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Good Luck!



Denver Brown photo

Members of the Nicholas County Bluejackets baseball team and the coaching staff met with The Carlisle Mercury during batting practice Tuesday afternoon at the high school. The 'Jackets take the field at Lexington's Cliff Hagan Stadium tonight versus Henderson County in the State Tournament. Nicholas County owns a school-best mark of 32-6 this season.

FINAL FOUR

NICHOLAS COUNTY

VS.

HENDERSON COUNTY

7:00 p.m.
TONIGHT!

at
Cliff Hagan Stadium, Lexington



Bluejackets battle Henderson County in first-ever Final Four appearance; community support is overwhelming!

By DENVER BROWN
Of The Morehead News

Are the people of Carlisle proud of their baseball team — just drive through the town (pop. 1972) and you'll get your answer! Blue and white ribbons and good luck signs are draped over most things, standing still as Nicholas County rolls into the State Baseball Tournament this week for the first time in school history.

"It's just a great feeling," Head Coach Bill Anderson told The Carlisle Mercury Tuesday afternoon at batting practice. "It's probably the most excitement in Carlisle, ever, for baseball; going to the Final Four."

Anderson's Bluejackets (32-6) advanced to tonight's game at Hagan Stadium with Henderson County (31-7) in dramatic fashion.

After finishing as runnerup in the 27th District, Nicholas County rolled through the 10th Region with wins over Pendleton, Estill and Clark

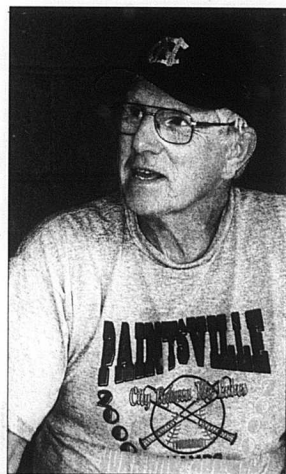
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-- Bill Anderson
Bluejacket Head Coach

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Counties. The Bluejackets knocked off Covington Catholic in the opening round of Sectional play before their season hopes came down to one swing of the bat in the Section 3 Championship game.

With sophomore catcher
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Jack McNeely photo
Nicholas County baseball Head Coach Bill Anderson talks with The Carlisle Mercury Tuesday at the ball diamond. Anderson has skippered the Bluejackets for the past 22 years and is in his first State Tournament. His club has racked up several school records on its way to a 32-6 record and a Final Four berth. Anderson's career record at Nicholas County is 551-392.

Jack McNeely photo
The Carlisle community is united in pride for the baseball Bluejackets! The team battles Henderson County tonight at Hagan Stadium in Lexington in the opening round of the State Tournament. Several businesses and homes in Nicholas County, including Deposit Bank (top) across from Nicholas County High School, displayed blue and white ribbons and good-luck signs in support of Coach Anderson and the 'Jackets!

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