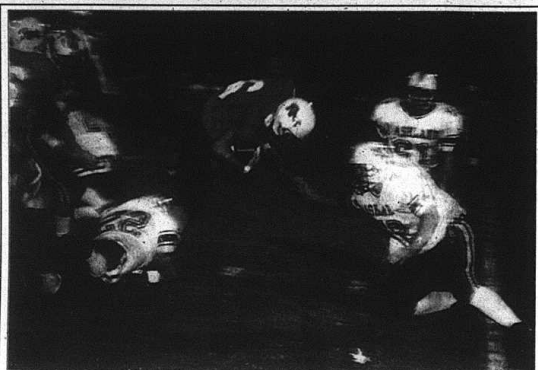
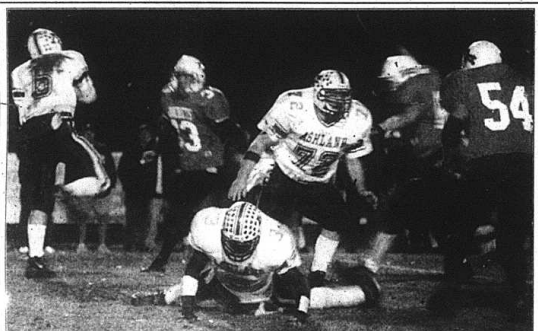
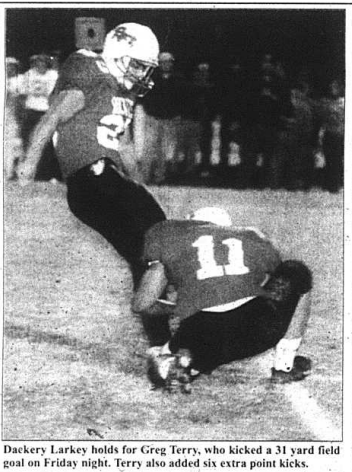




Clay Dooley is taken down after a five yard gain on Friday night. The Rockets travel to Sheldon Clark on Friday night for the regional championship game.



Ashland's top running back Arliss Beach, #3, who was averaging 130 yards per game before Friday night, was held to minus yards against the ROCK in their 59-0 win. In the photo are Travis Ingram, Tanner Abney and Sean Smith.



Dackery Larkey holds for Greg Terry, who kicked a 31 yard field goal on Friday night. Terry also added six extra point kicks.

Directions to Sheldon Clark High School 3 to 3 1/2 Hours Inez, Kentucky - Martin County

1. Take I-75 South to first London Exit.
2. Turn left off the ramp.
3. Follow Rt. 80/Daniel Boone Parkway East to Hazard.
(Toll Road .40, .50, .50 tolls - 2 lane highway w/turnout lane)
4. Follow Rt. 80 from Hazard through Martin.
(4 lanes • No Toll • Steep Inclines)
5. Turn left off Rt. 80 onto U.S. 23 North to Prestonsburg.
(4 lane highway)
6. Go approximately 2 miles to Prestonsburg, bear left on Highway, staying on U.S. 23 north
7. At second light on 23 (Highlands Hospital Exit), turn right.
8. Follow this road for approximately 4 - 6 miles.
9. Turn right onto Rt. 3 (Thunder Ridge Entertainment Complex Exit - Look for sign at turn).
10. Follow Rt. 3 for about 25 minutes to 645 Russell Williamson
By-Pass, turn right onto 645.
11. Follow by-pass to Sheldon Clark High School.
12. Football field on right.



The Rockcastle County sixth grade team went undefeated against sixth grade competition this year, running their record to 17-0 with wins over Lexington Catholic, North Laurel, Somerset, Hazard, Mercer Co., Anderson Co., Madison Middle, South Laurel, Poplar Creek and Whitley Co. Allstars. The offense put up big numbers in 17 games scoring 570 points for an average of 33.5 points per game. The defense was stingy, giving up 58 total points for an average of 3.4 points per game. Members of the team are pictured above, front row from left: Josh Garrison, Donovan Pigg, Paul Payne, Billy Hines, David Robbins, JD French, Rudy Lester, and Shaun Childress. Second row from left: Robby Carosello, Gus Scalf, Kyle Bussell, Adam Mink, Larry Lawson, Jacob Harding and Lynn Miracle. Third row from left: Aaron Hughes, Josh Renner, Chris Riddle, Dusty Miller, Izak McQuay, James Glessner, Josh Hancock, Chandler Hunter and back row, from left: Elmer Robbins, John McQuay, head coach Richard Gibbs, Danny McNew, and Jason Childress.

Rockets stomp Ashland 59-0

By: Richard Anderkin

Take 500 yards of offense and the number one ranked defensive team in the state and you end up with a good old fashion beating.

At last that is what happened Friday night when the Rockets hosted Ashland Paul Blazer in the second round of the Class AAA play-offs and came away with a 59-0 win.

The win was also the Rockets 12th of the season against no losses.

As they have done in most games this season, the Rockets wasted little time in getting on the scoreboard.

With only a few minutes gone in the first quarter, quarterback Christopher Parsons found receiver Greg Harper on a 35 yard pass play and the Rockets led 7-0, after Greg Terry's extra point kick.

On Ashland's next possession, defensive lineman William Blair picked up a Ashland fumble and took it 18 yard for the score.

Terry's kick made it 14-0 and Ashland was basically out of the game before they could blink.

Rockcastle scored again in the first quarter when Derrick Bussell took the ball in from the two and the kick made it 21-0, at the start of the second period.

In the second period, Bussell scored on a 31 yard run, Marty Reagan scored on a 12 yard run and Terry added a 31 yard field goal and two extra points.

At half time the Rockets lead 38-0.

In the third period Bussell scored on a 42 yard run and the Rockets led 45-0 after Terry's kick.

The Rockets have been able to substitute early and often most of this season and Friday night was no exception.

After Bussell's third quarter score, the Rockets put in most of their junior

varsity players, but they too were up to the challenge.

In the fourth period Josh Taylor scored on a three yard run and P.J. Rowe, made a great 63 yard run, on the left side, for a score.

James Michael Bussell added the final two points of the game and the Rockets came away with yet another win in which they totally dominated a pretty good football team.

Parsons had his best game of the season, completing 14 of 19 pass attempts and throwing for three touchdowns. He also rushed for 42 yards on six carries and had a combined output of 273 yards.

Although Derrick Bussell was in the minus category in rushing on Friday night, he made up for it with four catches for 102 yards and two touchdowns.

Clay Dooley had 30 yards rushing on seven carries and he caught two passes for 18 yards.

Marty Reagan had 60 yards rushing on just four carries and he caught one pass for eight yards. He also scored once.

Josh Hale had 61 yards on five catches and he picked up 28 yards on one carry.

Greg Harper had 35 yards on one catch, which was good for a touchdown.

P.J. Rowe had 67 yards on two carries and scored once.

Josh Taylor had 36 yards on five carries and he scored once.

Chaz Cable caught one pass for seven yards.

Josh Hale had five yards on a carry and Josh Brewer had nine yards on two carries. Aaron Anderkin had three yards on a carry.

Greg Terry was a perfect six for six in extra point kicks and he also had a 31 yard field goal.

All total the Rockets had 505 yards of total offense, which was their highest output all season long.

And the Rocket defense, which is ranked number one in the state in both running and passing defense, allowed Ashland only 58 total yards.

They also forced four fumbles, recovered three of them and sacked Ashland's quarterback three times.

Middle linebacker Travis Ingram led the Rockets in tackles and assists with 14 and continued to raise a school record to a level that will be tough for anyone to ever break.

Besides William Blair's fumble recovery for the touchdown, Adam Chandler and Josh Hale each had

recoveries.

Sean Smith, Greg Harper and Doug French each picked up a sack.

Other Rockets picking up tackles and assists were: Harper, 8, Reagan, 7, Childress, 6, Hale, 6, Dackery Larkey, 4, Tanner Abney, 3, William Blair, 3, Dooley, 3, Steve Blair, 3, Rowe, 3, Smith, 2, Bussell, 2, French, 2, Taylor, 1, Michael Hayes, 1, Anderkin, 1, Stephen Boreing, 1 and Brad Wesley, 1.

The Rockets are ranked second in the state in scoring, averaging just under 48 points per game.

The Rockets are allowing the fewest points in the state at just 4 points per game.

The Rockets will travel to Sheldon Clark High School in Inez on Friday night, where they will play for the regional championship.

Last year, the Rockets played Sheldon Clark in the second round in a game that was also played at Inez.

The Rockets won 31-14, but both head coach Tom Larkey and defensive coordinator Tony Sayor say this year's Sheldon Clark game is the best team they have faced this season.

"They are a bunch of seasoned veterans, who lost only two starters from a year ago," Larkey said.

"We will have to play the perfect game to win," he said.

Sheldon Clark has only one loss this season, that was to Beechwood early in the season.

"There is no shame in losing to Beechwood and this team has it all - they have size, speed and experience," Sayor said.

Rockets fans who made the trip to Inez last year know it is no Sunday afternoon drive.

No matter how you go, it will take approximately three hours plus to make the trip.

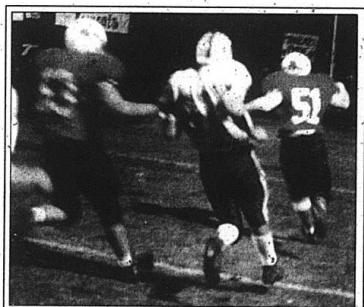
The Rockets will also play on Sheldon Clark's dirt field, which they call the ROCK.

"They are proud of their bad field conditions and their poor facilities," Larkey said.

Rockcastle is one of only two undefeated teams still playing in Class AAA.

The other team, Harrison County, will likely lose to Fort Thomas Highlands on Friday night.

If Highlands and the Rockets both win - Highland will come to Rockcastle next week.



William Blair heads into the endzone after he picked up an Ashland fumble on Friday night. Blair and the rest of the Rockets rolled over Ashland 59-0.

ROCK vs. Tomcats

By Preston Parrett

In the final of the play-offs The Tomcats met the Rock. They'd come down to a glory. But on the game the Rock had a lock.

The Rocks were primed and ready. Their eyes were blazing fire, And they were showing the Tomcats Their determination, courage and desire.

The Rocks dismantled the Tomcats Never gave them a chance to start, For their offense was hitting on all cylinders And their posse defense was all heart.

Chris Parsons connected with Greg Harper

For a TD as they took to the air, And then the Tomcats fumbled Taking it in for a score was William Blair.

The Tomcats were in a quandary They couldn't run and they couldn't

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Derrick Bussell blocks for Christopher Parsons in Friday night's win over Ashland. Parsons completed 14 passes and had three touchdown throws. Bussell scored twice.