

## SPORTS

## Lady Jackets shipwreck Lady Pirates

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**BEREA** - The Lady Jackets played a nail biter with the Berea Lady Pirates, claiming a last second win, 50-48. The girls started off on and sluggish note and struggled, but at the end the visiting team claimed the win.

In the first quarter the Lady Jackets scored 18 points, to end the first eight minutes deadlocked.

Brittanie Sosby started the Jackets off with two three-pointers. She ended the quarter with 8 points to lead NCHS.

The second quarter was a back and forth eight minutes.

Two minutes into the quarter Berea jumped out ahead of the Jackets 20-18. With the help of a three-pointer from Hannah Dixon the Lady Jackets climbed back into the lead 25-23 at the end of the quarter.

After taking the two point lead at intermission to the locker room, the third quarter belonged to the Lady Jackets.

The team pulled together and assisted each other throughout the entire quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Jackets began to lose intensity and allowed the host Lady Pirates to climb back into the contest.

With 5:44 to go in the fourth quarter it was 41-34, a seven point NCHS lead.

Berea started to put the pressure on and with the girls allowing the Lady Pirates some quick points the game became very close.

With 8:0 seconds left in the game it was 49-46, Nicholas County.

Hallee Hertz went to the free throw line, connecting on a free throw and brought the victory to a close with 50-48.

Brittanie Sosby ended the game with 14 points. Hertz followed with 13 points. Brandi Mesnick and Hannah Dixon added six points each.

Shelby Sosby followed up with five points. C.C. Humphries added four points. Patrice Mitchell contributed with two points.

The Lady Jackets host to Lewis County Tuesday night, 72-54 as the hosts pulled away from a Nicholas County two point lead at intermission.

The Lady Jackets, freshmen, junior varsity and varsity will travel to Bath County on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

NCHS Head Coach Jennifer Cornett said after the game, "I thought that we had the potential to blow Berea out of the water. Our girls are getting better we just need to believe in ourselves and be patient."

"As long as we play well on the defensive end of the floor we have an opportunity to beat anyone. We had Berea right where we wanted them and we made silly mistakes that almost cost us the game. Hallee (Hertz) came in a played very well for us."

"Shelby (Sosby) is our best defender. She needs to realize how much of an impact she has on the team. The players look up to her and when she plays well on the defensive end it gets the rest of the team going."

C.C. (Humphries) and Brandi both did well keeping Berea off the boards. Berea is a good rebounding team with two of their players that breaking the school rebounding record already.

"Overall we did pretty well handling the press that Berea tried to put on us."

"We have several players sick and hopefully we will get everyone back healthy come tournament time," the first year head coach said.

The Lady Jackets played close for a half with Lexington Sayre on parents' night last Friday, but the visitors pulled away to claim a 50-25 win.



Photo by Christian Dünn (31) battles for a loose ball in NCHS's 50-25 loss to Lexington Sayre on Parents' night.

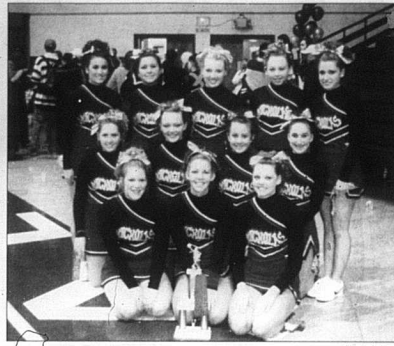


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## Second place winners

First row left to right, Lindsay Crawford, Co-Captain, Hannah Garrett, Co-Captain, Hanna Sams, Co-Captain. Second row Brandy Norman, Halli Webb, Anna Mattox, Kimber Letcher. Third row - Kristen Letcher, Heather McCall, Hayley McConnell, Chelsea Markland, Madeline Gallagher. Coaches Ashley Vice and Jessica Letcher. The Nicholas County Cheerleaders went to Mason County High School on Jan. 26, to compete in the KAPOS 10th region competition. The cheerleaders placed runner-up in Region 10 and Runner up in District 38. The girls competed on Dec. 15, at Berea College in the Cheer Lid, Bluegrass Regional and received First place small 2 1/2 minute cheer. The cheerleaders also received a bid to Cheer Lid. Nationals held at Myrtle Beach, S.C. Mar. 14-16.



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