

# SOFTBALL ALL-A TRIBUTE

## Lady Jackets claim All-A sectional Wednesday

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**BROOKSVILLE** - For the second straight year the Nicholas County Lady Jackets dominated play in the Class All-A softball regional tournament.

The Lady Jackets handed host Bracken County only its third loss of the season, two losses have been to Nicholas County, with a 7-3 pounding in the tournament's first game.

The game was scoreless for two innings, but in the bottom of the third (NCHS was home team by the draw) the Lady Jackets erupted for two runs and never trailed.

Jessica Gilkerson walked, moved to second on a ground out by Morgan Kelly and scored on a Helene Bretz double. Bretz touched the plate when the number

three hitter Shelby Sooby also pounded a double to make it 2-0.

After Nicholas hurler Shelby Brown held Bracken County scoreless again in the third, the Lady Jackets put the game out of reach with four more in the bottom of the fourth.

Brittania Sooby singled, Gilkerson singled and Kelly scored, and a two rbi hit by Shelby Sooby made it 5-0. Shelby Sooby scored when Ashley Bromagen reached on an error to count a run batted in, but it was 6-0 going to the fifth.

Neither team scored in the fifth.

Bretz stepped to the plate with one out in the top of the sixth and counted the final run of the game for Nicholas County launching a solo shot for the Lady Jacket.

NCHS Coach Barry Bretz said, "We allowed a few runs to Bracken in the top

of the seventh so we could record outs, but this was a strong win for us."

With two runners on, one out and three runs in for the Lady Bears, NCHS pitcher Shelby Brown struck out the next to batters to slam the door.

Bretz went 2-4 with a home run and two runs batted in and Shelby Sooby had two hits including a double and a run batted in. Bromagen, Petrea Mitchell, Brittanie Sooby and Gilkerson all had one hit apiece.

"We beat a Bracken Co. team that was 14-2 on their home field for the second consecutive time this season. We played in front of a big excited crowd in Brooksville last Monday, our girls stayed focused throughout the game to prevail."

"We had hoped that we would have some of the successes we anticipated. These players are really playing hard and have the

expectation to win. That's very important."

"The win put us in the Championship against Bishop Brossart," he added.

The championship game against Bishop Brossart proved to be a nail-biter of significant proportions.

Brossart's lead off hitter reached third two times, in the opening inning and in the sixth inning, but could go no farther.

In the seventh, Brossart's lead off hitter singled but the next three batters went down, one to a fly out to Messick, and the last two on strike out by Brown.

Brown only allowed three hits, a double and two singles. Nicholas County had 10 hits. Messick had two as did Gilkerson. Mitchell had the only extra base hit.

"Shelby Brown pitched another complete game striking out 8 Brossart batters in her shutout. Ashley Bromagen, Helene Bretz,

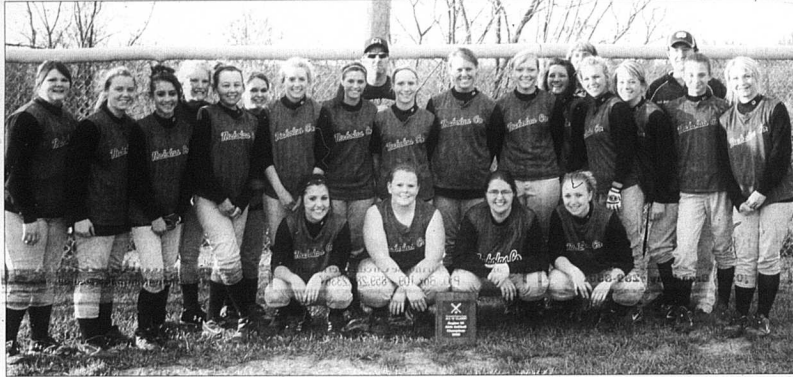
and Shelby Brown were selected to the All-Tournament team.

"We played as a team this week committing only two errors in pressure packed situations throughout the tournament. We beat two of the top five teams in our Region on consecutive nights. We have now won the Region in back to back years and 0 out of the last five."

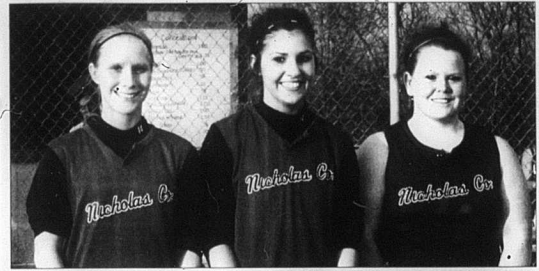
"We do a good job of scouting and knowing our opponents from top-to-bottom. As a team we try to peak at tournament time. We would like to win every game, but we know the region ones are post-season games so we try to be prepared and focused for those dates."

"We are so proud of the girls' effort this week," coach Bretz said.

Nicholas County will battle Covington Holy Cross (11-7) at 5:30 Wednesday (today) at the NCHS field.



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