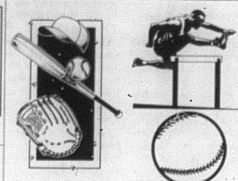


SPORTS

Nicholas girls finish third in Fleming meet

FLEMINGSBURG High School track and field athletes ventured to Fleming County on Monday, May 11 for a late regular-season meet. Nicholas County girls' team finished third in the Fleming County Twilight Invitational. Megan Hunter paced Nicholas County in the 4th, Antonia Peitsch - 5th; 300 Hurdles - Caleb Pope - 4th; 4x200 Relay - Kayla Livingood, Kimber Letcher, Laken Howard, Mandi McLean - 4th; 800 Meter Run - Jesse Smith, Jake Gilliland, Devin Johnson, Cameron Dale - 3rd; Shot Put - Megan Hunter, Haley McConnell, Kayla Livingood, Laken Howard, Devon Johnson, Kelley - 6th.



Lady Jackets blank Mason in regular-season finale

The Nicholas County High School softball team ended the regular-season on a winning note Friday, blanking Mason County 10-0 in five innings. Nicholas County won three games last week. Earlier in the week, the team defeated LCA in equally impressive fashion. Shelby Sosby and Jessica Gilkerson provided offensive help for Nicholas County in the third inning with back-to-back doubles to lead the Lady Jackets out in front 2-0 in the game against familiar foe Mason County. Resa Martin delivered a two-run double in the fourth inning for Nicholas County, capping off a seven-run inning. The Lady Jackets concluded the regular-season ranked in the 10th spot. Nicholas County won two of its last three regular-season games, finishing strong prior to the start of the postseason. Shelby Brown allowed only two earned runs during the week and pitched two shutouts as Nicholas County secured wins over Mason County and LAC. The Lady Jackets turned

Jackets win three of four

The Nicholas County High School baseball team won three of four games last week during the final week of the regular season, posting wins over Powell County, St. Patrick and Bracken County. Nicholas County doubled up Powell County 6-3 in a road game Monday, May 11. One day later, Nicholas County rolled past St. Patrick 31-4 in a regular-season home finale. The Jackets scored early and often in the win over St. Patrick. The game was basically just a game that we should have had a lot of guys getting back on the right track with the bats and gain a lot of confidence at the plate," said Nicholas County Coach Travis Sims. "St. Pat has struggled all year with the lack of pitching and our bats just took advantage of that." Sayre defeated Nicholas County 9-4 Wednesday, dealing the Jackets their lone loss of the week. The Jackets, however, managed to bounce back and return to the win column. Nicholas County blanked Bracken County 9-0 Friday, finishing the regular-season 13-9. The Jackets were impressive in the win over Bracken County. Senior Darius Workman

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT



Matthew Kelly

Sophomore Matthew Kelly is another versatile performer for the Nicholas County High School track and field program. Kelly, a proven hard-worker, has enjoyed success as an individual competitor and as a member of more than one Nicholas County High School track and field team. "Matthew has been a big asset to our track team this year," said Nicholas County Coach Greg Letcher. "He competes in the 300 hurdles, triple jump, 4x100 relay and 4x200 relay. He has performed exceptionally well on our relay teams."

Kelly is one of the top young athletes in the Nicholas County High School track and field program. The sophomore continues to show plenty of promise with two full high school seasons remaining in his prep career. "We hope that over the course of the next two years we will see tremendous improvement in both the triple jump and 300 hurdles," Letcher added. Kelly finished sixth in the 200 Hurdles and was a member of both the 4x200 relay and 4x100 meter relay teams during this year's regional track and field meet Saturday at Danville. He will look to follow in the footsteps of some of his Nicholas County High School teammates and earn a spot in next year's Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) state meet. He is on pace to earn that spot in the state meet next season.



Morgan Kelly

Junior catcher/third baseman Morgan Kelly has been an igniter for the Nicholas County High School softball team's offensive attack throughout the 2009 season. Kelly, who has been behind the plate throughout much of the campaign, continues to help lead the Lady Jackets. Kelly is one of the fastest players in the 10th Region. She is also a very dangerous leadoff hitter. "Morgan is an excellent base-runner who usually scores when she reaches base," said Nicholas County Coach Barry Bretz. Kelly stole 14 bases during the regular-season and also leads the Nicholas County softball team in runs scored. She is a threat to steal each time she reaches base. Moving runners around bases is key in softball and Kelly captures the attention of opposing teams when she reaches base.

Junior pitcher Shelby Brown and Kelly give the Lady Jackets softball program one of the best pitching catches in the 10th Region. "Playing out of her natural position, Kelly has sacrificed and given her all for the Lady Jackets. "Morgan has been the catcher this season - but she is really an infielder who is doing whatever it takes to help the team be successful," Bretz added. "Morgan missed two weeks of the season with a wrist injury, but rebounded her first week back by being named Player of the Week. There is no one who puts her heart into the game than Morgan. She hustles from beginning to end." "Kelly helped the Nicholas County capture wins in two of the 38th District softball team's final three regular-season games last week.



JD Wagener

Nicholas County High School baseball coach Travis Sims continues to build a strong championship-oriented program. Several young players have contributed for the Nicholas County High School baseball program during the 2009 season. One of the younger players who has stepped up and made strong contributions for the NCHS baseball program is eighth grader JD Wagener. One of the top young student-athletes in Nicholas County, Wagener has played like a veteran for the Jackets. An eighth-grader, Wagener has started for Nicholas County for most of the season, playing in left field. He has excelled in his first season of varsity baseball. Wagener ranks as one of the top eighth-grader baseball players in the 10th Region. "JD plays left field and gives us a left-handed bat in the lineup," Sims confided. "He has also given us a left-handed arm in the pitching rotation."

Wagener is expected to be a key player for the NCHS baseball program for several years. He has four varsity baseball seasons remaining. "JD will be an important piece to the puzzle bringing it all together the next four years for Nicholas County baseball," said Sims. "We have really tried to bring young players that we feel will help our team down the road to the varsity action at a young age. Getting that experience is always very important." Regardless of how Nicholas County finishes the '09 campaign, Wagener has four promising varsity seasons remaining on the baseball diamond. He will be back for Nicholas County in 2010 as one of the program's returning position starters and a member of the Jackets' pitching staff. Nicholas County finished the regular season strong last week.

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Jackets compete at region

Hunter, Tolson qualifies for state meet in two events
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Players Of The Week

Shelby Brown Allowed only 2 earned runs during the week.

Kyle Campbell 10 hits last week.

Lady Jackets eliminate Pendleton
Brown tosses no-hitter, Nicholas advances
 The Nicholas County Lady Jackets rolled in the 38th District Softball Tournament Monday evening, shutting out Pendleton County 12-0 in the third inning.
 Petes Mitchell hit a double, knocking in a run. The Pendleton County center fielder made a remarkable catch on a shot hit by Resa Martin to double the Lady Jackets up and end the inning. In the fourth inning, Nicholas County hit the ball as hard as it has in any game this season. "We had our best hitting game of the year with everyone of our batters hitting what I would call shots all over the field in the fourth inning when we scored 10 runs on eight hits," said Nicholas County Coach Barry Bretz. "This is what we have been looking for all year. If we hit like we did today, not very many teams would line up to play us. I was really proud of our hitting coming together in the biggest game of the season."
 Shelby Brown pitched the five inning no-hitter for the Lady Jackets. Brown walked one batter and struck out eight.
 "Shelby was in complete control and was very sharp," Bretz said, complimenting his starting pitcher.
 Nicholas County was facing Harrison County Tuesday evening in the 38th District championship game. More on the title matchup will appear in next week's edition.

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