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Way To Go 'Jackets!

Cinderella season ends for Class A Nicholas Co.

Player's Point of View

By JOSH EARLYWINE
NCHS Bluejacket

When asked to write this article, I wondered how I could put in words the feelings I have experienced in our quest to reach the Final Four State Baseball Championships. As a team we all experienced "the agony of defeat" and "the thrill of victory". As an individual I have memories to last a lifetime.

Our first obstacle was our own powerful district, with both Harrison County and Bourbon County. The controversial seeding method led to our playing the Bourbon County, Columbia. We knew we were up against one of the best pitchers in the state and had been beaten by him previously this season, as well, as the previous two years. Playing at home in front of the great crowd we found ourselves

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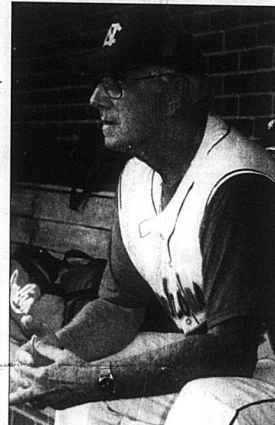
By DENVER BROWN
Of The Morehead News

Even Cinderella eventually had to leave the ball! The Nicholas County baseball Bluejackets ended their fantastic ride through the 2000 season with a 5-2 loss to eventual State Champion Henderson County in last Thursday's semifinal action at Cliff Hagen Stadium in Lexington. Henderson County upset heavily-favored Ballard to take the crown jewel of high school baseball in Friday's title game.

The loss stopped the underdog 'Jackets' quest for a first-ever baseball State Championship but still handed Head Coach Bill Anderson's club the best baseball record in school history, 32-7. The end of the ride came in front of a sea of blue and white Nicholas County fans — faces painted, shakers shaking and throats yelling, "go 'Jackets!" "I was real proud of my kids and what they've done this year," Anderson told *The Carlisle Mercury* after the season-ending loss. "Ten or 15 years in the future, they'll look back and say they made it to the State's Final Four tournament."

And I really wanted to

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Denver Brown photos

"What a season!"

Nicholas County's baseball Head Coach Bill Anderson watches from the dugout at Cliff Hagen Stadium as his Bluejackets are announced in their State Tournament matchup with Henderson County last Thursday. Anderson's club fell 5-2 but racked up the school's best-ever mark on the diamond with a record of 32-7.

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HENDERSON	2				2	20
NICHOLS	1				1	20
JAY GRANT						
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Senior third baseman Josh Earlywine gets a lead at third after his RBI-triple in the first inning last Thursday night at Cliff Hagen Stadium in Lexington. Earlywine tie the score, 2-2.



Several hundred Nicholas County baseball fans packed Cliff Hagen Stadium in Lexington during last week's High School Baseball State Tournament. The Bluejackets ended their Cinderella season with a 5-2 loss to eventual state champion Henderson County.



Community support was overwhelming in Lexington!

Bicentennial Celebration slated July 1

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Rebecca Hamilton



Leah Berry



Lori Hilander



Regina Berry

Four vie for queen at 54th Blackberry Festival

The 54th Annual Nicholas County Blackberry Festival will be held Thursday, July 6, with the parade starting at 7 p.m. and the crowning of the Blackberry Festival Queen, fireworks will erupt into the skies of Carlisle shortly after.

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Nicholas School Board reviews policy on trips

During the regular monthly meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education, held on Monday, June 19, the board acknowledged the first reading of a new policy regarding co-curricular and extra-curricular trips, by the motion made by Donna Gail Mattox and seconded by Sherry Upsteght.

The new policy consist of no school time trips during the last two weeks of the school year, all school time trips must be related to the Content, trips must be submitted at least two weeks in advance of the date of the trip, and be no more than 60

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