

Boys' All "A" Regional Tournament Preview

O'Hearn.....
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some history to set for their school."

Paris has always had a legacy of fine athletic teams and is ranked second in the All A by a state director's poll. The Greyhound Cory Humphreys is ranked third in Region 10.

"Paris has always had super-talented, super-athletic players," O'Hearn said. Alvin Sims, who graduated from Paris in 1983, set the record for the most field goals in one game - 16 to count - and went on to play for the Louisville Cardinals.

"Sims' brother Clinton is starting to play and he is coming on, so I think, looking especially to the future, that Paris will be a force to be reckoned with," O'Hearn said.

The head coach believes one of the biggest factors toward making it to the finals - and beyond - is compensation.

"We've got to play good pressure ball, taking on the man, to - man, full court pressure and running it down," O'Hearn said.

"We don't play a lot of bigger teams on the way to the finals, some may have more quickness, but most of them don't have the size."

"We're going to have to double team the ball, score off their defense, and keep from making those unforced turnovers."

"Paris and Tollesboro have more strength and size. What we have to do is shut down their big people on the inside, compensate for that size with what we've got and can use."

O'Hearn also said patience and concentration is the key - and not "counting too many eggs before they are hatched."

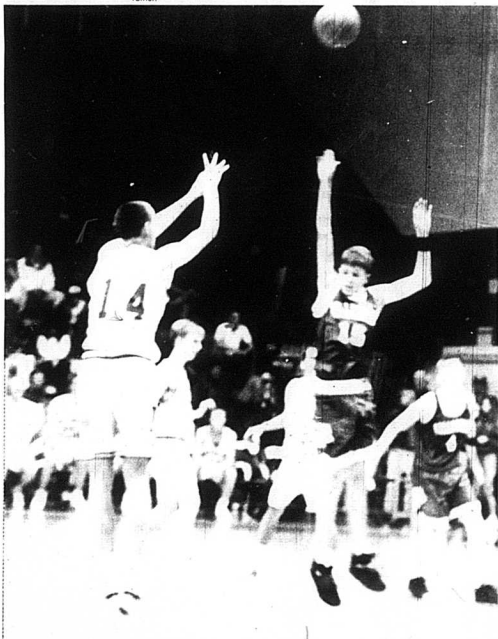
"We've got to take one game at a time, it is very important we don't overlook what may seem easy and look too far ahead," O'Hearn said. "When you do that you ignore what is right in front of you and that's a luxury we can't afford." The Bluejackets have not been able to practice because of ongoing inclement weather. But Nicholas County looks to get back on track over the weekend and the first of the week.

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Saint Patrick Saints

22- Previs Kirk; 15- Clay Adams; 44- Chris Davis; 12- Bobby Guntley; 20- Aaron Rigdon; 1- Brian Tucker; 31- Brian Yurker; 55- Kursten Walton; 3- Russ Young; 40- Billy Davis; 43- Butl Corway; 33- Brian Bispo; 35- Stacy Atkins; 14- Josh Owens; 24- Robert King; 32- Robert Culbertson; 26- Wes Covert; 4- Frank Altobiz; 5- Michael Walton; 34- Drew Beckett; 30- Eddie Lang; 23- Nicholas Crum. Head Coach: Lee Turner.



Bluejacket Brad Brown goes for the goal against Tollesboro from three-point territory. Brown's skill at hitting the tree-point shot has proven instrumental in this season's victories. The Carlisle Mercury/Jason Hart Photo

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Ky All A fact sheet

The Kentucky All-A Classic is a statewide basketball tournament for schools with an 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.
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 Session 3 9 AM, 10:30 AM, Noon, 1:30 PM Feb. 3 McBrayer Arena Boys 1st Round.
 Session 4 5 PM, 6:30 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 & 10:30 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.

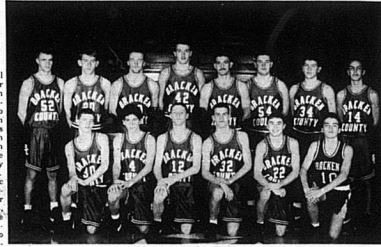
The purpose of the basketball tournament is to allow smaller high schools in Kentucky an opportunity to compete in basketball on a more equal basis, to showcase the athletes from smaller schools who sometimes do not get the same recognition as athletes from the larger high schools, and to offer the people 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 statewide academic scholarship competition; two different three-day competitions; and the organizer of a state-wide Fellowship Youth Rally featuring inspirational and motivational speakers Rudy Ruettinger.



Tollesboro Wildcats

12- Carter Caudel; 24- Billy Howell; 35- Kirk Ruggles; 20- Mike Thoroughman; 4- Jay Fife; 10- Jerry Henderson; 32- Jeremy Robertson; 15- J.C. Thomas; 41- Jeff Blevens; 25- Josh Castle; 14- Joey Collins; 45- Ashley Horrocks; 5- Robbie Lewis; 50- Brian Polley; 30- David Williamson. Head Coach- Randy Harrison Assistant Coach- Kevin Lewis.



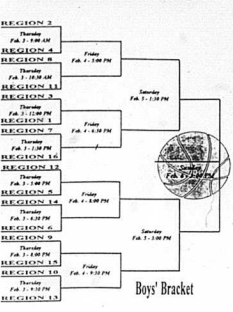
Bracken County Polar Bears

50- Wade Rankin; 40- Kevin McClunahan; 43- Scott Cooper; 30- Jordan Jefferson; 20- Ashley Haase; 54- Eric Bess; 22- Jason Hinson; 04- Mark Maddox; 24- Nathan Gerhard; 52- Westley House; 34- Eric Thornbury; 32- Clark Cooper; 10- Evan Meyer; 12- Brandon Grawe; 14- Craig Miller. Head Coach- Gary McKinney Assistant Coach- Ritchey Persinger.



Bluejacket Israel Stacy looks to Head Coach Chris O'Hearn for instruction during season play, while Jacket Chris Sexton moves forward through the opposing team's zone defense. The Carlisle Mercury/Jason Hart Photo

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