

1994 Girls' All "A" Regional Tournament Preview

Recap told of 1993 team from All A to State
In the beginning there was a little team...

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CARLISLE: The week of February 18-19, 1994, was proclaimed Nicholas County High School Lady Jackets Week after the team claimed the championship of the Class A State Tournament and began writing history for Nicholas County athletics.

But every story has a beginning, and the Lady Jackets program has been building and rebuilding. The 1993 trip to the state tourney began with a win in the region hosted by Denning.

Before facing the final game of the regional against Bath County, Nicholas County defeated Paris and St. Patrick. Nicholas County High School Lady Jackets 25 point marginal win over Bath County, Nicholas County was ranked seventh in the late State Post-tournament points behind the state favored Clay County.

Following the regional tourney, Kim Denkins and Christie Hutton was named to the Famous Recipe All-Tournament Team and the Class A All-Tournament Team. Hutton was also named to the Class A All-Aca-

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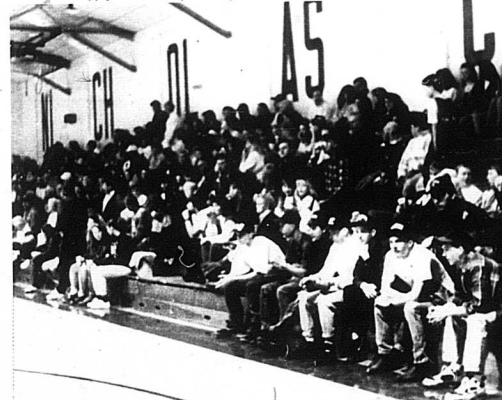
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Alesia Stribt, Nicholas County High School senior and a member of the Lady Jacket squad gets down to the business she knows best - basketball. She is enjoying her fourth and final year as a Lady Jacket.



Community support has always been tremendous for Nicholas County athletics and residents of Nicholas County have fanned out in droves this season to cheer on the Lady Jackets. The Casey County game hosted a gym full of fans even though they game was moved back from 5 p.m. until 2 p.m. due to inclement weather.

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The Kentucky All-A Classic is a state-wide basketball tournament for schools with all enrollment of less than 425 students in grades 10, 12, A 16-team boys and a 16-team girls basketball tournament will be conducted during the 5 day period of February 2-6.

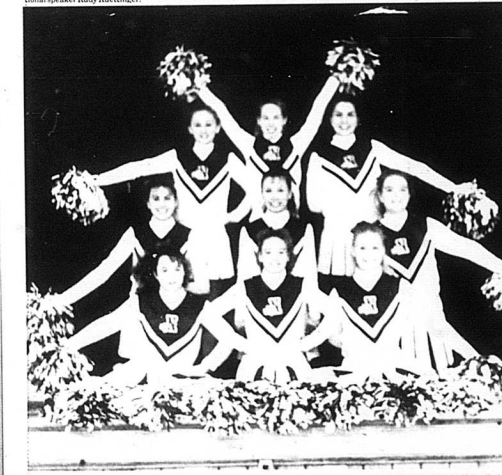
An overview of the schedule is as follows:

Session 1 9 AM, 10:30 AM, Noon, 1:30 PM Feb. 2 McBrayer Arena Girls 1st Round.
Session 2 5 PM, 6:30 PM, 8 PM, 9:30 PM Feb. 2 McBrayer Arena Girls 1st Round.
Session 3 9 AM, 10:30 AM, Noon, 1:30 PM Feb. 3 McBrayer Arena Boys 1st Round.
Session 4 2 PM, 4:30 PM, 8 PM, 9:30 PM Feb. 3 McBrayer Arena Boys 1st Round.
Session 5 9 AM, 10:30 AM, Noon, 1:30 PM Feb. 4 McBrayer Arena Girls Quarter-Finals.
Session 6 5 PM, 6:30 PM, 8 PM, 9:30 PM Feb. 4 McBrayer Arena Boys Quarter-Finals.
Session 7 9 AM & 11:30 AM Feb. 5 McBrayer Arena Girls Semi-Finals.
Session 8 1:30 PM & 3:00 PM Feb. 5 McBrayer Arena Boys Semi-Finals.
Session 9 1 PM & 3 PM Feb. 6 McBrayer Arena Girls and Boys Finals.

The purpose of the basketball tournament is to allow smaller high schools in Kentucky an opportunity to compete in basketball on a more equal basis; to showcase the athletes from smaller schools who sometimes do not get the same recognition as athletes from the larger high schools; and to offer the people of Kentucky another opportunity to enjoy top quality basketball. The Kentucky All "A" Classic is not only a basketball tournament but a full program for the smaller schools. In 1994, the All "A" Classic will provide over 10,000 smaller school students with the opportunity to actively participate in a state-wide academic scholarship competition; two different cheerleading competitions; and the organizer of a state-wide Fellowship Youth Rally featuring inspirational and motivational speaker Rudy Ruettinger.



Mike Trusty, Nicholas County High School Senior Band member, plays the saxophone to the tune of the National Anthem before Lady Jacket home ballgame. The NCHS Band, under the direction of Eric Hale, has been a big supporter of Nicholas County athletics, playing at all home events.



The 1993-1994 Lady Jackets Cheerleading Team, under the direction of Sue Kirby, Aleshette Ritchie and Kaye Eastwine, will act as hosts for visiting boys cheerleading teams during the boys All A tourney. They include: bottom row, left to right: Rhonda Wilkins, Chandra Evans, Lisa Livingston; second row, left to right: Shannon Wheaton, Kristy Stone, Melissa Smith; Top row, left to right: Jacquelin Smith, Angela Livingston and Erica Russell.

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Bracken County Lady Bears
12- Renea LaMonda; 20- Allison McKinney;
22- Marsha Dischar; 32- Angela Jefferson; 54-
Katie Mains; 14- Amberlie Appelman; 34-
Stephanie Sharp; 40- Tera Lonaker; 5- Shan-
non Chitwood; 44- Nikki Rechin; 3- Anita
Jefferson; 10- Trisha Fite. Head Coach- Mike
Appelman.

Nicholas County Lady Jackets
52- Kim Denkins; 53- Michella Hopkins; 41-
Tawnya Livingston; 20- Elizabeth Schandling;
35- Alesia Stribt; 33- Jennifer Willoughby; 12-
Tara George; 51- Melanie Jones; 04- Danita
Livingood; 44- Rebecca Jolly; 03- Becky
McClothin; 40- Jennifer Caswell. Head Coach-
Barbara Kenney, Assistant Coaches- Mike
Kenney, Penny Stritz.

Saint Patrick Shamrocks
3- Jennifer Schumacher; 21- Cynthia Howard;
11- Amy Powers; 10- Anna Mary Roush; 30-
Christine Lim; 32- Elizabeth Klee; 40- Elizabeth
Bone; 20- Stacy Curtis; 15- Nicole Wilson; 33-
Michelle Muse; 12- Christina Curtis.

Paris Lady Hounds
55- Barbara Kenney; 40- Shakira Myers; 50- Janiele
Cross; 21- Mary Elliot; 3- Crystal Alfred; 30- Rhonda
Jones; 25- Dawnnyell Ohtman; 4- Ashley Murray; 32-
Tanasha Myers; 14- Kanka Stout; 20- Kelli Fields; 24-
Amy McCracken; 45- Marilyn Oliver; 10- Danielle Barnes;
5- Nada Hufschel. Head Coach- Connie Appelman; As-
sistant Coaches- Rob Mazzie, Holt Steward; Managers-
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