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Jackets do in Bourbon, 33-12

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The first two series... offense and one defense for the Nicholas County Blue-jackets set the tone of this year's 33-12 homecoming win over Bourbon County.

The Jackets brought the home crowd at Ben H. Humphrey Field to their feet on several occasions in collecting their third win in five games.

Nicholas County took the opening kickoff and drove 75 yards in seven plays for a score.

Unlike the Paris game where Jonathan Mattox carried well over 40 times the offensive load he spread out as Shane Sweet also ran for over 100 yards.

Mattox returned the opening kickoff 14 yards and after a penalty, Nicholas County was on offense at the 30.

Mattox picked up six yards on first down, then Sweet carried four straight times for 17, one and 39 to give NCHS a first and goal at the Bourbon County five.

Mattox carried the two and then in for the score with 8:44 to go in the opening quarter.



the extra point out of the hold by Zach Lemons and it went to NCHS.

NCHS Head Coach Robert Hopkins selected to kick away from Bourbon County's speedy returners and kicked to the sideline.

The pooch kick came up short and Bourbon County's first possession was at the Nicholas County 47.

The Colts moved to third and two, but lost a couple and on fourth down as they went for it were offside.

On fourth and nine, the Jackets' defense swarmed and took the ball back with 6:24 to play in the quarter.

Bourbon County held Nicholas County and the Colts began on their own 10. Moving only to the 26, Bourbon County was forced to kick it away and Nicholas County took over at the 20.

On first down Mattox went 14 yards, Sweet added 28 on the next first down and Mattox then fleet-footed his way from the Bourbon County 47 to the 11.

He was picked up three first and three on the Bourbon County three on an end around before Mattox moved the Jackets to first and goal with a 13-yard gallop.

On first and goal, the call from Jordan Myrner went to the line and Myrner went perfectly executed.

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Bourbon County began at the 33 Colonels 37 but quickly moved into Bluejackets' territory.

However on fourth and 13 Cody Bennett stepped through to collect a sack and the Jackets took over first and 10 at the Nicholas County 42.

Five players later, Sweet by runs from Sweet and Mattox, Myrner connected with Andy McCarty on a pass and ran for with 56.7 seconds left and with 56.7 seconds left NCHS went into a 15-yard pass to cut into the lead, but in the point after was blocked and it was 20-0 at intermission.

After the Baltimore ceremonies Bourbon County took the second half kickoff and moved to the Nicholas County 26. On fourth and 10 from the NCHS 26 Jordan Myrner broke up a sure touchdown pass in the end zone to stymie the Jackets' lead.

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