

Lady Rockets back on track with wins over Whitley and OBI

The 10-6 Lady Rockets met the 10-6 Whitley County Lady Colonels last Thursday night and, before the Colonels knew what had hit him, they were down 14-2 in the first quarter and things didn't get any better for the host team.

Behind 8 first quarter points by sophomore Amber Denny, the Rockets played good solid basketball that left the Colonels reeling and unable to regroup.

The Rockets continued their barrage, building to a 41-25 third quarter lead to the final 56-41.

Brooke Roberts led the scoring with 17; Brandy Reynolds got 16; Denny added 10; Jessica Cobb and Rachelle Hammond, 4 each; Ashley Lawson 3 and Amber Falin, 2.

Monday night, Oneida Baptist Institute came to town and Coach Chrysti Noble dressed both her varsity and jayvee teams for the game.

Noble's starters jumped out to a first quarter 28-0 lead and, her bench just added to OBI's misery, leading 44-6 at half time; 61-12 at the end of the third quarter and racking up a resounding 76-17 win.

Altogether, 22 Rockets got into the game and 15 scored with Amber Falin leading with 11. Other Rockets scoring were: Laura Beth Bell, who hit three three point baskets, 9; Rachelle Hammond scored 8; Johanna Abney 7; Angie Boreing 6; Amy Barnett 5; Brandy Reynolds, Brooke Roberts, Jessica Cobb and Amber Denny, 4 each; Amanda Barnett and Jessie Hayes, 3 each and Brianna Bussell and Antia Puhlmann, 2 each.

Jayvees win

Angie Boreing led the way with 12 points in the junior varsity Rock-

ets win over the Colonels.

The Rockets led 18-2 at the end of the first quarter and went on to a 46-23 victory.

Other Rockets scoring were: Leslie Carpenter with 8; Ashley Mink and Amy Barnett, 6 each; Jessie Hayes 5; Laura Beth Bell 4; Brianna Bussell and Jessie Thacker, 2 each and Allison Anderkin 1.

Freshmen win two, lose one

The Rocket freshmen team easily defeated Estill County last Friday night, 45-20, lost to Lincoln Saturday, 39-31 and defeated Casey County Tuesday night 34-25.

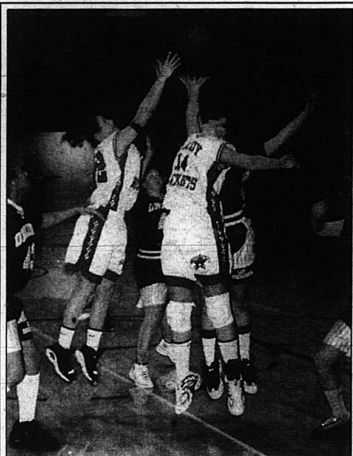
Against Estill County, 12 freshmen got into the scoring column and Johanna Abney led with 7 points. Others scoring were: Ashley Mink, Brianna Bussell and Tara Rowe, 6 each; Jessie Hayes and Lauren Clontz, 4 each and Amy Barnett, Jessie Thacker, Jessica Carpenter, Allison Anderkin, Stephanie Price and Jessie Riddle, 2 each.

Saturday against Lincoln, the Rockets fell behind in the first quarter and just couldn't catch up, losing 39-31.

Amy Barnett and Ashley Mink tied for scoring honors with 8 each; Jessie Hayes got 5; Tara Rowe, 4; Allison Anderkin 3; Johanna Abney 2 and Jessica Carpenter 1.

At Casey County Tuesday night, the Rockets took a 6-0 lead and went on to win 34-25.

Ashley Mink was high point player for the Rockets with 8; Jessie Hayes and Jessie Thacker got 7 each; Brianna Bussell scored 4; Johanna Abney 3; Jessica Carpenter and Lauren Clontz 2 each and Amy Barnett 1.



Senior Jessica Cobb and sophomore Amber Denny fight for a rebound during the Lady Rockets 76-17 win Monday night over Oneida. In all, 22 Lady Rockets played in the game with 15 scoring.

Outdoors in Rockcastle

By Mike Carpenter

Elk Make a Comeback

On December 17, 1997, history was made! The KDFW (Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife) along with the help of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation started Elk Restoration in Kentucky. On that cold December morning 200 elk were released at the Cypress-Amox Wildlife Management Area in Perry County. This historic release was the beginning of bringing in wild elk to Eastern Kentucky. These are not the first elk in Kentucky, hundreds of years ago elk roamed our state. In 1769 Colonel Thomas wrote in his journal about the abundance of deer, elk and bison in Kentucky. As civilization grew and unregulated hunting caused the disappearance of elk.

According to the KDFW, 200 elk will be released every year until the number increases in the herd, and they are able to reproduce and flourish.

Commissioner for KDFW, Tom Bennett, says that so far elk restoration has been a great success even though there have been instances where elk were destroyed or perished. The herd is healthy and things look promising. In fact the first elk

hunt in the state is scheduled for Fall 2001. Look for a lottery drawing for about 11 permits, the other three will be auctioned off to raise money for the elk program.

Even though elk were released in extreme eastern Kentucky, there have been sightings here in our own county. Who knows, maybe seeing an elk in Rockcastle County will be as common as seeing whitetail deer.

KDFW urges Kentuckians to help in protecting the elk herd. You can help out wildlife biologists by keeping your eyes open for these majestic animals. Take your binoculars along for those drives out on the backroads and see if you can spot them. If you do happen to see one and if you are able to see the radio collar look for its number, write it down and contact the KDFW at 1-800-858-1549. Tell them where you spotted the elk, the collar number and the date.

Even though deer season ended January 17th grab your hunting guide and check it out. The seasons for rabbit, quail, grouse and other game are still in. So get out, take your kids the future outdoors men and women of Rockcastle County and enjoy the great outdoors!

Rockets drop to 5-11 on season

The Rockcastle County Rockets traveled to Bell County Friday night, only to come away with their tenth loss of the season, 56-49.

The Rockets held the lead after the first quarter, behind good shooting from senior Matthew Brown, who had eight of his fifteen points in the first quarter.

Two made free throws by Andrew Cash gave the Rockets the 16-10 first quarter lead.

Rockcastle could only muster seven points in the second quarter, but held Bell County to only 10, and went into the locker room at halftime up three, 23-20.

Five Rockcastle players scored in the third quarter, but Bell County managed to tie the score at the end of the third, 37-37.

The fourth quarter was closer than the final score indicated, as the Rockets were down two 51-49 with 47 seconds to go and had to begin fouling the Bobcats, who connected on five of six free throws, without an answer from the Rockets.

Rockcastle lost Madison Southern Tuesday night, to be handed their eleventh loss of the season 57-42.

Madison Southern got up 8-2 to begin the game, but the Rockets came back to outscore the Eagles 9-5 to cut Southern's lead to two, 13-11 to end the first quarter.

Rockcastle was down 26-23 at the end of the first half and fared no better in the second half, as Madison Southern outscored the Rockets in the third quarter 16-14 for the 42-37 lead.

Rockcastle had a disastrous fourth quarter, scoring only five points to Madison Southern's 15.

Homecoming festivities are Monday night between the girls and boys doubleheader against Monticello.

Rockcastle Linescores

Rockcastle	16	7	14	12	49
Bell Co.	10	10	17	19	56
Matthew Brown	15	Andrew Cash	15	Jacob Burdette	9
Hammond	8	Nick Leger	2		

Southern	13	13	16	15	57
Rockcastle	11	12	14	5	42
Andrew Cash	15	Nick Leger	9	Matthew Brown	7
Shea Taylor	3	Jason Reynolds	1		

Jayvees win close one, 34-33

The Rockcastle Jayvees won a close one Tuesday night against Madison Southern 34-33.

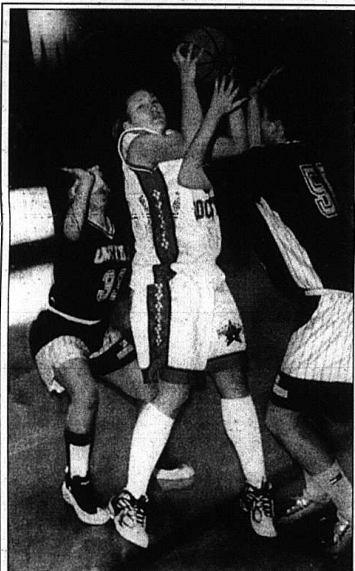
Jeremy Neeley was high point man with 18. Josh Rowland also scored in double digits with 11. Thomas Coffey scored three while Aaron Anderkin had two points.

Southern had the ball and a chance to win with 36 seconds to go in the game, but good defense by the Rockets denied the Eagles the shot, and Jeremy Neeley came up with the steal with two seconds to go to secure the win for the Rockets.

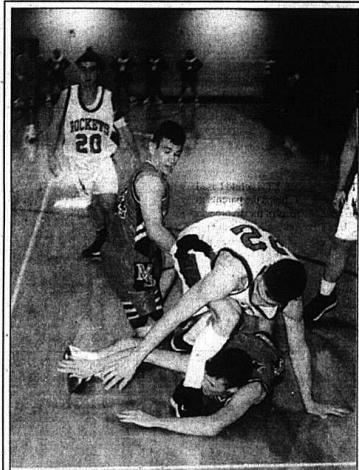
Jayvee Linescores

Southern	10	9	6	8	33
Rockcastle	7	14	2	11	34

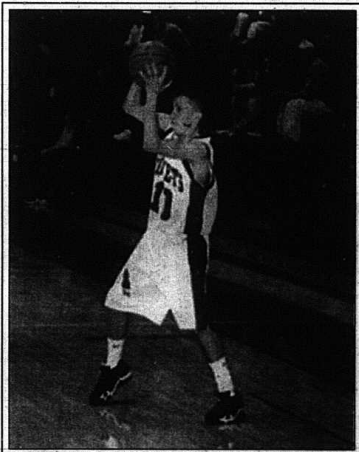
Rockcastle	8	9	9	17	41
Bell Co.	16	18	18	24	76
Aaron Anderkin	17	Thomas Coffey	6	Jeremy Neeley	5
Josh Rowland	4	Aaron Cash	3	Shea Taylor	1
Austin Miller	1	Stephen Boreing	2		



Senior Brooke Roberts led the scoring for her team in their win over the Whitley Co. Lady Colonels last Thursday night with 17 points. Above, she is shown grabbing a rebound in the Rocket-OBI game Monday night.



Andrew Hammond fights for a loose ball during the Rockets 57-42 loss to Madison Southern Tuesday night. Hammond had seven points in the contest. Also in the photo is #20 Andrew Cash who led the scoring with 15.



Junior Jeremy Neeley led the junior varsity to a one point victory over Madison Southern Tuesday night. Neeley had 18 points in the contest.

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