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Coaches

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good, basic ball," Harrison said.

"And if we can get there, and Paris comes out of that lower bracket, it should be a fantastic ballgame."

Augusta's Tom Appleman said his young team would go out and play hard.

"We start three sophomores and our other two starters have never started on a varsity team before," Appleman said.

"We don't have a very special game plan at this point, but we are going to go out and play hard."

Coach Appleman does believe many teams in the tourney are on equal footing according to the amount of playing ability, experience and talent - but he does have a couple favorites for the finals.

"Tollesboro and Paris both seem to be playing up to their potential at this time. But St. Patrick could sneak in there and surprise everbody," Appleman said.

Saint Patrick will face Bath County in its first game. But Head Coach Lex Turner said he hopes this game won't be a repeat of the last one in which the Saints faced Bath County - and lost.

"We had a lot of fouls, and they can really shoot from that free throw line, they hit 21 out of 24," Turner said.

"And we had an enormous amount of unforced turnovers. We have a pretty good defense, we've just got to protect the ball much better, concentrate on ball handling and stay aggressive without fouling so much."

Turner also made predictions on the best games to watch.

"I believe Tollesboro and Paris will come out of that bottom bracket, and that will be the game to watch. Everyone is pretty evenly matched out of the bottom bracket, so just about any team could emerge on top there," Turner said.

Deming Head Coach, Joe Bane, said practice times have come few and far between for the Robertson County team.

"I think Robertson County got more snow than any county in the state - we haven't been able to practice all week," Bane said.

"But conditions have been tough for everyone in this tournament."

Despite the lack of practice time due to inclement weather, Bane said his team still has strengths upon which to draw.

"We've been staying close to the teams we've been playing. This is a smart ball club, they take good shots, so I feel like we'll fare pretty well in the All A," Bane said.

But Bane said that even though all teams have lacked practice time, most were already evenly matched.

"As far as picking favorites - I have absolutely no idea. You could really flip a coin on the possibilities here, but that makes for good ballgames," Bane said.

Deming Devils

30- Jason Turner; 4 Damian Houchens; 23- Stephen Staggs; 34- Les Gifford; 24- Chad Thompson; 22- Kenny Whalen; 00- Frankie Moore; 10- Josh Poe; 55- Charles Buckler; 15- Pierce Curtis; 11- Seth Lally; 44- Mac McBride.

Augusta Panthers

33- Ron Routt; 25- Larry Hafer; 52- Brad Lathem; 23- Jonathon Amos; 21- Chris Bowles; 55- Brian Harrison; 13- Patrick Kelsch; 51- Kris Larkins; 31- Timmy Nickason; 35- Tony Ruf; 11- Anthony Hargett; 15- Phillip Hargett; 41- Doug Bonar; 43- Jason White.

Paris Greyhounds

3- Broch Allen; 21- Bud Clemons; 24- Justin Brown; 32- Milari Perkusic; 5- Cory Dumphord; 4- B.T. Dumphord; 23- Michael T. Scott; 43- Joey Akemon; 3- Brain Fomas; 10- Tyrone Taylor; 11- Shawn Ransom; 22- Corey Chisolm; 45- John Berry; 20- Chad Roberts; 33- Mondre Saunders; 14- Maurice Garrard; 30- Vincent Clark; 40- Clint Sims; 15- Terry Dumphord; Jody Pope; 35- Kevin Chenault; 41- Antajuan Dumphord; 34- Tim Chenault; Craig Clark; 25- Derek Robinson. Head Coach- Bob Eades Assistant Coaches- Terrance Brooks, Cary Barr.

Bluejacket defenders knock away a potential two-pointer in season play.

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Beginnings of Classic told

Through the efforts of coaches like Stan Steidel of Dayton, Bill Frey of Holy Cross and others, the inception of a small school basketball tournament began in January of 1980.

The first Class A Tournament was held at Holy Cross High School in Latonia with eight teams. In 1982 it moved to Bellevue with ten teams, all from Northern Kentucky.

The 1982 to 1989 Classic went statewide by inviting six Class A schools from around the state to compete with the ten northern Kentucky schools.

In 1990 the All A Classic experienced a dream come true. A statewide championship tournament with sixteen boys regional tournament winners competing in Lexington in February.

In 1991 the All A Classic expanded to include the field of 16 boys regional winners and included 4 girls sectional winners competing in the statewide finals.

In 1992, the statewide tournament again expanded to include 8 girls teams and in 1993 included the full complement of 16 boys and 16 girls teams.

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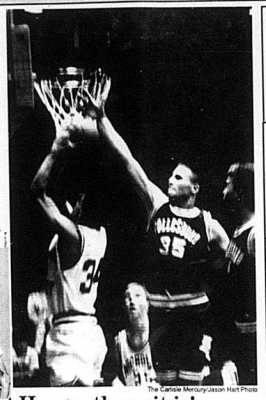

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Hoops, there it is!

A Nicholas County Bluejacket takes it straight to the hoop, despite the protests of the opposition.

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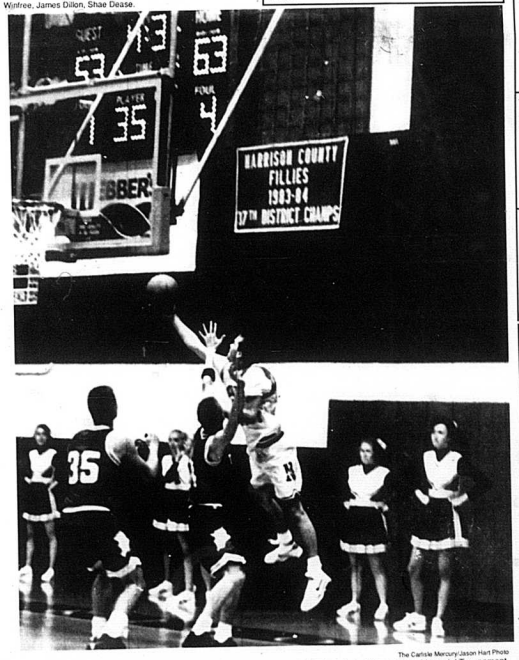

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Israel Stacy strains to get the two-pointer in the Bluejackets' victory over Tollesboro in the Woody Crum Memorial Tournament.

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