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5th and 6th Grade Boys Basketball

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With only one loss under their belt, Wallins 5th and 6th grade coach, Robert Simpson, is very confident entering this year's tournament. "The chances for us winning are pretty good because the kids have worked hard and have gotten a lot better throughout the year", he stated.

Even though they are the number one seed entering this year's tournament, Coach Simpson said, "By this time in the season, you are what you are. You just got to go through everything and work on your basic fundamentals."

Black Mountain and Cumberland are the number 2 and 3 seed, respectively, and have good teams. "Overall, the county has a positive outlook on basketball. I feel all the teams have improved", said Coach Simpson. He thinks the county has a lot of talent, but he is preparing his kids the best he can and is very confident heading into the tournament.



Left: Carl Pacholewski went up for two points during a game against Green Hill earlier this season.



7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball Cheerleaders

Both Wallins Devils Cheerleading squads are also working hard to bring home a Championship Title.



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Not only is the 5th and 6th grade tournament coming up, but the 7th and 8th grade tournament begins this weekend. The middle school team has went through the season not losing a game to any team in Harlan County. Coach Nicely said, "I think if we play to the best of our ability, we're expected to win." Coach Nicely also thinks there is a lot of talent in the county, "I think there are several good teams in the tournament, but again, if we play to the best of our ability, we are expected to win." Both teams are walking into the tournament very confident and wanting to bring home that 1st place trophy!



Above: Wallins Guard Taylor Spurlock, looks for an open man during a game against Evarts earlier this season.



Above: 8th Grader Elisha Smallwood played defense against an Evarts player earlier this season.

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Super Bowl Preview

Casey Lee and Elisha Smallwood

This year, we have the Carolina Panthers (17-1) going up against the Denver Broncos (14-4) in Super Bowl '50. We asked our 7th and 8th graders who they thought would win? Well, it looks like our students are in favor of the Panthers with 41 votes compared

to 23 votes for the Broncos. Who would blame them with the stats the Panthers have? According to Stats LLC, the Panthers have averaged 31.3 points and 366.9 yards per game. The Broncos average 22.2 points and 355.5 yards per game. So who do you think

will bring home the championship? Cam Newton and his Carolina Panthers or Peyton Manning and his Denver Broncos? I guess you'll have to wait and find out on Sunday, February 7th at Super Bowl '50!

