

## 1994 Girls' All "A" Regional Tournament Preview

### Region 10 coaches identify strengths Speculate on Nicholas County's chances . . .

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**CARLISLE** — Other teams competing in the Girls All A Regional Tournament hosted at Nicholas County represent Mayville St. Patrick, Bath County, Augusta, Deming, Paris, and Brecken County. Mayville St. Patrick's Head Coach Ron Rube speculated on his team's performance.

"I assume Nicholas County will win out over Paris, they are ranked third in the state in some polls and no lower than 10th, so I think that is the strongest possibility," Rube said.

"We got the by and will play Nicholas County in the fifth game."

"Nicholas County does have more strength than we do, they are a good rebounding team, they shoot well. They are just a good team all the way across the board. But we have been working on our rebounding skills and we do shoot well on occasion. All I can say is we'll give it a shot."

"Resides Nicholas County, I think the second favorite has to be Bath County out of that league bracket. They are a little stronger than the other teams in that bracket and I think they'll do well. We are looking forward to coming to Nicholas County to play."

Bath County Head Coach Janie Robinson said one of her best players, Dawn Snedegar, was injured in a game against Mason County last week which hurt Bath County's chances of a trip to the State All A Tournament.

"We don't look for any game we play in the All A to be a

blowout by any means, but I feel like the choice for finalists have to include Nicholas County," Robinson said.

"Dawn Snedegar went down on her knee in the first quarter of our game against Mason County, and our other players just did not do so well without her."

The possibility of Snedegar playing in the regional tournament at Nicholas County was not commented upon at press time.

"And I feel we do have other strengths, we have a good outside shooter, all our players are pretty aggressive and they give it all they've got every time they go out on the floor," Robinson said.

Don Irvine, head coach of Augusta, is looking forward to a close game with the Lady Devils of Deming.

"I'd say our first game will be one to watch," Irvine said.

"We played Deming the first game of the year and they led us the whole game. We were 12 points down and came back to tie it up. In overtime, we ran 10 points ahead and won the ballgame."

"That was on our home floor, since the All A will be played in Nicholas County we will be playing on a neutral floor, so they may be more of an opponent. And if they might have won the game at the first of the season (they had led us down their guard during the last three minutes)."

Irvine also speculated on the type of play Augusta would implement if they got into a game with Nicholas County.

"We would have to keep the

game up tempo and stick to playing our style of game," Irvine said.

"We wouldn't adjust our game plan significantly, but we would do the best we could. Our weakness as of late has been our defense, but we've made improvements and we have been shooting the ball better. We're looking forward to the tournament."

Brecken County Head Coach Mike Appelman said his team's first opponent, Bath County, will prove to be a challenge.

"We've only scouted them once, but they have two awfully good guards who can score and handle the ball, but we have some strengths also," Appelman said.

"Our biggest strength is our quickness — that and the fact this team is so coachable. They gain more knowledge about the game everyday and they are willing to work hard for it."

"But these players are so young. We don't have any seniors, three juniors, one sophomore and one freshman. But we will do what we do well, the half-court, trap and full-court pressure. We're going to try and keep the ball in our hands as much as possible."

"Now Nicholas County beat us like a drum the last time we have done. We haven't been beat, but by anyone except Nicholas County and we're going to try to do some things which will help us even more."

"It's going to be a daylight."

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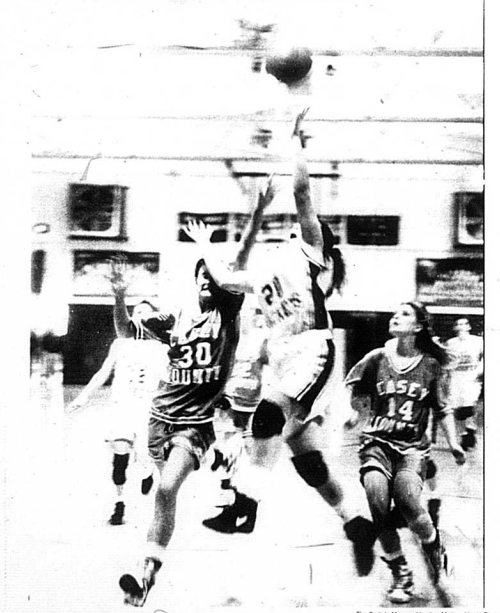
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Elizabeth Schandig, Nicholas County High School senior and member of the Lady Jackets, goes for the soft lay-up during Nicholas' match-up with Casey County.

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### Organization

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Carlisle Police Department and the Nicholas County Sheriff's Department are all donating their time to help with security. When you have this many people, since seven girls teams and nine boys teams will be represented in the All A, extra security is needed, and we really appreciate them "helping out," Kirby said.

The Nicholas County Ambulance Service will also be present at the tournament for emergency medical attention and transportation.

"They will still be on call for the rest of the county, and will be parked in a place readily accessible in case they should have to leave, but they will be in attendance every night in case we need them on hand," Kirby said.

"The tournament also received donations from Small's Greenhouse for flowers in the hospitality rooms, the City of Carlisle has provided barbecues, Peppie Cole is providing drinks for all athletic teams and Little

Debbie's will provide snack cakes for cheerleaders' hospitality room.

Kirby and other members of the Nicholas County Athletic Department have also speculated on parking problems during the tourney.

"We anticipated large crowds because we are hoping for a large Nicholas County turnout, but also because these schools are so close they will probably bring a large amount of fans," Kirby said.

"Chevron has donated parking at their location. If that parking is utilized and if others are forced to park at the base of the hill, whatever bus drivers have donated their time in order to shuttle spectators to the high school."

"The Rotary and Lions Clubs will direct traffic and park cars on school grounds."

And students at the high school will represent Nicholas County as hosts during the tourney.

"Members of the Nicholas County High School Student Council will be there to meet each team and stay with that team. They will be located at the Nicholas County. They are representatives of our county and I believe they will do well," Kirby said.

"The student council will be easily identifiable, because they will be wearing blue shirts with NCHS Student Council on them."

"And our visiting cheerleaders will be hosted as well. The boy's cheerleaders will host the girls teams, and when it comes time for the boy's tournament, the girls' cheerleaders will act as hosts."

Although space is limited in NCHS, Kirby has made room for all the necessities.

"We have provided room for three hospitality rooms as well as a room for every cheerleading team and every basketball team. Even though space is limited, we have made accommodations," Kirby said.

"We will also be hosting three radio stations and other press

from surrounding towns. WCYN will be broadcasting during every game in the tournament. They will be located at the scores table. WPTM and the radio station in Bath County will broadcast their team's games."

And other community members are also playing a vital part of the tourney. Mark Vico will be scorekeeper, Jim Galbraith, announcer, Billy Hunter and Bob Lane, time keepers and Richard Gardner is moving all the extra school buses behind the bus garage to make way for additional parking.

Other various volunteers will take care of two doors — one for passes and the other for paid tickets.

"We honor KPOS and KHSAA passes. Tickets will be \$3 around the board. Ticket money is split between all participating schools," Kirby said.

"But as you see, this is a collaborative effort, everyone is pulling together, and that in itself is something to be proud of."

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### NCHS Coach

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good players that were in there in the pressure when it counted," Kirby said.

"That all of our starters have stuck in there, come-out ready to play, executed well and really surprised us. Even when we have played a team who could not execute as well they played their game and didn't get sloppy."

"That's important, you have to be pleased with that. I know we are."

**Tournament Coverage**  
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**Bath County Lady Cats**  
25- Robyn Rison; 10- Brandy Bromagen; 44- Jill Crouch; 20- Lacey Hart; 15- Dawn Snedegar; 33- Pam Moore; 11- Julie Cochran; 12- Kellie Cochran; 30- Pennie Tubbs; 23- Erica Williams; 4- Cherynee Bromagen; 22- Starla Medina.  
Head Coach- Janie Robinson; Assistant Coach-Twana Hutton; Manager- Kelly Hart.

**Augusta Lady Panthers**  
20- Dana Bach; 38- Kathy Cox; 55- Angie Bleivins; 42- Kristi Johnson; 21- LeAnn King; 41- Vanessa Plummer; 10- Amy Ketsch; 50- Elizabeth Taylor; 31- Robin Weiss; 30- Jill Tucker. Head Coach-Don S. Irvine; Assistant Coach- Robin Ketsch.

**Deming Devils**  
22- Monica Curtis; 32/11- Elicha Insko; 24- Jennifer Fooks; 25/23- Delilah Poe; 14- Becky Courtney; 12/3- Glenda Hesler; 21- Lauren White; 11/25- LeAnn McConnell; 20/15- Jenny Turner; 5/8- Misty Conley. Head Coach- Jeremy McCloud.



Nicholas County High School lady jacket Melanie Jones was Johnny on the Spot right when she was needed during Nicholas County's game last Saturday afternoon. "Melanie had a good game. I was pleased with her performance." Head Coach Barbara Kenney said.