

GOOD LUCK LADY JACKETS



Lady Jackets in elite eight

SOMERSET — In the top of the first inning Somerset had the bases loaded with nobody out, and I said to myself, "who, what are we doing here?" and NCHS Lady Jackets Head Softball Coach Barry Bretz.

However, no matter what you're thinking about the way Nicholas County's early softball team piled up the runs and posted a 10-0 win over Somerset in the third game of the best two out of three in All-A Sectional play.

Somerset, which slipped to 3-1 in the loss, watched a two-run first inning lead slip away.

The Lady Braves sent seven batters to the plate in the first inning, and scored twice before Nicholas County could ever record an out and pulled out to an early 2-0 lead. The Lady Jackets' lone error of the game added the hosts in scoring their second run.

Nicholas County went down one-two-three in the first two innings giving Somerset players confidence in the contest.

In the bottom of the second Somerset fared no better than NCHS with only three batters going to the plate.

In the top of the third,

Nicholas County's offense fell into gear and the Lady Jackets put some runs across the plate.

Wild pitching hurt Somerset's defense as Jordan Letcher walked, but was thrown out at second. C. C. Humphries walked. Brittain Dale sacrificed to move Humphries along, who went on to third on a wild pitch. Tiffany Wilson was the third walk of the inning and Hal Bretz walked to lead the bases.

Shelby Sooby cranked a line drive to left field with the bases loaded, sending all three Lady Jackets scampering across the plate and

commanding 10-2 lead.

Somerset could not score in the home half of the fourth, fifth or sixth. Nicholas County did have a couple base runners the rest of the way but could get no one past second.

In the bottom of the seventh things began to get a little tense.

Without a doubt it was a big win for the Lady Jackets, and the coach said it was such a team effort it is impossible to point out any individuals.

"We played hard and were very determined to get the victory," Coach Bretz said.

"Our defense stepped up again to keep us close until our bats came to life," Bretz praised.

Our sectional win was one of the biggest victories that our school has ever had. It ranks up there with the 97 boys regional champs and baseball final four team of 2000, and the successful run of our state girls basketball team in the early '90s," the coach said.

The trip to the state is a mirror of the success of 50 years ago.

"I was telling the girls after the game how appropriate it was to have a berth into the state tournament in the year that we had brought back the 57 basketball team to honor them for winning the first regional title for Nicholas County."

"Hopefully the momentum will carry over to Louisville. There are too many girls that contributed to our victory to single out an individual. I told the girls we won this as a team."

Nicholas County is slated to play May 12 at 9 a.m. in Jeffersonport at Skyview Park.

The opponent was determined this past weekend, as Ft. Knox took two from Kentucky County Day.

The winner of that game will advance to play at 11 p.m. in the winner's bracket.

The tournament is a double elimination event, where the loser is out in the River City on Sunday.

Ft. Knox to be a formidable foe

First pitch set at 9 a. m. in J'Town's Skyview Park

The Nicholas County Lady Jackets punched their ticket to the All-A "A" Classic state softball tournament at Jeffersonport's Skyview Park.

Nicholas County, which is scheduled to host Bath County today in a regular season match-up, will face a Fort Knox team that is vying for the top spot in the competitive 14th Region.

The Lady Eagles are one of the state's most improved teams.

"They have played the best teams in their region and have some quality wins," said Nicholas County Coach Barry Bretz, commenting on Fort Knox.

"We know anybody who has made it this far will be a challenge, but our girls will line up against anyone and expect to compete. They're excited about having the opportunity to play in the state tournament."

Ft. Knox is coached by Nicholas County, Southern, Central (2), Hart County, Bardonia (2), Cavertown, Moore, Green County, Bethlehem and Spencer County. East Jessamine, Breckinridge County, Central Hardin, North Hardin (2), John Hardin and Hart County have all dealt Fort Knox losses.

The Fort Knox softball team is a young group. Half of the squad's players are middle school students. Five of Fort Knox's nine starters hail from the middle school ranks. Six players returned from the 2006 squad, only one of whom is a senior. The top pitcher, Lauren Wade, is an eighth-grader. The Fort Knox starting catcher, Karris Jackson, is a freshman.

Other talented eighth-graders for the Lady Eagles include third baseman

Breezy Jackson and center fielder Ashleigh Livingston.

Through the season's first 20 games, Karris Jackson ranked as one of the 5th Region's top hitters with 24 hits, 14 runs scored and a stellar .462 batting average. Breezy Jackson totaled a .440 average into Fort Knox's 20th game of the season.

The Fort Knox softball program has made great strides over the last two seasons. Two years ago, Fort Knox wasn't playing in a district. Last season, Fort Knox finished 13-20. The Lady Eagles have already eclipsed that win total.

Other teams in the All "A" Classic state softball tournament include Newport Central Catholic, Livingston County, Beth Haven and Rowland. At press time, Cumberland was hosting Parisville with the other spots in the state tournament up for grabs.

Nicholas County dropped to 12-4 after falling 3-2 to district rival Harrison County on Tuesday evening. The Lady Jackets still own the 14th Region's third-best record.

First pitch, for the Nicholas County-Fort Knox game is set for 9 a.m.



Congratulations and Good Luck

NCHS LADY JACKETS Softball Team

in the ALL-A STATE TOURNAMENT May 12-13

Greg Reid, Superintendent and Nicholas County Board of Education

GENERAL NEWS

Forest Retreat host to Neal Building fundraiser

Forest Retreat, the historic home built by Governor Thomas Metcalfe and now is beautifully maintained by Dr. and Mrs. Phillip Tibbs, was the setting Sunday evening, May 6, for a Country Evening benefiting the Neal Wellness Center.

The event, presented by the Nicholas County Historical Society, attracted a group of about 150 guests supporting the Society's next phase of work on the Neal Center. The Tibbs provided the large tent from a Derby event on Saturday, placed in one of the most beautiful settings in Nicholas County.

Working closely together, the Society and the Tibbs bands, a boat load of food, cassis, food, headed by a fabulous band, and a generally good guest, all made the evening so successful that the Tibbs and the Society vow it will become a yearly event and "bigger and better."

"This is Carlisle pride at its best," said Society president Michelle K. McDonald. "The Tibbs have been generous (both in kind and in dollars) for us to move ahead with the Neal project which is going to benefit the entire county. We are just really excited and grateful."

The evening was about as far as possible from the formality of Derby events on Saturday. "We wanted our quest to kick back and relax," the Tibbs commented. "Guest felt they had more than succeeded."

One highlight of the evening was the auctioning of a brand new book by Carlisle native and distinguished author, Barbara Kingsolver. The latest work of one of the nation's most prolific and successful authors, Animal, Vegetable, Miracle, was published Wednesday, May 2. Kingsolver gave permission for the Society to auction a first-edition copy, which she will sign and personalize. National reviews have been as enthusiastic as local bidders: the book added nearly \$200.00 to the amount raised for the Center. Watching proudly were the author's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wendell Kingsolver.

While the Society felt the event raised significant amount for the Neal Center, proceeds have not yet been counted. "But said president McDonald, "We are more than pleased and can't thank the Tibbs enough for this opportunity which is going to move us ahead."

Trudy and Phil Tibbs' impact hasn't stopped with their hospitality at Forest Retreat, or their support of the Neal Center. They've also been developing the Kentucky Doll and Toy Museum in the old Gateway Confectionery building to the east of the Neal Center. They anticipate an opening soon, which will "bring more and more people to Carlisle," said Dr. Tibbs. "We sense that wonderful opportunities Carlisle is offering to visitors, and we are going to be part of this."

There is value in supporting the local hospital

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Consider the services that your local hospital offers and support their presence in your community by using those services when you need care. You will ensure that your community hospital will be around for years in the future, enhancing and saving lives.

Today's health care worker requirements are the same at the Nicholas County Hospital and Johnson Matthers Nursing Home as they are anywhere else across America.

Therefore, there is no longer a need to travel outside of the area for services offered at your local hospital and nursing home. When your doctor recommends a stay or treatment, tell him or her you would like to go to your local hospital to receive it, rather than driving out of town.

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May 19 - Motor Bike Ride
Information to follow - Hill's Heroes
May 26 - Cookout - Whittaker Bank Starts at 11 a.m. - Whittaker Bank Relay Team
May 26 - Longaberger Purse Open House 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - 7th Methodist Team
Carlisle United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall Purses available for purchase that day - Cash & Carry - No orders

Coming Events

- Old Time Dress Up Photos
Whittaker Bank team
On Going Events
- Chain of Memories - 25¢ ea. daily
Mt. Zion Seekers Team
- Quilt Square "In memory or in honor of someone" 5'x7" square - Heroes of Hope Team - 859-473-0565
- Large Picnic Basket with all utensils
Donation accepted - Whittaker Bank Team

Relay For Life - June 15 and 16

Whittaker Bank team
Louise Zachary - 289-2398

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