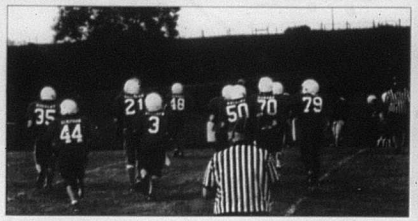
NCMS Football heartbreaker



The Nicholas County seventh grade football game was a heartbreaker.

"Our inexperienced group of sixth and seventh graders played much better than last week but came up a little short. Lewis County had a lot of big players and they scored in the last minute to beat us 12-8," said NCMS Head Coach Chris Fryman.

"My kids played very hard and I am very happy with the effort. We will continue to improve every week and I am very proud of the heart they showed this week," he said.

The eighth grade game was a dandy.

"We played a Lewis County team that had beaten our seventh grade last year and had taken conference favorite Bath County to double overtime last week.

"We knew they were going to be good, and they were all we expected. They were a hard-hitting team that played well. We took our first drive down the field and scored. We converted the 2-point conversion to take an early 8-0 lead.

" Lewis County drove down the field and scored on the next possession.

"We battled until the end of regulation until the buzzer sounded and the score was tied at 16-16.

"We scored on the first possession of overtime to take a 22-16 lead and then held them out of the end zone on the Lions' possession to win the game with that final score.

"The eighth grade team is not the most talented that I have seen this year. I have seen a great deal of talent from both Rowan, that we defeated last week 16-8, and Lewis County but my kids just play so well together," the first year NCMS coach said.

"We still have a lot of things to work on but I couldn't ask for any better effort from these kids. This bunch has a lot of heart and desire to be good. They also refuse to lose in the last quarter.

"I will take those attributes any day. I am very pleased with the way they have come together. We are now 2-0 with the eighth grade team and are having a good season so far, but we still have a lot of football left.

"Both teams play hard and give me all they have. We have some good kids on this team and I am their biggest fan.

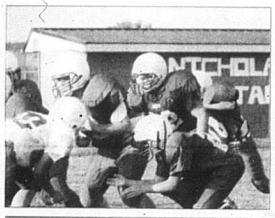
"We hit hard and the kids are really enjoying the game of football. I hope to see more fans in the bleachers when we play again.

"We go to Morgan County this week (Sept. 4), and then play at home in the Bluejackets Bowl on Sat., Sept. 6 against Paris.

The Bluejackets Bowl is a bowl we are putting on that will have a full slate of games all day on that Saturday.

"We have teams from Mason, Powell, Fleming, Bourbon, Bracken, Paris, Manchester Oh., and of course Nicholas playing on that day.

"It should be a good day of football, so come out and support us when we play at 6 p.m. that day," the coach said.



Back-to-school Safety Tips

As the school year begins motorists are encouraged to pay particular attention while driving in the morning and afternoon hours when local school buses will be picking up and dropping off students going to and coming from school.

Paying attention behind the wheel and allowing extra time to get to work or other destinations are two important steps. Other tips for drivers include:

* State law requires all traffic, both oncoming and following, to stop for a school bus loading or unloading passengers when the bus' stop sign is extended and its red flashers are on. The only exception is for four-lane divided highways, where oncoming traffic is not required to stop. Modern school buses are also equipped with yellow flashers that serve to warn following or oncoming drivers that a stop is imminent.

* Remember that school bus routes and stops can change from time to time. The Transportation Cabinet places some signs alerting drivers to the location of school bus stops along state-maintained highways, but not all stops are marked.

* Students who live in urban areas and walk or bike to school should use caution, and cross streets only at designated crosswalks. Although pedestrians have the right of way at crosswalks, they should always look both ways before crossing a highway, even at crosswalks controlled by traffic lights.

Parents, here are some tips you share with your children on "back to school" traffic safety before, during and after the bus stop:

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness.
- Line up away from the street or road as the bus approaches.
- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.
- Once on the bus, find a seat, sit down, and talk quietly. Yelling or other noises can distract the bus driver.
- Never put your head, arms or hands out of the window; and keep the aisles clear.
- At your stop, wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat. Then, walk to the front door and exit.
- When getting off a bus, if you have to cross the street in front of it, walk at least 10 feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road, until you can turn around and see the driver.
- Make sure the bus driver can see you. Wait for a signal from the driver before beginning to cross.
- When the driver signals, walk across the road, keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.
- Look left, right, and then left again before crossing the street. Continue to look in this manner until you are safely across.
- Stay away from the rear wheels of the bus at all times.

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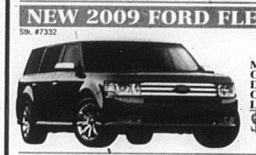

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