

The Carlele Mercury Leap Stone Photo "Nicholas County, bold the line" admonished Nicholas County Junior High cheerleaders at the Nicholas County team look on the Pirates of Powell County during a Nicholas County game held Thursday, Sept. 15, Nicholas County seventh and eighth grade teams defeated the Pirates. The cheerleaders, under the direction of adviser Joy Stover, added to the enthusiasm of the crowd.



The going got tough during this crack up at the Nicholas County High School football field last week when the junior high teams of Nicholas County defeated Powell County. Many parents and fans turned out to show support.

Jones sets Health Dept. Week

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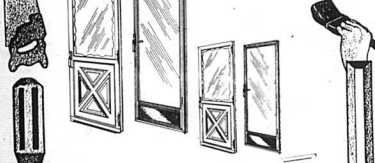
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SPORTS

Bluejackets one step closer to playoff berth

Editor's Note: Photographs of the Paintsville (Nicholas County) game were available for purchase at the home of the Carlele Mercury. By Andy Hodges, Sports Editor, Paintsville Herald.

PAINTSVILLE — Speed kills. Last Friday night, Nicholas County's speed was simply too fast for the Bluejackets. The Bluejackets ran for 322 yards on the night and held off the Tigers' offense, which at times didn't seem to be running on all cylinders, for a 22-20 win here.

Paintsville expected a lot of speed from senior Mike French and they got to see it. French had six carries for 52 yards, but was knocked out of the game on the third play of the second half. No problem, it seemed. Sophomore running back Timmy Hopkins stepped in and filled the bill rather nicely. Hopkins carried 21 times on the night for 144 yards and scored two touchdowns.

After getting miserable field position on their own 18, the Tigers started with Horace Robertson blowing through the middle for 36 yards. Two plays later, wingback Mike Copley took an inside play for 27 yards around the backside of the defense to give the Bluejackets a two-point conversion, tying the game at 14-14.

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The win dropped Paintsville to 2-2 on the season, while Nicholas County improved to 2-2, but the Bluejackets are 2-0 in the district race.

Be sure and catch the Nicholas County football action at Nicholas County High School, Friday, Sept. 23, when the Bluejackets take on Breathitt County.

Players work hard for district victory

Editor's Note: The following story was submitted to The Mercury by English/Journalism teacher Jack Hayes. The Mercury appreciates the effort done by beyond Nicholas County High School senior Candace Gilbert. The Mercury would appreciate having more articles and photographs submitted by readers.

PAINTSVILLE — The Nicholas County Bluejackets improved its record to 2-2 last Friday night, defeating the Paintsville Tigers 22-20 in Paintsville.

The Bluejackets, led by a 165 yard rushing effort from Timmy Hopkins, virtually assured themselves a post-season play-off spot with their second district win.

"I'm sure feels good to be 2-0 in the district," said Head Coach Greg Letcher. "It's been a long time since we've been in that position."

The Bluejackets began the game quickly with a 28 yard touchdown run by Hopkins. Shane Kenney completed three yard pass to Derek Anderson for the two-point conversion.

Paintsville countered with a 27 yard scramble on third and long by Danny Copley. The Tigers' two-point conversion attempt failed.

In what may have been the most exciting play of the night, runningback Mike French dove into the end zone from the one yard line, landing flat on his back to complete a 15 yard sweep. Kenney's pass for the extra point failed.

"I did a complete flip," French said. "I saw ground, then sky then ground again. I didn't even know I was in the end zone until I saw the ref signal the touchdown."

Scoring in the first half was completed on a 44 yard third and long scramble by Tiger quarterback John Herald. Herald's pass to Horace Robertson was completed for the two-point conversion.

The Bluejackets drew the length of the field early in the second half, capping the series on a six yard run by Shane Kenney.

"I was determined to get into the end zone," Kenney said, "because it was close game and it was my first touchdown as a fullback."

Hopkins' two-point conversion, coming after he fumbled the ball and recovered himself, gave the Bluejackets a breathe-able eight-point lead.

Paintsville managed to score again on a 19 yard pass from Herald to Mark Haylett, but missed the extra point. All 22-20 scoring was complete and both sides were forced to play strong defense in an effort to force turnovers.

Bluejacket punter Wes Broderick scrambled deep in his own territory after a high snap,

passing the ball to his brother Colin, who somehow managed to gain the 12 yards needed for the first touchdown.

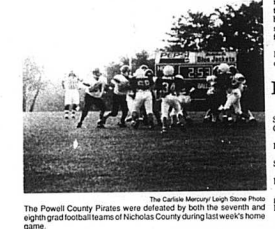
"That could have hurt us," Broderick said, "because we were so deep in our own territory. They could have just walked the ball off."

Linebacker Timmy Hopkins and cornerback Derek Anderson led the Bluejackets defensively with five tackles each. Strong safety Justin Massey ended the Bluejacket's play in the final seconds, intercepting a Tiger pass deep in Bluejacket territory with less than a minute remaining.

"From here on out the schedule gets tougher," Coach Letcher told the team. "Take this weekend and enjoy this, but when we step back onto the practice field Monday it's back to work."

The Bluejackets' without AAA power Breathitt County this Friday.

"Breathitt County has a heck of a team," Letcher said. "We'll have our hands full on our home field with them, but hopefully some of the good things we've done the last two weeks will carry us over the next game."



The Powell County Pirates were defeated by both the seventh and eighth grade football teams of Nicholas County during last week's home game.

Little League results listed

Games from week two played September 18th at Nicholas County High School:

Mason County 3-1 Fleming Steelers 1-1
 Fleming Redskins 1-1 Nicholas Dolphins 0-1
 Nicholas Dolphins 0-2 Nicholas Bluejackets 0-2

Next week's games are on September 25th at Mason County.

1:00 p.m. Fleming Steelers vs. Fleming Redskins
 2:30 p.m. Nicholas Dolphins vs. Fleming Eagles
 4:00 p.m. Nicholas Bluejackets vs. Mason County.

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