

FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

J-town a tough opener

Nicholas County will kick off the 2007 season on Saturday in the Ray Adams Classic at Lewisville's Papa John's Stadium versus Jefferson-town.

A Class 5A team, Jefferson-town features a host of talented skill players. Ron Dale McMillan is Jefferson-town's starting quarterback heading into the new season. McMillan is a stout 6-foot-2, 210-pound student-athlete who transferred in from Bowling Green. McMillan ranks as one of Jefferson-town's most athletic student-athletes.

The new addition gives Jefferson-town Coach Scott Carberry and his staff more options offensively. In addition to the gridiron, McMillan also excels on the hardwood.

The Ray Adams Classic

game will serve as a season-opener for both teams.

Six two-way starters have returned from last season for the Chargers. The list of leading returnees for Jefferson-town includes both offensive and defensive standouts.

Linebacker/running back Gavon Sanders, wide receiver/linebacker Brandon Carson, linebacker/running back A.J. Kimbrough and two-way lineman Justin King. Travis Burton and Eddie Rice are all returning for the Chargers.

During the preseason, Jefferson-town showcased its speed during scrimmage seasons.

"Jefferson-town is a good solid football team...there's no doubt it will be a big

test for us," Nicholas County Coach Robert Hopkins commented during the preseason.

"But what an opportunity it is for our kids to be able to play at Papa John's Stadium. We'd like to invite everyone to the game. This is a great opportunity for our kids to be able to play at Papa John's Stadium."

Following the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) realignment.

Jefferson-town now resides in Class 5A, District 4 with Oldham County (2-5), South Oldham (6-4), Anderson County (6-5) and Grant County (3-5) Oldham County has been labeled as the preseason favorite to win the Class 5A, District 4 championship.

Nicholas County and Jefferson-town don't share a common regular-season opponent.

Jefferson-town made its mark on the state high school sports landscape two years ago when it won the Boys' Sweet Sixteen state basketball championship. On the gridiron, Jefferson-town has enjoyed some success, but none the magnitude of that basketball team.

Hopkins and his team are looking forward to beginning the season against the Class 5A member.

"They are a very athletic football team," said Hopkins. "They have speed. Are they quicker than us? Yes, they are quicker than us. But we're bigger, stronger and I think we are more aggressive. They're a test for us. A Class 5A team presents its challenges."

During the preseason, Nicholas County faced Estill County at Tates Creek in a scrimmage on a turf surface in preparation for the season-opener. The Jackets had one final preseason test last Friday versus Fleming County in the EKCC (Eastern Kentucky Conference) Grid.

Nicholas County took a 28-14 win in the final tune-up for this year's season.

Nicholas County fared well over the summer during passing scrimmages. According to Hopkins however, Nicholas County will still use the run as its main offensive attack.

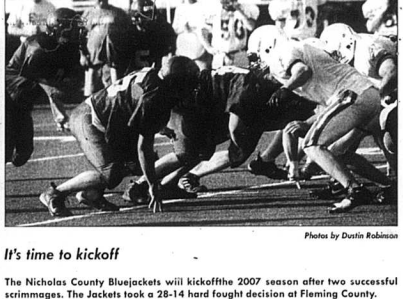
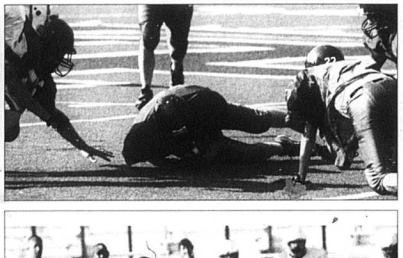
"We'll still be more of a running team, going out of the Power-I," said Hopkins. "But we'll try to spread it out some, too. These passing games were very important."

Junior quarterback Jordan Mynar is a veteran signal-caller for the Jackets. A proven starter, Mynar can hand off to Jonathan Mattou, Michael Reid and Shane Sweet in the Nicholas County backfield. A host of receivers are available to catch passes for the Jackets.

Defensively, Nicholas County will have to stop a speedy Jefferson-town team. Hopkins calls the defensive line his team's biggest strength.

After playing Jefferson-town in the season-opener, Nicholas County will make road trips to West Carter (Aug. 31) and Fairview (Sept. 7) before hosting Paris (Sept. 14) at its home opener.

Kickoff is set for noon at Papa John's Stadium.



Photos by Dustin Robinson

It's time to kickoff

The Nicholas County Bluejackets will kickoff the 2007 season after two successful scrimmages. The Jackets took a 28-14 hard fought decision at Fleming County.

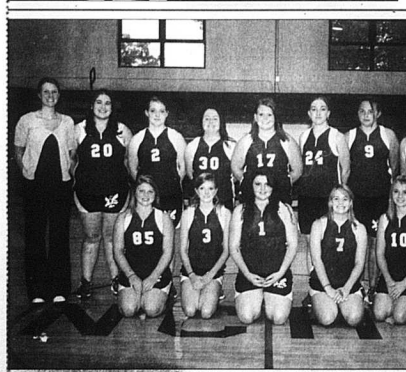


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2007 Nicholas County High School Girls' Volleyball Team

Pictured from left to right, Taylor Johnson, Ashley Sexton, Nora Walden, Shasta Howard, and Chelsea Ritchie. Back row, left to right: Head Coach Ginny Lane, Whitney Morris, Kala Frederick, Brittany Ritchie, Ashley Bromagen, Megan Howard, Shelby Tyree, Kayla Lane and assistant coach Eric Lane. Not pictured associate head coach Elizabeth Sierveid.

Boys open with win

The Nicholas County High Schools boys' golf team, under the guidance of first-year head coach Michael Cofor, opened the 2007 season on a successful note on Thursday, defeating longtime rival Deming 176-186 at Carnico Golf Course.

The Nicholas County boys' golf team plays its home matches at Carnico Golf Course, familiar grounds for the Blue-jacket golfers. In the season-opener, Kalep Briery placed Nicholas County with a low score of 40. Dalton Hampton shot a 43 for the victorious Jackets.

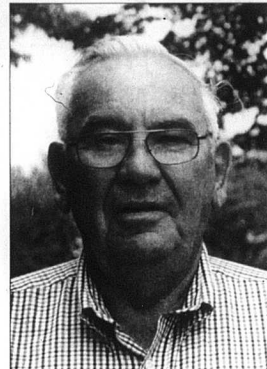
"Our top-four guys all shot in the 40s," said Nicholas County Coach Michael Cofor. "We had some good practices leading up to our first match. Our team includes many golfers who have played and been around Carnico (Golf Course). That's a real advantage for us - having a home golf course where most of our guys have played. The Carnico staff has been tremendous in allowing our kids the opportunity to come in and play there."

"The golf match versus Deming went very well. Kalep Briery was low total with 40. Dalton Hampton shot a 43, Zach Lemons shot a 45, Alex Florence shot a 48, and DR Purvis shot a 53. We had two great performances out of our two top reserves Chad Ockerman and Casey Fryman as both shot a -41. Overall, it was a great way to open the season and I was pleased with our effort."

Nicholas County was back in competition on Tuesday at Eagle Trace versus host Rowan County. Results from the Nicholas-Rowan golf match were unavailable at press time. Today (Wednesday, Aug. 22), Nicholas County is scheduled to play Menifee County in a road match.

LIFESTYLE

Birthday Anniversary



Carl Cohorn is celebrating his 50th birthday this Saturday August 25th. The couple was married in Lexington on August 25, 1957.

Gibsons celebrate 50th anniversary



Lewis and Marty Gibson will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this Saturday August 25th. The couple was married in Lexington on August 25, 1957.

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Volunteer course to be available in Nicholas

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Advertisement for TOPS (The One Place to Shop) featuring an Open House on Sept. 5-6-7 PM at St. John's Room at Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Advertisement for a birthday celebration for John, featuring a photo of him and his family, with the text 'Happy Birthday, John Love from your wife & 3 beautiful daughters and their families'.

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