

Rockets ground Cardinals 43-14

By: Richard Anderkin

The Rockcastle County Rocket football team is well on their way to another good season after a 43-14 drubbing of South Laurel on Friday night.

The Rockets are now 2 and 0 on the season with impressive wins over Lincoln and South Laurel in the first two weeks of the season.

Much of Friday night's success should be credited to ROCK's young offensive line.

Freshman Jason Leger, sophomore Michael Brummett and Tanner Abney and junior William Blair, joined senior Sean Smith to open some very nice holes for Rocket backs on Friday night.

Senior ends Greg Harper and Dackery Larkey, also contributed to the run with some excellent blocking.

All total the ROCK gained 258 yards on the ground and 67 through the air. Last week against Lincoln County, the Rockets had just 143 yards on the ground.

Unlike last week, the ROCK scored all five offensive touchdowns on the ground. The ROCK did pick up one touchdown through the air, but that came on a defensive interception.

The third quarter pick by senior Derrick Bussell was probably the turning point of the game.

Early in the third quarter Bussell went 29 yards for the score, after intercepting a Cardinal pass.

The touchdown and two point conversion, also by Bussell, gave the

Rockets the lead for good at 21-14. The Rocket defense then took over, allowing the Cardinals only 20 yards of total offense in the second half and only 171 for the entire game.

The Rocket scoring went as follows:

Junior Josh Hale goes around left end in the first quarter on a 22 yard run for the touchdown. Senior placekicker Greg Terry adds the extra point.

In the second quarter, Bussell scores from the five yard line. The extra point kick was blocked.

In the third quarter, Bussell scores on the interception and he also adds the two point conversion.

In the fourth quarter, senior quarterback Christopher Parsons carries the ball in from the three and Greg Terry's kick made the score 28-13.

Terry also added a 35 yard field goal in the fourth quarter and junior Clay Dooley finished off the scoring with a 24 yard run from scrimmage.

Senior Travis Ingram, who is destined to set all Rocket records for tackles led the Rockets again on Friday night with thirteen tackles and assists and three quarterback sacks.

Defensive Rover Josh Hale also played well on defense with nine tackles and assists, a sack and a fumble recovery.

Besides picking off two passes, Derrick Bussell also had six tackles and assists as did defensive lineman William Blair. Blair also had a sack.

Junior Josh Taylor, who got his first ever start as a Rocket did well from his defensive tackle spot with six tackles and assists and a sack.

Sean Smith had five tackles and assists and Clay Dooley and Junior Regan each had four tackles.

Dackery Larkey had three tackles and a quarterback sack, while senior Greg Harper had two tackles and a sack.

Sophomores Tanner Abney and Aaron Anderkin each had two tackles and Junior Steve Blair picked up a tackle.

Of the 45 plays South Laurel ran on offense Friday night they lost ground on fifteen of those.

On the offensive side of the ball, Derrick Bussell had 97 yards on 16 carries and he caught three passes for 44 yards.

Sophomore Marty Reagan had 72 yards on eleven carries. Junior Clay Dooley had 68 yards on four carries and Josh Hale had 29 yards on two rushing attempts.

Hale also caught a pass for six yards and Senior Greg Harper caught one pass for seven yards.

Greg Terry kicked two extra points and the 35 yard field goal.

If the Rockets are to remain undefeated in 2000 they will have to be

at their best when they Southwest Warriors come calling Friday night.

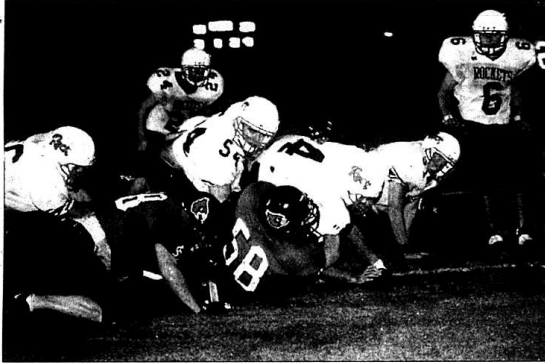
It is the ROCK's home opener and the annual Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl game.

Last year the Warriors absolutely manhandled the Rockets in Somerset coming away with a 42-13 win.

The Warriors have also tasted victory before on the Rocket's home field. In 1994, the Warriors won 20-13. That win by the Warriors ended a five year home winning streak for the Rockets.

Last Friday night while the ROCK

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Senior quarterback Christopher Parsons scores from three yards out in the fourth quarter on Friday night. The Rockets beat South Laurel 43-14. They play their home opener on Friday night against Southwestern. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



Junior Josh Hale, #10, looks for running room behind the Rocket offensive line, which includes from left: Tanner Abney, William Blair and Michael Brummett.



Sophomore Marty Reagan, #24, takes off on one his eleven rushes Friday night. Reagan had 72 yards on the night. Also in the photo is #56 Jason Leger.

ROCK vs. Cardinals

By Preston Parrett
The Rocks opened in Death Valley. And came home with a win. Their next game is at South Laurel So they're on the road again.

Coach Saylor gets out his film The defense he began to prepare, And as the morning sun rises He even knows the size of their underwear.

Then when it was game time And the Cards took a snap, They'd usually find a Rock Plugging up the gap.

In the very first quarter Josh Hale scored on a 28 yard ramble, But Dustin House of the Cards Came back and scored on a gamble.

In the second the Cards scored again From House to Lewis a 17 yard pass, Deuce Bussell scored on a five yard run As he took it into the end zone grass.

The Cards were fighting hard But things weren't going their way, For interceptions, fumbles and penalties Were ruining their play.

Deuce was running wild He was really running loose, As he scored on a two yard run That really cooked the Cardinals goose.

Chris Parsons got cranked up And he scored from the two, Then Terry tried a field goal And through the uprights it flew.

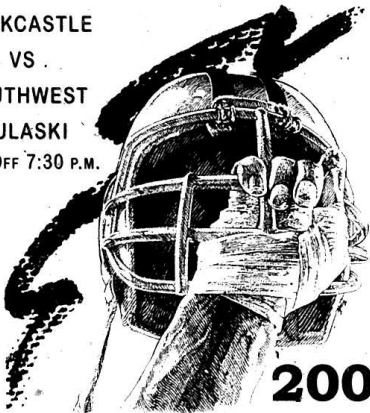
Clay Dooley got into the act And he had some fun, When he broke loose On a 26 yard run.

The Rock team plays hard They're like a well oiled machine, And they'll grind opponents down Because they're strong and lean.

Congratulations to coaches, team and supporting cast For the game you all play so well, Just keep on rocking And you'll stay on the victory trail.

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Throughout the past years, several accidents have occurred during the games involving younger fans attempting to play football in the spectator areas. **This will not be permitted this year.**

We appreciate your support of the RCHS football program but, for the safety of yourself and others, as a spectator, we ask that you do not attempt to enter the stadium area with a football.

Also, please note, the area within the track is open to participants only. Participants include the coaching staff and their guests, the players, media and emergency personnel. All others will be asked to move to the spectator area.