

7th Grade Boys lose by two in conference championship

After defeating the No. 1 seed in the semi-finals of the conference tournament held at Wayne Co., the seventh grade RCMS Rockets boys' team fell in the championship game by two points.

The 7th graders defeated Corbin, seeded No. 1, 42-35 behind great games by Blake Roberts with 14 and Brandon Griffin with 13. The team spent quite a bit of time at the free throw line where they were 14 for 32. Corbin didn't make it quite as often, only getting two of their points at the charity stripe out of 4 chances.

Besides Roberts and Griffin, Matt Allen had 6 points; Derick Hurst got 4; Ronnie McClure 3 and Rick Sandusky and Max Saylor 1 each.

It was a different free throw story in the championship game with South Laurel canning 16 of 32 chances and the Rockets only 5 of 14 and this made the big difference in the 56-54 loss.

The score was knotted at 11 all at the end of the first quarter and South Laurel was up by one 22-21 at the half. The Rockets had a rough third quarter, scoring only 11 points to

South Laurel's 19 but came back to take the fourth 22-15, falling just two points short.

Roberts again led the scoring for his team with 15; Matt Allen and Ronnie McClure got 11 each; Griffin scored 6; Hurst 5; Saylor 4 and Sandusky 2.

The following is a recap of games leading up to the tourney:

RCMS vs. N. Pulaski
January 6

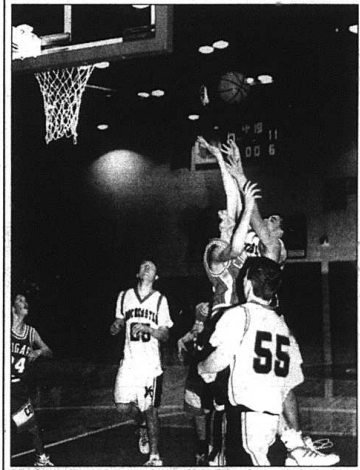
RCMS 4 4 9 13 33
N. Pulaski 13 9 10 10 42
Roberts 11; Griffin and Sandusky, 8 each; Saylor 5; Allen 3 and McClure 1.

RCMS vs. Wayne Co.
January 10

RCMS 10 8 8 12 38
Wayne Co. 10 5 10 7 32
Roberts 14; Griffin 8; Allen 5; Hurst 4; Sandusky 3 and Saylor and McClure, 2 each.

RCMS vs. N. Laurel
January 11

RCMS 11 12 4 7 44
N. Laurel 10 13 17 5 45
Griffin 16; Roberts 15; Allen 5; McClure 4 and Hurst and Sandusky 2 each.



Matthew Allen, who scored 11 points, fights for a rebound with a South Laurel player in the championship game. Also in the photo are Blake Roberts, #25 and Brandon Griffin, #55.



The RCMS 7th grade boys basketball team fell just two points shy of bringing home the championship trophy. The team defeated Meece in their opening game, their next victim was top-seeded Corbin but falling to South Laurel 56-54 in the final game. Members of the squad are, front row, from left: Stephen Rowe, Derick Hurst, Ricky Sandusky, and Jacob Taylor. Back row, from left: Brandon Griffin, Matthew Allen, Blake Roberts, Ronny Lee McClure and Max Saylor.



The RCMS 8th grade cheerleaders received the Spirit Award for their efforts at the conclusion of their conference championship tournament. Members of the squad are front row, from left: Rebecca Alsip, Jamie Ornela, Brooke Smith, and Tasha Parsons. Back row, from left: Sharon Thacker, sponsor, Sheena Fry, Chassity DeBorde, Traci Parsons, Brittany Cromer and Gina Nicely, sponsor.

RCMS vs. Meece
January 13
RCMS 8 20 14 9 3 54
Meece 16 15 7 13 5 56
Griffin 27; Roberts 9; Saylor 6; Hurst 5; Allen 4 and McClure 3.

RCMS vs. Corbin
January 27
RCMS 8 8 13 11 40
Corbin 14 11 4 20 49
Griffin 19; Roberts 14; Hurst 4 and McClure 3.

RCMS vs. N. Pulaski
February 7
RCMS 9 10 7 13 39
N. Pulaski 7 7 15 13 43
Griffin 17; Roberts 8; Allen 7; Saylor 5 and Hurst 2.

First Round of Tournament
February 5

RCMS 8 10 12 11 41
Meece 9 7 7 8 32
Griffin 22; Saylor 8; Roberts 5; Hurst 4 and Allen 2.

8th graders lose in first round

The eighth grade team lost in the first round of the tournament 64-44 to a strong Northern Pulaski team.

Tim McIntosh led his team's effort with 17; Devin Taylor got 10; Shane Nicely 5; Matthew Silcox and Brandon Falin 4 each; Ryan VanHoose 3 and Jesse Hamm 1.

RCMS vs. Wayne
January 10

RCMS 6 10 6 18 40
Wayne Co. 8 11 9 11 39
Taylor 13; Nicely 9; Jarrod Burdette 8; McIntosh 7 and Falin 3.

RCMS vs. N. Laurel
January 11

RCMS 17 19 14 12 62
N. Laurel 11 13 10 9 43
Nicely 19; McIntosh and Taylor 11 each; Burdette 8; Devon Bussell and Falin 4 each; Brandon Cameron 3; James Isaac 2.

RCMS vs. Meece
January 13

RCMS 13 9 11 11 44
Meece 13 9 11 11 44
McIntosh 6; Taylor and Nicely 3 each and Falin and Cameron 2 each.

RCMS vs. Corbin
January 27

RCMS 4 10 12 20 46
Corbin 13 16 20 17 63
McIntosh 16; Taylor 13; Bussell 9; Jesse Hamm 4; Nicely and Falin 2 each.

RCMS vs. N. Pulaski
February 7

RCMS 12 12 6 13 43
N. Pulaski 12 14 14 20 60
Taylor 9; Hamm and Matthew Evans, 6 each; Nicely 5; McIntosh 4; Isaac, Cameron and Silcox 3 each; VanHoose 2 and Ben McKibben and Brandon Reams, 1 each.

6th Grade Games

RCMS vs. N. Pulaski
January 6

RCMS 16 12 9 13 50
N. Pulaski 0 2 0 0 2
Weston Riddle 12; Colby Brown and Matthew Burkhardt 10 each; Gabe Stallworth 8; Matthew Sauls 4; Jeremy Cook 2 and Kyle Mullins and Jared Brown 1 each.

RCMS vs. L.C. AAU
January 10

RCMS 7 4 10 6 29
L.C. AAU 7 11 6 13 37
Colby Brown 12; Matthew Burkhardt 7; Weston Riddle 5; Gabe Stallworth 3; Kyle Mullins 2.

RCMS vs. N. Laurel
January 11

RCMS 5 7 16 13 41
N. Laurel 4 8 8 3 23
Colby Brown 24; Weston Riddle 7; Gabe Stallworth 5; Kyle Mullins 4; Jeremy Cook 1.

RCMS vs. Meece
January 13

RCMS 8 8 2 13 31
Meece 3 4 13 9 29
Colby Brown 10; Weston Riddle 9; Matt Burkhardt 5; Kyle Mullins 3; Gabe Stallworth and Jeremy Cook 2 each.

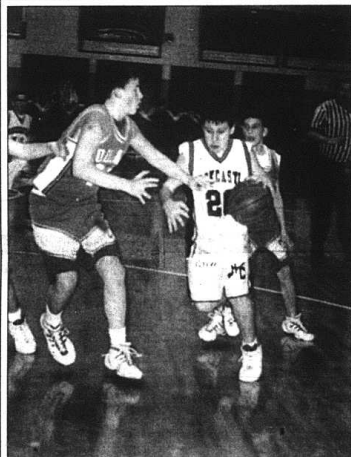
RCMS vs. Corbin
January 27

RCMS 7 5 10 10 32
Corbin 10 4 17 8 39
Matt Burkhardt 10; Colby Brown 7; Weston Riddle 7; Gabe Stallworth 6 and Jeremy Cook 2.

RCMS vs. N. Pulaski
February 7

RCMS 12 4 15 12 43
N. Pulaski 4 4 7 2 17
Colby Brown 12; Kyle Mullins 9; Gabe Stallworth 8; Weston Riddle 7; Matt Burkhardt 5 and Jared Brown 2.

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Ricky Sandusky drives around a South Laurel player in the tournament championship game held at Wayne County.



Derrick Hurst goes for an outside shot in the South Laurel game. Hurst scored five points in his team's losing effort.

Rockcastle Co. High School DANCE

When: Feb. 25, 2000

Where: School Cafeteria

Time: Following the Basketball Game (9 pm to 12am)

Admission: \$3 single, \$5 double

Outdoors in Rockcastle

By Mike Carpenter

Fishing this time of year definitely isn't for everyone, but for those die-hard anglers that doesn't mind the cold temperatures and wind, walleye fishing on the Rockcastle River is getting ready to heat up.

The walleye, which are the largest members of the Perc family, is found throughout the Rockcastle River. Walleye have a structure in their eyes which makes them adapt to feeding in low-light conditions. Their eyes are very sensitive to light. They feed mostly at dusk, night and dawn, staying close to the bottom. Cloudy skies, muddy waters and choppy waves all serve to reduce the light penetration and allows the walleyes to become active midday and to suspend off of the bottom.

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12 pound walleyes being caught this time of year.

The last couple of weeks in February and the whole month of March are good times to fish for walleye. Male walleye will move into shallow water above ripples at dusk and wait for females to swim in. Some people fish for walleye with artificial lures such as jigs, crankbaits, and spinners, however, most people prefer using live bait, such as minnows, leaches and night crawlers. Just about any rod-reel combination will work for walleye fishing, but for live bait I would recommend a 6-6 1/2 foot, medium heavy action rod, so you can get a good hook set. Walleye have very sharp teeth so remember fishing with a leader on the end of your line is not a bad idea.

I recently talked to Doug Stephens, the fisheries biologist for the south-eastern part of the state. Doug said that the Rockcastle River holds a good number of walleye and some real wallhangers too. Doug also said he was going to be doing some studies on walleyes in the Rockcastle River this spring and summer.

Daily creel and size limit for walleye statewide are a daily limit of 10 and a minimum size length of 15 inches. Don't forget to renew your fishing license, they will expire February 29, 2000.

Jayvees beat Evarts 61-40

The Rockcastle JV team won easily over Evarts, behind a nineteen point effort by freshman Aaron Anderkin, who hit four three pointers for the Rockets.

Jeremy Neely also added fourteen in the 61-40 win. The Jayvees are now 13-4 on the season.

J.V. Linescores	
Evarts	10 11 13 6 40
Rockcastle	22 17 13 9 61

Aaron Anderkin 19; Jeremy Neely 14; Jason Reynolds 8; Aaron Cash 6; Austin Miller 5; Thomas Coffey 4; Stephen Boring 4; Jeremy Rowe 1.

"Big Names"

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appear including: Neal McCoy, The Crab Family, Gene Watson and the Oak Ridge Boys.

The famous all night gospel singing is scheduled for August 5 and on August 12 Billy Ray Cyrus will perform. On August 19, Ray Price will perform and on August 25 the Kingsmen will take center stage. On August 26th, Charley Pride is scheduled to appear.

In September, Ronnie McDowell, Sammy Kershaw, Roy Clark and George Jones make a trip to Renfro Valley. Also in September, Tom Wopat and John Schneider will appear as part of the Dukes of Hazard Reunion Tour.

Among the entertainers in Renfro Valley in October will be Connie Smith and The Statler Brothers.

In November, Loretta Lynn returns for two big nights on November 10 and 11.

For tickets and information contact Renfro Valley's ticket office at (606) 256-2638 or (800) 765-SING.

"Blood Drive"

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makers blood drive will be held Monday, March 6, 2000. Please join the crusade between 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the basement of the Rockcastle County Extension Office. Donating blood is a quiet, simple act of heroism that gives us a new hope to those who desperately need it. As a special thank you for act of heroism, all donors will receive a free gift.

For more information please contact Loretta Robinson at 679-7413.

"Drug Bust"

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Cunningham, Charles Cunningham, Donald Wayne Crouch, Gustavo Bidal, Alberto Travieso, Alejandro Cabrera and Ronnie Bradley.