

SPORTS

Jackets roll to 59-0 win, now 5-4

Nicholas County took the opening kickoff 64 yards in 10 plays against Bracken County last Friday and never looked back in posting a 59-0 win over the visiting Polar Bears.

With the win, Nicholas County, now 5-4, has collected more wins this season than in the past three.

Nicholas County followed Johnny Mattox's nine yard run for the first score with the point after-kick no good and the Jackets led 6-0 with 7:58 remaining in the first quarter.

The touchdown drive was keyed by two runs of 12 and five yards by Brandon Tedder, plus several long scampers by Mattox. Jeremiah Brown had a six-yard carry in the series.

After giving up the opening score, Bracken County went three downs and punt and the Jackets began at their own 25.

On first down Mattox ran for 13 yards. Brown went 28 yards to give Nicholas County a first down at the Bracken County 39. After moving to the 22, a fumble gave the ball back to the Jackets.

The Bears were deep in their own territory and on fourth and seven at the 26 a bad snap gave the Jackets the ball deep in Bracken County territory. Nicholas County took two downs, an seven yard run by Mattox and a one yard run by Brown to make it 12-0. On the point after try, Zach Lemons connected with Andy McCarty for two and it was 14-0 with 40 seconds left in the first quarter.

Bracken County had the ball and moved to midfield, but again had to punt away and the Jackets began at the 25.

On first down Shane Sweet reeled off a 15 yard run and Mattox carried twice for 10 and six. It was second down when Tedder carried for seven yards to set the Jackets up first and 10 at the Bracken 27.

On second and 10 Tedder carried for nine and then Michael Reid picked up five for another first down.

On third and six at the Bracken County 19 Tedder went left and out ran the defense to the end zone. It was a 75 yard, 10-play drive. Ben Layne booted the extra punt from the hold of Lemons and the score was 21-0 with 5:52 left in the half.

Nicholas County took over on the Bracken County 20, and on first down Mattox rambled 80 yards for a score, but the touchdown was called back, and the penalty set the Jackets at the then BCHS 45.

On first down, the Jackets executed an excellent pass play as Lemons found Layne streaking down the right sideline and lifted a pass. Layne, criss-crossed his body and managed to hold on to the pass, while never breaking stride and run untouched into the end zone for the 45 yard completion.

McCarty kicked the point after and it was 28-0 with 2:24 remaining in the half. Bracken County's possession was short-lived as Mattox pounced on a fumble to put the Jackets right back in business.

Alex Florence set sail on first down and raced to the end zone for another score as McCarty added the point after and the Jackets led 35-0 at intermission.

Inside the final minute Lemons hooked up with Reid for 26 yards out. The kick was no good, but at the intermission Nicholas County was in command, 41-0.

In the second half, Tedder intercepted a pass at the Nicholas County 49. Mattox carried twice for nine and 17 yards. Sweet then took the ball at the Bracken County 30 and wound his way to end zone for a score. Three plays and 48 yards later Layne added the point after and it was 47-0 Nicholas County.

The lead changed the complexion of the game as the 47 point lead allowed the clock to run the final minutes of the game, unopposed with the exception of time out.

The Jackets added another touchdown in the third quarter as Anthony Kiskaden carried in from the two yard line, with the point after no good. It was then 55-0.

In the last quarter, Nicholas County's Wes Hopkins capped a drive with a one yard run to set the final margin at 59-0.

Nine NCHS players scored a touchdown, and a 10th added extra points. "This was a first for us," said NCHS Head Coach Robert

Hopkins. Mattox had 113 yards on 16 carries and a score. Mattox is over 1300 yards for the season.

Tedder had 63 yards and a score on five carries. Brown carried four times for 42 yards and a score, while Sweet had only three carries for 44 yards and a touchdown.

Only Smith ran four times for 28 carries, and Reid had four carries for 23 yards. Florence one carry for 24 yards and a score. Hopkins carried four times for 16 yards and a score and Kiskaden scored, carrying the ball twice for four yards.

Derek Jackson had two carries for four yards and Caleb Stadler carried once for three yards.

Lemons was three for five passing and 79 yards collection two touchdowns; a 45-yard strike to Layne and a 28 yard score to Reid. McCarty also had a three yard reception.

As a team the Jackets had 346 yards on 46 carries and 74 yards through the air for a total of 420 yards. Bracken County had 100 yards, 87 yards on the ground on 33 carries and 13 yards through the air on four of 11 passing.

The win over Bracken County gave the Jackets at least a 500 regular season. Bath County, a Class-AA school, is 6-0 so the year. The Wildcats defeated West Carter 24-19 and defeated Fairview 47-30. Nicholas County defeated West Carter 24-20 and lost to Fairview 27-0.

"We'll have our hands full, Hopkins said of Friday's counter in Owsingville. "Bath County has played a strong schedule and played really well. They have lots of talent and execute well. "I hope we are able to play our best game against them. They have lots of weapons."

Kickoff in Owsingville for the regular season finale for both teams will be 7:30 p.m.



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Anthony Kiskaden, 29, and Wes Hopkins, 23, move in for the stop of a Bracken County runningback.

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