



Junior Josh Hale, #10, heads around right end in the Rockets 42-0 defeat of Knox Central on Friday night. Also in the photo are #6 Clay Dooley and #64 Michael Brummett. The Rockets travel to Harlan on Friday night to take on a much improved Cawood team.

Rocket Junior Varsity loses in play-offs to West Jessamine 27-26

The Rockcastle County High School Junior Varsity football team suffered their first loss of the season Monday night.

West Jessamine defeated the Rockets 27-26 in one of the most entertaining JV games ever played at the ROCK.

The Rockets junior varsity is now 7-1 on the season after the loss in the first round of the junior varsity play-offs.

The Rockets were behind 7-0 in the first quarter, but took the lead 8-7 after quarterback Aaron Anderkin found Michael Hayes on a 30 yard touchdown pass.

West Jessamine would score two

more times before the half to take an 19-8 lead into intermission.

West Jessamine was threatening to put the game out of reach in the third period, when James Michael Bussell picked off a pass in the end zone.

The JV then marched the ball 80 yards down the field, behind great receptions by Stephen Boreing and P.J. Rowe and good running by Josh Taylor.

Anderkin culminated the drive with a three yard sneak into the end zone.

Taylor caught a pass for the two point conversion and Rockcastle closed the gap to 19-16.

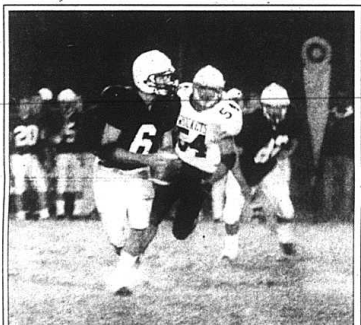
Rockcastle took the lead in the fourth period when Anderkin found P.J. Rowe in the end zone on a 25 yard touchdown pass.

Taylor scored the two point conversion on a run around right end and the Rockets led 24-19.

An offside penalty on fourth down kept a West Jessamine drive alive and they scored with three minutes left in the game to take a 27-24 lead.

A fumble on one possession and an interception on another, following a safety, gave West Jessamine, who were also 7 and 1 on the season, the victory.

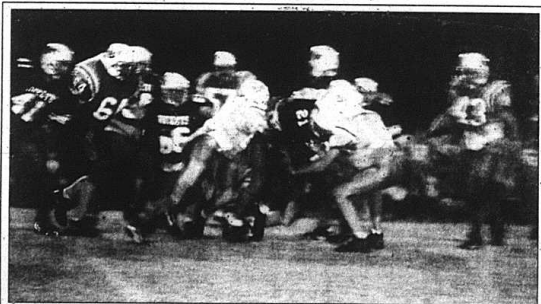
The JV are now scheduled to play Somerset Monday night at Rockcastle at 6 p.m. for third place in the play-offs.



Senior Sean Smith, #54, chases down the Knox Central quarterback in Friday night's game at Barbourville. The Rockets remained undefeated with a 42-0 win. Smith was later injured in the game, but is expected to play Friday at Cawood.



Senior linebackers Greg Harper, #12 and Travis Ingram, #33 combine to stop a Knox Central runner in Friday night's action. The ROCK won 42-0. Knox Central was held to minus 107 yards.



RCHS Junior Varsity player Josh Taylor #21, played extremely well against West Jessamine on Monday night, but the JV lost 27-26. Also in the photo is #66 Benny Northern and #41 Michael Hayes.

Freshmen win sixth straight

The Rockcastle County High School freshmen football team is still undefeated in 2000 after a 44-0 win over Knox Central on Tuesday night.

Fullback Brandon Campbell, who has rushed for over 100 yards the week before, scored on the Rockets first play of the game with a 50 yard run.

Also in the first period, Josh Brewer scored on a 65 yard run and he also added the two point conversion to give the Rockets a 14-0 lead.

In the second period, Devin Taylor scored two touchdowns, both on runs inside the ten. Devon Bussell added one of the two point conversions and the Rockets led 28-0 at half time.

In the third period, Josh Brewer scored on an 80 yard run and Josh Hayes caught a pass from Taylor on the two point conversion.

In the fourth period, Taylor scored a touchdown and the extra two point conversion for the 44-0 win.

RCMS Eighth Graders host play-off game

The Rockcastle County Middle School eighth grade football team will host Southern Pulaski on Thursday night in the first round of the play-offs at 6 p.m.

The eighth grade and seventh grade are both undefeated in conference play in 2000, but the seventh grade will not play until October 26, when they will take on Wayne County.

If the eighth grade defeats Southern Pulaski on Thursday, both games will be played at RCMS on October 26. If the eighth grade loses the seventh grade game will be played away.

Rockets defeat Central 42-0, remain unbeaten

By: Richard Anderkin

The Rockcastle County Rockets continued their trek toward a perfect regular season with a 42-0 victory over Knox Central on Friday night.

The Rockets are 8 and 0 on the season and 3 and 0 in the district.

Rockcastle's win Friday night did not come without some problems for the Rockets.

Senior quarterback Christopher Parsons went down in the first quarter after he re-injured his left shoulder.

Senior outside linebacker and offensive guard Sean Smith went down in the third period, after he strained his knee.

Junior Cody Reams also injured his back on a kick-off. Reams and Smith were both taken to the hospital by ambulance in the third period.

The good news is that all three will most likely be ready for Friday night's district match-up with Cawood in Harlan.

Smith will be the only one of the three who will be in a somewhat guarded condition and for that reason his playing time may be limited.

Against Knox Central, Rockcastle scored twice in the first quarter, the first on a 34 yard run from senior Derrick Bussell, who made an outstanding run around the right side, after he adjusted on a run up the middle.

Senior place kicker Greg Terry added the extra point and the ROCK led 7-0.

Starting quarterback Chris Parsons then found junior Josh Hale on a touchdown pass on the next series, but the touchdown was called back because of a holding penalty against the ROCK.

Parsons was also injured on that play when a Knox Central player hit him late. No call was made, but Parsons was out for the game.

On that same series, sophomore Aaron Anderkin replaced Parsons and three plays later, he found junior Clay Dooley on a 16 yard touchdown pass.

Terry's kick was good and Rockcastle led 14-0.

In the second period, Clay Dooley scored again - this time on a six yard run and Terry's kick made it 21-0.

Also in the second period, Senior Greg Harper scored on a 34 yard touchdown pass from Anderkin.

Terry's fourth extra point attempt was good and Rockcastle led 28-0 at half time.

Rockcastle scored at the beginning of the third quarter when Bussell went around right end on a sweep play that would result in a 25 yard scoring run.

Terry's kick was good and the Rockets were ahead 35-0.

Josh Hale ended the scoring for the Rockets when he scored on a five

yard run and Terry's kick made it 42-0.

No one scored in the fourth period and the Rockets had secured their eighth win of the season.

Knox Central's offense was terrible and they were no doubt the district team Rockcastle had played all season long.

It seemed like the only thing the Panthers could do well was play dirty, because on offense they netted a minus 107 yards for the game.

On offense the Rockets gained 314 yards on just 40 offensive plays.

The Rocket defense was led once again by middle linebacker Travis Ingram, who turned in a 13 tackle and assist performance and two sacks.

The Rocket senior was pulled in the third period or he would have no doubt had a 20 tackle night.

Sean Smith also had an outstanding game before he was injured with seven tackles and a assist. He also had a personal best five sacks and recovered a fumble.

Junior Adam Childress also turned in a seven tackle and assist game and he also was in on two sacks.

Defensive end Dackery Larkey had five tackles and assists and he

had a sack. Harper, who seems to always be around when the football hits the ground, picked up another fumble recovery and he also had four tackles and assists. He also had a quarterback sack.

Junior Steve Blair, who has seen a lot more action as of late, had four tackles and assists and a quarterback sack.

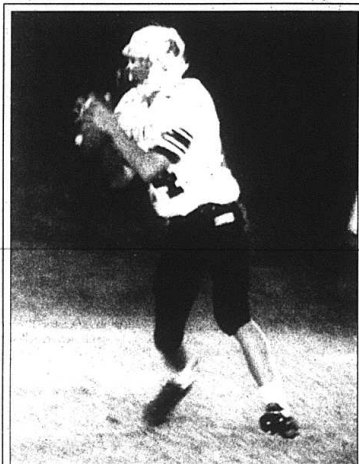
Backup middle linebacker P.J. Rowe had three tackles and assists and he also picked up a quarterback sack.

Josh Taylor, who will play a lot this week because of Smith's injury had three tackles and a sack. Other Rockets getting tackles or assists on defense were Tanner Abbey, 1, William Blair, 3, Josh Hale, 4, Clay Dooley, 2, Marty Reagan, 1, Stephen Boreing, 1, Matt McClure, 1, and Brad Wesley, 1.

Offensively, backup quarterback Aaron Anderkin completed seven of ten passes for 104 yards. He rushed once for 12 yards and threw two touchdowns passes.

Before he was injured, Parsons completed one pass for eight yards.

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Sophomore Quarterback Aaron Anderkin threw two touchdown passes against Knox Central on Friday night. Anderkin replaced Christopher Parsons who was injured in the first quarter. The Rockets won 42-0.

Rockcastle Co. High School Welcomes

Family, Friends, Community Members, and all Rocket Fans to join us for

SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT



Senior Recognition Awards will be presented as follows:
Friday, October 27, 2000 6:45 P.M.

Rockettes Dance Team
Rockets Marching Band

Rocket Cheerleaders
Rockets Football

Senior presentations will be prior to the game between the Rockcastle Rockets and the Bell County Bobcats. The presentation will begin at 6:45 P.M. Parents need to be checked in on the track no later than 6:40 P.M.