

Coming off an 80-0 win over Knott Central Rockets ready to cage Jaguars tonight

BY TARA COX

Tonight at 7:30 p.m. the Rocket football team will begin their battle against North Laurel High School for the RCHS Homecoming victory.

Thus far in the season, the Rockets are undefeated, with shut-out scores against Southwestern Pulaski, Estill County, and Knott County Central High Schools.

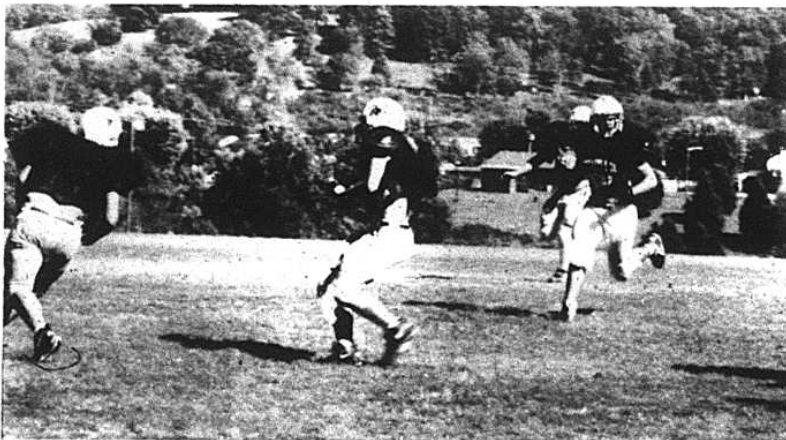
If you combine the scores of the last two games played (Estill County and Knott County Central), the Rock has scored 147 unanswered points.

The Rocket's winning record is significantly better than North Laurel's, whose five losses include LaFayette, Whitley County, Bourbon County, Wayne County, and South Laurel.

Even though the jaguars have failed to win so far this season, RCHS Head Football Coach Tom Larkey feels that "...it is a must that we play a mistake-free game. We must execute fundamentals to our greatest capacity. The last two games have been too easy, but the North Laurel team is much stronger than the two previous teams," Head Football Coach Tom Larkey stated.

With the game on home field, several players are hoping for, and expecting to have, a new win/loss record of 6/0.

"North Laurel doesn't have a very good record, but they play good teams. We're not worried about our ranking. We just want to



In practice this week, members of the Rocket football team work on perfecting their defense in order to prepare for tonight's Homecoming game against the North Laurel Jaguars.

Photo by Tara Cox

go out there and play our best, and hopefully it will lead to a victory," senior Derrick Bussell commented.

RCHS has acquired a state ranking of fourth in the AAA division, following behind Highlands, Bowling Green, and Owensboro.

North Laurel's Head Coach, Greg Duncum, is in his first year as a coach and has great expectations for his team.

"Our kids are young and inexperienced, but they have great character. We're trying to turn our program around and we're really working hard on getting better from week to week," Coach Duncum re-

marked earlier this month.

It may be Coach Duncum's first year coaching, but he's no stranger to Kentucky high school football. From 1980 to 1984 he was quarterback at North Laurel. During his freshman and junior years they advanced to become state champions, with Coach Duncum as starting quarterback his junior year.

Regardless of past experiences on the field, RCHS Head Coach Larkey has the definite advantage of 16 years coaching experience.

He knows the strengths and weaknesses of his players, while Coach Duncum is still learning

those of his team.

"Coach Duncum has been involved as an assistant coach and player at North Laurel High School. He knows how to win.

"My experience as a coach helps, but having an established winning tradition is important in this game," Coach Larkey said.

Whatever the outcome of Friday night's game, there is sure to be tons of fan support and school spirit at homecoming.

Senior Profile: Greg Terry



Age: 17
Originally from: Franklin County, VA
Sport: Football
Position: Kicker
Proudest moment: Breaking the high school field goal record with a 50-yard kick
Goals for this year: to get good grades
Future plans: to play football in college
Greatest obstacles: none
Person that he most admires: Coach Tony Saylor
Most influential people in his life: his parents
Career aspiration: to play pro football
Biggest worry: none, right now

If he could live at any time in the past it would be... the 70's, "because those were the good ol' days."

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Cross country team gets first place finish

The RCHS cross country team competed at Berea on Tuesday, September 26. The girls varsity recieved first place out of three teams in attendance. Individual scores follow: senior Rachelle Hammond, first; sophomore Rebekah Lyons, second; senior Ashley Lawson, sixth; freshman Andrew Nelson, fourth; junior Josh Ramsey, seventh; freshman Steven Shackelford, ninth; senior Jeremiah Myers, twelfth; junior Mikey Howard, twenty-second.



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