

**SPORTS**

**Lady Jackets improve to 13-3**

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The Lady Jackets Softball Team improved their record to 13-3 with three wins last week against tough opponents.

Strong pitching on the mound by Jessica Gilkerson and Shelby Brown, and solid offense helped the Lady Jackets cruise to victories against Bracken County, 7-6; Pendleton County, 7-1, and Berea, 8-0.

The week started out on the right foot Monday, April 14, with a home run by Brandi Messick, and another by Hollie Bretz, against Bracken County. Gilkerson pitched five strong innings and Brown earned a save while coming in to pitch the last two innings.

The next day Brown pitched a two-hitter against Pendleton County and had some help at the plate with Ashley Bromagen, who doubled in the first and helped the Lady Jackets

get out to a 2-0 lead. Shelby Sosby also had a key triple in the fifth inning, according to Lady Jackets Coach Barry Bretz.

Later in the week the Jackets beat Berea with strong hitting again by Sosby, Bretz, Bromagen and C.C. Humphries.

The Jackets played in the Class A Regional in Bracken County Monday and are scheduled to play Friday at the Bluegrass Conference tournament in Paris. They also play Saturday at Burgin.

**NCEMS Boy's Track Team places third in Rowan Invitational**

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The Nicholas County young men's Middle School track team finished third out of 11 teams during the April 12 Rowan County Invitational competition. The team were kept out of first place by the margin of only one point against Rowan County.

The Girl's Middle School Track Team finished 5th out of 11 teams, with the High School Girl's Team finishing

7th out of 15 teams and the Boy's finishing 9th out of 16 teams.

First place finishes were captured by a number of young Nicholas County athletes during the track meet. Laker Howard won a first place for the Middle School Girl's Team in the triple jump competition and her teammate Anna Mattox won first in the long jump competition. Howard finished just behind Mattox in the long jump competition for a strong 3rd place finish and Mattox captured 2nd place in the 100, 200 and 400-meter dashes.

competitors in the 200-meter dash and the long jump for the Boy's Middle School Team. He joined Jesse Smith, Devin Johnson, and 21-D Wagener for a 1st place finish in the 400-meter relay race. The same four young men finished 3rd in the 800-meter relay race.

Wagener also placed first in the triple jump and 3rd in the long jump. Jesse Smith placed 2nd in the 100-meter and 400-meter dashes.

John Lee Allison placed 2nd in the discus throw and 3rd in the shot put competition for the Middle School Boy's Team.



Photo by Charles Mattox

**Jackets suffer loss**

Blue Jackets catcher Jonathan Mattox holds onto the ball during a force out with the bases loaded at home against Harrison County last week. The play was crucial, and the umpire called the Harrison player safe though many, including Coach Travis Sims and several spectators, thought he was clearly out. The blown call demoralized the Jackets who lost the game and played poorly throughout the week. They hope to get back into the win column Friday when they play Berea at home as part of the Bluegrass Conference Tournament. The game starts at 5:30.

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The *Toll Fellows 1997, State Government News* said, "If leadership, like genius, is more perspiration than inspiration, then two-term Kentucky Rep. James M. Lovell, a self-described workaholic, is well-suited for the role."

"Having spent 16 years as a prosecuting attorney (12 years as Bourbon County Attorney and four as an assistant Commonwealth's Attorney),

Lovell might be expected to follow the majority lead on an issue such as juvenile justice. But as a principle sponsor of Kentucky's omnibus juvenile-justice reform legislation last year, he did not join the "lock-em up" mentality that often prevails in popular discussion of the issue. Instead, he championed prevention and aftercare programs designed to steer young people away from the streets and out of the juvenile justice system altogether."

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