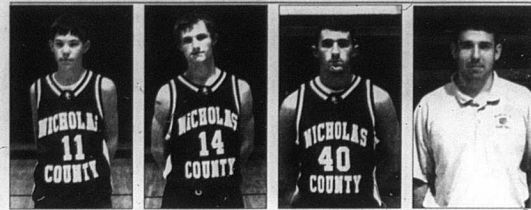


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38th District Boys Harrison County likely to be top team in 2008

Deming Black Devils
After starting last season on a down note by losing six of its first seven games, Deming salvaged its campaign made a postseason run that included a district runner-up finish and the regional tournament appearance. The Black Devils, under the tutelage of head coach Jamey Johnson, finished last season 13-16. Deming played some of its best basketball late last winter.

Graduation hurt the Black Devil basketball program. Deming lost an average of 33 points per game to graduation. Travis Massey and Billy Graves, proven scorers on last season's squad, both graduated.

The senior backcourt duo of Caleb Curtis and Jarrett White is expected to lead the way for the Black Devils during the upcoming season. White was Deming's second-leading three-point shooter last season, ranking behind Massey.

Junior center Garth Grasse is also expected to be a leading contributor for the Black Devils. "Twin" freshmen Kyle and Luke King gained valuable varsity experience last season and returns poised to make a difference for the Deming basketball unit.

Deming outlasted Nicholas County 69-49 in the opening round of last season's 38th District Tournament. The Black Devils, however, struggled for the most part in the district championship game, falling to Harrison County.

Deming drew Bishop Brossart in the opening round of the 10th Region Tournament. Tenth Region power Mason County, Clark County and Montgomery County, that ultimately finished the season 28-5, defeated the Black Devils 68-54 in the regional tournament opening round match-up.

Deming put together a three-game win streak once last season. The Black Devils compiled a pair of two-game win streaks.

Harrison Co. Thorobreds
Harrison County is looking to get above 500, push for top-five region spot. Veteran head coach Mike Reitz has a new gig. Reitz is the new head coach of the Harrison County High School boys' basketball team. Reitz has had numerous previous coaching stops, including a stint at Clark County. A Floyd County native, Reitz has enjoyed much coaching success.

The new Harrison County head coach will be faced with the challenge of replacing five seniors who departed to graduation. He inherited a team that finished last season 14-17. Senior guard Brett Franklin is the leading returnee for the Thorobreds.

Franklin enjoyed a solid junior campaign as a floor leader for Harrison County. The "Breds are no stranger to hardwood success. Justin Talbot - an all-region performer two seasons ago before leaving the Harrison County team - has returned. Harrison County will look

to move up into contention for the regional championship. Pendleton County will enter the season in the role of the consensus pick as the district's second-place team. Simms is fresh off of his first season at the helm of the Pendleton County boys' basketball program. Pendleton County lost five players to graduation, including a pair of performers - Kane Belcher (Pikeville College) and Abe Crozier (Kentucky Christian) - who went on to sign to play at the next level.

Belcher and Crozier ranked as Pendleton County's top scorers during the 2006-07 season. Belcher also led the Wildcats in rebounding one season ago.

Pendleton County make have a rebuilding project of sorts in front of it, but the Wildcats appear to be up to the challenge of contending for a district championship. Among the top returnees for Pendleton County are seniors Kyle Feasback and Richard Harden, both of whom logged many minutes last season as juniors.

Junior Boog Lambert and sophomore point guard Dillon Greene are also back for the Wildcats. Harrison County defeated the Wildcats 58-51 last season in the opening round of the 38th District Tournament. The Wildcats ended the season on a four-game losing skid, also falling to Franklin County, Scott and longtime rival Mason County late in the campaign.

The Cats' longest win streak last year was four.

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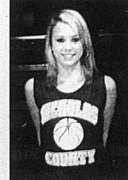
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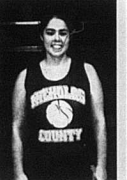
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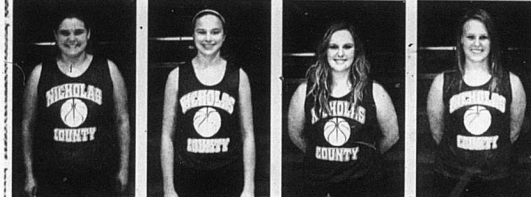
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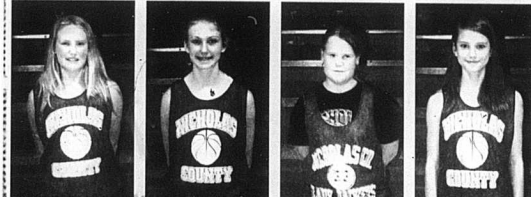
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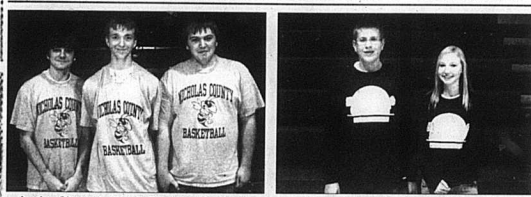
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