

SPORTS

Bluejackets sink Pirates' ship, win 16-12

By Ashley VanMeter and Aaron Wills
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The Nicholas County Bluejackets went in to Stanton last Friday expecting an easy victory, but left the scene with an uneasy 16-12 victory against Powell County Pirates last Friday night.

Nicholas County started off the game on a positive note returning the opening kickoff 24 yards and setting up what looked to be an easy initial drive. The Bluejackets had a good team, and we knew they were capable of pulling off a big play. When they completed that last pass we were stunned, but not surprised.

scoring drive, but trouble set in immediately. The Pirates held to fourth and long on their own 40, the Bluejackets lined up to punt, but punter Justin Massey fumbled the long punt and was unable to kick the ball. Massey took the ball, desperately searching for an opening, and scampered 20 yards for the first down. Again the Pirates defense stiffened inside their own territory, forcing a Bluejacket fumble.

Nicholas County held firm on defense and forced the Pirates to give up the ball, and the first quarter went on much the same way, both teams trading kicks.

The second quarter started off well for the Bluejackets, who, behind the strong running of junior tailback Colin Broderick, marched straight down the field and into scoring position. Senior quarterback Roger Vice punched the ball into the end zone for the first three yards of the drive, and Justin Massey made a spectacular catch in the end one for the two-point conversion, giving Nicholas County its first lead 8-0.

Nicholas plans activities for National School Lunch Week
School food service professionals, teachers and administrators throughout Nicholas County are "cooking up" a variety of special meals and activities in celebration of National School Lunch Week, October 9-13, 1995.

With this goal in mind, schools in Nicholas County invite parents to join students for lunch during this week. Like thousands of schools across the country, Nicholas County schools will prepare and serve special NSLW menus. At Nicholas County Elementary School, students will be served a special menu on Thursday, October 21 consisting of Chicken, Buttered Corn, Green Beans, Baked Apples, Hot Milk. At Nicholas County High School students will be served a special menu on Thursday and Friday, October 20 and 21. The menu is Turkey/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Cobbler, Milk/Butter, Milk/Treat. Also in celebration of NSLW, ASPFA will kick-off a national effort to encourage school food service professionals to work with volunteer chefs to develop new school lunch menus that are good looking, yet low in fat, sodium and cholesterol.

As the second quarter rolled on, both teams traded possession of the ball with Nicholas County giving up more than its fair share of fumbles. The Bluejackets gave up four fumbles for the game.

"That's something we just got to stop," Head Coach Greg Letcher said. "We've really developed a habit over the last two or three games of coughing up the ball. That's really hurt us."

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yard into the end zone for the second Nicholas County touchdown of the evening. Roger Vice pass to Greg Morris was completed for the two point conversion, and Nicholas County's scoring was completed at 16.

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partly due to the stingy Powell County defense.

With less than three minutes left in the game Powell County struck fear into the hearts of the Bluejackets, completing a 48 yard pass for what seemed to be a touchdown. Broderick's run was called back because the Pirates had run many men on the field.

"Well, obviously we were a little stunned," Coach Hopkins said. "Powell County has a good team, and we knew they were capable of pulling off the big play. When they completed that pass we were stunned, but not surprised."

Nicholas County took over the ball on downs after that play, and ran the clock out. "Powell County hasn't won a game in their last 26 tries, and that seems amazing to me," Letcher said. "They play good football, and how they can have that happen to them is mysterious to me. They hit hard and run good solid plays. It's just a matter of time until they put

together, a very successful program.

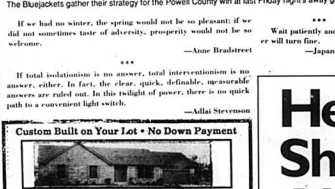
The Bluejackets were led offensively by Colin Broderick, who gained 128 yards and one touchdown on 21 carries. Justin Massey gained 41 yards on 10 carries. The Bluejacket offense had its most productive game of the season, accumulating 209 yards in total offense.

Broderick also led the Bluejackets defensively with 10 tackles. Aaron Wills and Justin Massey contributed with 9 and 8 tackles each, respectively. The Bluejackets held the Pirates to 111 yards in total offense.

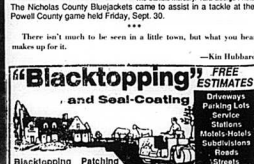
Nicholas County travels to Bowen County this Thursday, October 12 for a battle with the Rowan County Vikings.



The Powell County Pirates' Adam Anderson runs for the first down during a game.



The Nicholas County Bluejackets' Colin Broderick runs for the first down during a game.



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If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. —Anne Bradstreet

If total isolationism is no answer, total interventionism is no answer, either. In fact, the clear, quick, definable, measurable answers are ruled out. In this twilight of power, there is no quick path to a brighter light. —Mikhail Gorbachev

Wait patiently and the wealth will come from it. —Japanese proverb

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4-H... More Than You Ever Imagined.

By John-Mark Hack
4-H Week has officially begun all across the nation, and here in Nicholas County, we are joining the celebration. Nicholas County 4-H will begin its school club and project enrollment this week, and your child will have several opportunities throughout the year to become part of the largest youth development organization in the world.

The school-based 4-H clubs hold their meetings during regular school hours as part of the regular curriculum. These meetings will be devoted to building the self-esteem of students through their positive participation in environmental education, global awareness and other activities. These club meetings will be fun, "learning by doing" experiences and will provide a break from the normal classroom schedule.

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Our school-based 4-H clubs are the most effective means of making students aware of what 4-H has to offer to them. Students can begin their participation in 4-H when they reach age 9, which is usually fourth grade. This year, these students will begin their 4-H experience with the project "Exploring 4-H." This project makes students aware of the many programs and activities available through 4-H and how they can join the fun. It also helps them determine their interests and how to get involved in programs and activities in their area of interest.

Students in the 5-8 grades through their club meeting times learning about the natural world as they explore it. They will also gain some exposure to other cultures through activities designed to enhance their global awareness.

The Nicholas County 4-H Council decided earlier this year to offer special programs and

activities in the areas of cooking, knitting and sewing, bicycles, dogs, photography and wood working. Your child will find out about all these special events through their 4-H club. Encourage your children to explore what 4-H has to offer to them. It's certain that once they begin to investigate, they will discover that Nicholas County 4-H is more than they ever imagined!



The Nicholas County High School students draw on the cafeteria walls in preparation of painting a world map. The project is part of the 4-H assignment under the direction of Nicholas County Extension Agent, John-Mark Hack. From left are Jill McKee, Jennifer Livingston, James McFarland, Paul Baker and Kyle Galtzart.

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