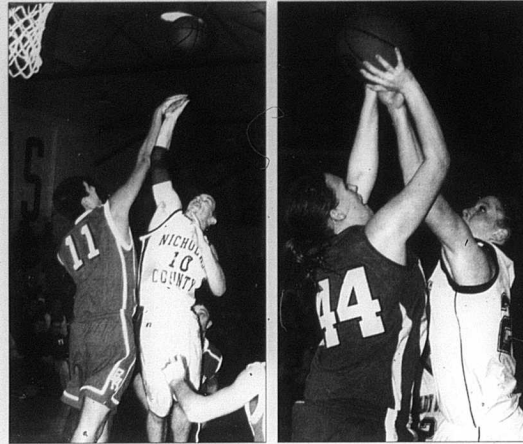


SPORTS.

Lady Jackets have big rally

It would be hard to blame even the most die-hard Nicholas County fans for not sticking around when the Lady Jackets fell behind by nearly 20 points early in the third quarter of Saturday's game against district-rival Pendleton County...



Jonathan Mattox lifts a jumper in the lane against defensive pressure from a Beth Haven player.

Nicholas County's Petrea Mitchell looks for a basket against a tough Bourbon County defense.

Jackets claim win over rival Greyhounds, 65-50

Coach Michael Cofer and the Nicholas County Blue Jackets got an early Christmas present when they won for the first time this season on Dec. 21 at Paris, 65-50. The Bluejackets built a small lead early and added to it by outscoring Paris in the second, third and fourth quarters, including 25-17 in the final period of play...

That's the real story. We've been stressing all year that to win games we have to cut down on our turnovers, and that was a win out of it. The key to the Blue-Jackets' win was a season-long eight turnovers, which is a major improvement for a team that averages more than 20 per game.

Beth Haven takes close win

Playing for the first time in 14 days, Nicholas County was rusty in a losing effort to Beth Haven in a game that saw the Blue Jackets get behind by as many as 16 points before rallying late to put themselves in position to win.

Half White who stole the spotlight with his best game of the year, a 17-point performance. Matt is learning more every game and every practice. He has ups and downs, but he's competing hard and getting better. Had he played all four years of his high school career, it's untelling how good he could be.

Bourbon takes 56-38 win

Getting past the point of being in awe of your opponent is tough to overcome, especially for a young team like the Nicholas County Lady Jackets. The team's record to 2-1 in district play and gave the victory also gave Nicholas County back-to-back wins for only the second time this season.

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