will be hosting both the Girls 1994 All A Regional Tournament as well as the Boys this year.

Tournament Director, and teacher Nicholas County High School, Sus Kirby, said the tournament could not have occurred if not for the collaboration of high school and elementary faculty, staff at the board office and both schools and community residents.

"This is not just an effort by the athletic department, every one pitches in where they are needed. These tournaments have been a collaboration on behalf of the entire Nicholas County community," Kirby said.

And not just a game does a tournament make.

Advertisements for programs must be sold programs must be printed. All the information and pictures from visiting teams must be gathered for the program. Not to mention hospital rooms, refreshments for teams and cheerleaders, changing rooms, parking, referees, volunteers, referees and security - and the list goes on.

"First of all the referees were assigned by the Assigning Secretary of the KHSAA, Jerry Pickrell. We have to have two for every game, 28 in total. Qualifications are handled out of that office as well, but they must be provided with a place in which to change and refreshments are provided as well," Kirby said.

Items for the hospitality rooms are being provided by Cross Road Chevron, Laytara Grocery, Almer's at Blue Licks, Crockett's ShopWise and Carlisle IGA.

"The entire Home Economics department at the high school is getting everything together and set up," Kirby said.

"Whenever we had tournaments in the past and were responsible for hospitality rooms we had to cart everything here and there, but now we are at an advantage by having this here. Security will also be provided by local officials."

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Kim Denkins, Nicholas County High School senior, is the topped ranked player in Region 10 according to officials at the State All A Classic Basketball and has officially signed with the University of Kentucky.

**1993 All A  
Champs  
look for  
repeat win**

By Heather Mathes-Harris  
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**CARLISLE** - When looking ahead to the All A Regional Tournament, Head Nicholas County Coach Barbara Kenney said, "These kids always have a way of surprising you, you never know when they will overachieve all your expectations."

Nicholas County's first of the home hosted tourney sees the Lady Jackets facing off against the Paris Greyhounds. If Nicholas County comes out on top of that match they expect to face Mayville St. Patrick.

"Our original goal is to try and win this tournament, but we've got to take one game at a time and not county any team out, you never know who's going to come up strong and want the win as bad as you do. Anything can happen during a tournament," Kenney said.

Nicholas expects Bath County will also be a favorite in the tournament.

"They have the capability of coming up and surprising us, but we've first got to concentrate on beating Paris and St. Patrick first," Kenney said.

The Lady Jackets' coach is also looking to Nicholas County's schedule in the weeks ahead.

"We've got some pretty tough opponents to face. And there is some really good teams out there this year, we play Holy Cross, Grant County, Lexington Catholic, Madison Central, Bryan Station and Montgomery County has a great team too," Kenney said.

It is presumptuous of me to think this far ahead, but we've got to plan and practice strategy and be ready when the time comes."

Notable polls have ranked Nicholas County anywhere from three to 15 in the state.

"I certainly don't think we should be ranked any lower than 15, but you know, we don't even look at those polls. We play one game at a time, shoot for good execution, because those polls

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The 1993-1994 Nicholas County Lady Jackets are ranked number one in Region 10 according to officials at the State All A Classic. Seated front row, left to right are: Elizabeth Schanding, Shantia McKeith, Tawana Livingston, Michelle Hopkins, Jennifer Wilgosity and Tara George. Left to right, standing are: Assistant Coaches Mike Kethney and Penny Bretz, Alesia Sibert, Rebecca Jolly, Kim Denkins, Danna Livingston, Jennifer Caswell, Rebecca McCloth and Head NCHS Coach Barbara Kenney.