

Sports

GIRLS from front

runner-up team will be taking the junior varsity and freshmen. But more likely, both basketball enthusiasts will be on the bench at all times.

"We've got to get them working together and we've got to have more intensity on defense," Smoot told. **The Carlisle Mercury** at practice Monday afternoon.

"And that defense brings the offense," Hughes adds. "These girls are showing improvement in their attitudes, their dedication and their commitment - and we like that," Smoot said.

What the former Lady Jacket point guard does not like is laughing during spats at the end of practice.

"I'm competitive," the coach said. "And we want the girls to know that they can be competitive."

The Lady Jackets compete in the 37th District with Harrison and Bourbon Counties and Paris and are part of the 10th Region.

In their first year with the whistles, the coaching staff has a tough task this season. Nicholas County comes off a year with just a handful of wins and returns just two senior starters: 5'9 forward Heather Howard and 5'9 guard Whitney Massey. Both girls recognize what it will take for those past celebrated season to return to the Nicholas County High School gym.

"We're stronger than last year and a lot quicker," Massey admitted. "And once we get our defense going, that'll help us on offense, if it help us score."

"We make good passes but defensively we still need a lot of help," Massey said. "We don't see out and we don't put enough pressure on the ball."

That's what the coaches are for. Smoot and Hughes look to have the enthusiasm (and obviously the talent) to motivate these players. And in hearing the seniors' comments, there's an echo of what the coaches have been stressing already in the preseason.

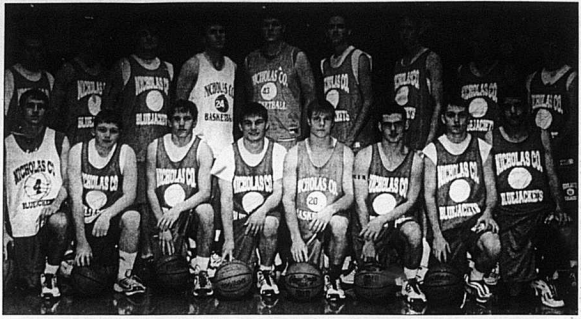
"We've got to play together as a team, just like Coach says," Howard said. "We've got to find the pros and cons of all of our players. And we've got to figure out how to communicate on the floor."

Smoot makes no bones about her team's inexperience. But she isn't exactly raising the white flag.

"I don't want to say we're rebuilding, but we are young," Smoot said. "However, we don't want to use that as an excuse - we want to use that to our advantage."

The Lady Jackets host perennial power Montgomery County Monday, Nov. 27 for the regular-season opener. The junior varsity tips at 6 p.m., followed by the varsity matchup.

Coach Nikki Smoot, seniors Whitney Massey and Heather Howard, and coach Alicia Hughes.



2000-2001 Nicholas County High School Boys Basketball Team



2000-2001 Nicholas County High Girls Basketball Team

BOYS from front

Josh Fryman (6' 215 forward) and Jacob Broderick (6'3" 200 center). Fryman went down with an ankle injury early last week, and is questionable for the season opener.

Nicholas County competes in a Hoop-O-Rama over the weekend at Montgomery County and then opens at home with the Bath County Wildcats on Tuesday, Nov. 28. The junior varsity game starts at 6 p.m. and the varsity clash tips at 7:30 p.m.

"We're going to have to get quicker and eventually we'll be able to apply defensive pressure," Storie said as he watched drills in the Nicholas County High School gym.

The coach said all four teams in the 37th are experiencing growing pains as the 2000-2001 season gets underway.

"Our district is real competitive this year and we're all in the same boat," Storie said. "We all lost a lot of seniors and we'll struggle early - but we'll get better by the end."

And how much improvement will the boys in blue need before the tipoff with Bath County?

"We need to be in better shape and we need to be more efficient on offense, knowing the difference between a good shot and a bad one," the coach said.

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Agriculture

Stockyard Report

Federal-State Market News Monday, November 13 Farmers Stockyards Flemingsburg

Cattle Receipts: 774 Total receipts for the week: 1342. (Compared to last week) Slaughter cows and bulls 1,000-2,000 higher, feeder steers under 600 lbs. 2,003-900 lower, over 600 lbs. steady, feeder heifers steady to 2,000 higher.

Slaughter Cows/Broncos: 75-80 1105-1260 lbs. 38.00-43.00, Boners- 80-85 1010-1665 lbs. 40.00-44.25, Lean-85-90 930-1220 lbs. 37.00-39.25.

Slaughter Bulls: yield grade 1 1555-1710 lbs. indicating 80-82 carcass boning percent 48.00-2.00, yield grade 1-2 1100-1570 lbs. indicating 77-79 percent 45.00-46.00.

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