

Harper hits two homers; ROCK improves to 18-5

Junior Greg Harper hit two home runs and allowed only one hit over six innings in leading the Rockcastle County Rockets to their eighteenth win of the season Friday night.

The Rockets defeated Casey County 8-2, after a five run seventh inning which saw eleven Rockets bat. The ROCK also left the bases loaded in the seventh.

Casey County dropped to 3 and 14 on the season.

Friday night's win was Harper's ninth of the season. The Rocket ACE has won all nine of his starts this season.

Juniors Shea Taylor and Billy Hackworth each had a double and Brad McNew, Brandon Bishop, Taylor and Harper each had singles.

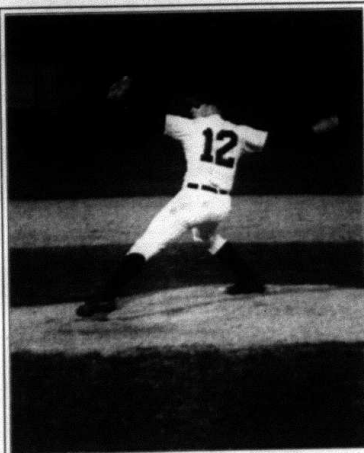
Senior Andrew Cash gave up two runs in the seventh, but picked up the save.

Junior first baseman Christopher Parsons was injured in a collision at the bag and left the game, but was expected to play on Tuesday at Madison Central.

The Rockets have not played at home since May 2 against Knox Central, because of a problem with the grass in the infield.

The infield has been completely resodded and no games will be played on the field until the district tournament begins Monday at 5 p.m.

The Rockets will travel to North Laurel on Thursday night and will play their final game of the regular season at Lexington Catholic on Saturday.



Junior Greg Harper hit two home runs and gave up only one hit leading the Rockets to an 8-2 victory Friday night at Casey County. Rockcastle will host both the boys and girls district tourney beginning Monday.

Lady Rockets defeat Clay

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets have won two out of their last three games and three out of five as they head down the home stretch toward the district tournament. Tuesday night they came from behind to defeat visiting Clay County 10-9.

"I'm really proud of these kids," said head coach Chris Hendrickson. "After we got off to such a horrible start our players could have dropped their heads and just quit, but they didn't," he said.

"It has just taken our young players time to adjust to high school fast pitch and to a different level of competition," he said.

The Lady Rockets went into the bottom of the seventh inning down 9-8 before pulling out the win.

Winning pitcher Jessie Hayes grounded out to start the inning but left fielder Josie Bengtson got a single.

The next batter, catcher Amber Falin, doubled to right center and Bengtson went to third.

With one out, third baseman Angie Howard grounded to first, which scored Bengtson and tied the game at 9.

Shortstop Brooke Roberts then delivered the game winning hit with a ground ball in the hole, that scored Falin from third.

Last week the Lady Rockets defeated Oneida 26-6 and Monticello 18-4.

Thursday they travel to Bell County and on Friday they will host Monticello in their final game of the regular season.

Girls finish second at Boyle Co. meet

The girls' track and field team recently finished 2nd out of eleven teams at the Boyle County Invitational. The girls were defeated in a close contest with regional rival Boyle County. The girls were without the services of Junior Cheyenne Carmack for most of the meet. Cheyenne suffered an asthma attack as the result of an allergic reaction and was forced to miss her last three races. With her, the girls would have easily taken first place.

The 3200-meter relay team of Jessica Asher, Kayla Hayes, Daniella Arnold and Makaylah Bryant ran a great race and placed fourth overall in 12:00.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Junior Tara Abney continued her brilliance with a new RCHS record time of 17:22. Tara finished third overall. Teammate Theresa Chisholm also ran her fastest time ever and finished fourth in 17:6. In the 300-meter hurdles, Tara ran well and placed fourth overall in 53:32. Theresa finished sixth overall with a season's best time of 53:68.

In the 100-meter dash, eighth grader Sheena Swinney ran her fastest time ever and finished 2nd in 13:09. Cheyenne, despite impending allergy problems, finished fourth with a fast time of 13:19.

Mindy Bullock tied her own RCHS record in high jump for the second straight meet with an impressive effort of 5'0". Mindy placed first overall.

In the long jump, Rachelle Hammond performed very well and finished 2nd overall with a leap of 15'1". Rachelle also finished 2nd in triple jump with an incredible effort of 32'9". Teammate Cheryl Emba also jumped well and placed sixth with an effort of 28'11".

In shot put, Clarissa Hubbard displayed her usual dominance and finished first with a throw of 31'10.5". Clarissa also placed second in shot put. Ashley Lawson placed fifth in discus and also placed fifth in shot put

with an impressive effort of 26'8". In the 400-meter dash, Rachelle placed second with an impressive time of 1:04.12.

In the 200-meter dash, Sheena ran an awesome race and finished first overall with a time of 27:03. Johnna Abney also ran an exceptional race and finished fourth overall with a personal record time of 28:12.

Jessica Asher and Kayla Hayes did very well in the 800-meter run. Jessica finished fifth overall in 4:49.45, while Kayla finished sixth in 2:50:38.

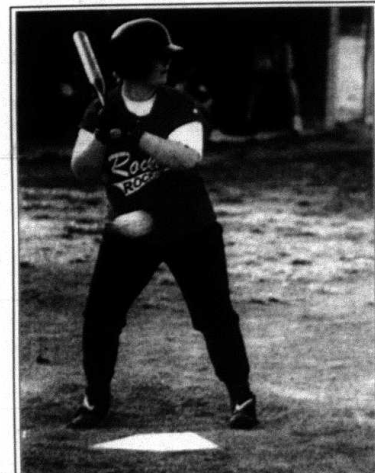
In the 1600-meter run, Mournie Ramsey finished seventh overall with a personal best time of 6:27. Danielle Arnold finished 11th overall with a great time of 6:49. Mournie also placed fifth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 14:49.

The 400-meter relay team of Johnna, Theresa, Mindy and Casey Taylor finished fifth in 56:94. The 800-meter relay team of Tara, Johnna, Casey and Sheena placed fourth overall in 1:58:91. In the 1600-meter relay, Theresa, Tara, Rachelle and Sheena finished third in 4:40.

The boys' 10th place finish was highlighted by two very impressive performances by senior sprinter Dustin Crawford. Dustin ran an excellent first race in the 100-meter dash and finished second overall with an awesome personal best time of 11:07. The effort ranks Dustin fourth in the state in Class A in the 100-meter dash. Despite his impressive 100-meter performance, Dustin's best was yet to come.

In the 200-meter dash, Dustin ran an unbelievable race and finished with the fastest time ever by an RCHS competitor in the event. His awesome time of 23:08 broke Jason Brown's previous record of 23:11 and earned him a second place finish overall. His time also ranked him fourth in the state in the 200-meter dash.

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Right fielder Rachelle Riddle takes a pitch during the Lady Rockets win over district foe Clay County Tuesday night. The girls play in the district tournament Monday night at RCHS.



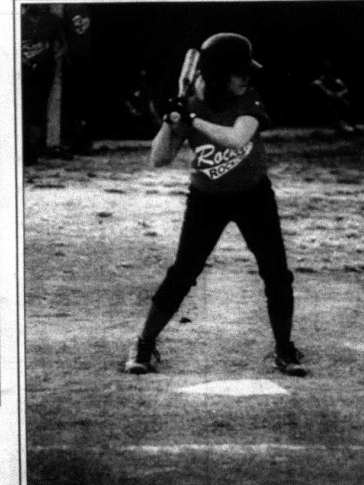
The Rockcastle County High School girls' basketball team received a \$2000 check from Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal life insurance society. District Manager Jan Gill and District Representative Peggy Baker explained that the donation was made through the local Modern Woodmen camp which sponsored a matching fund project to purchase audio/video equipment for the team. Baker said, "Modern Woodmen of America is very supportive of youth programs throughout the county, the fraternal programs make it possible to return approximately \$6000 to the Rockcastle County area per year." District Manager Gill said that the local Mt. Vernon camp has been very active for several years supporting the volunteer fire department, various sports programs, and beautification programs. "We recognize the importance of community involvement and our responsibility to make a contribution toward the growth and well being of our clients and their families."



Senior Matt Smith, center, recently signed to play football at Kentucky Wesleyan College. Looking on are his parents, Roger and Miran Smith and head coach Tony Saylor and head coach Tom Larkey. Eds Note: This photo is being reprinted because we incorrectly identified Mr. and Mrs. Smith as Minks in last week's paper. Our apologies.



Amanda Barnett takes off for second during the Lady Rockets win Tuesday night. The Lady Rockets have won three out of their last five games.



Second baseman Jessica Thacker goes to bat for the Lady Rockets 10-9 win over Clay County Tuesday night.

Annual Rockcastle County Boys Basketball Camp

June 5, 6 and 7
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Cost: A \$10.00 donation would be appreciated but not required. (Make checks payable to "RCHS Tip-Off Club")

Fundamentals of basketball will be taught daily.

Lunch will be provided.

All campers will receive a T-shirt.

Lots of prizes and awards will be given.

(Name) _____ may participate in all activities involving basketball camp.

(Age) _____

(Grade) _____

(Shirt size) _____

Parent signature _____

Send to: Rockcastle Co. High School c/o Clayton Cash

Boys Basketball Coach

PO Box 1410

Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

*Any questions? Please call 758-8994 or 256-4816**

11th Annual Lady Rockets Basketball Camp June 5-8 • MVES

Ages 5 to 9 - 10:00 - 1:00 • Ages 10-14 - 2:00 - 5:00

Cost: \$20 per camper - \$10 additional family member

Free T-shirt per camper - Trophies & prizes awarded

Camp Application

Name _____

Phone: _____ Grade: _____

Age: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Parent: _____

Work Phone: _____

Please List 2 Emergency Numbers

Name _____ # _____

Name _____ # _____

As parents, we give our approval and permission for the above student to participate in basketball camp. As a parent I assume all risk and hazards incidental to such participation, including transportation to and from the camp. I agree to hold harmless the coaches from any injury to my child. I certify that my child is in good health and has no physical disability or illness that would prevent my child from participation in all activities. In the event of injury during camp, as all our effort will be made to reach you. If you cannot be reached, your signature below will authorize the head coach to seek whatever medical advice or treatment necessary. Furthermore, I will assume any financial responsibility for such treatment. By signing below, I signify that I have read and will abide by the conditions stated therein.

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

For more info, contact Chrysti Noble at 256-2953 or 256-0008.

*Money for camp will be used for the Lady Rockets High School to attend camp. FRC Scholarships available for camp.

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