

State's top team coming to the ROCK

When the Rockcastle County Rockets take on Fort Thomas Highlands on Friday night they will be facing the number one ranked team in the state of Kentucky.

Highlands only lost this season came at Paul Brown Stadium when they lost 21-14 to Cincinnati Elder.

An estimated crowd of 35,000 watched that game.

Besides being ranked number one in the state of Kentucky in all four classes, Highlands is also ranked number 17 in the nation.

Last week, Highlands defeated Harrison County 45-7, a team that was undefeated before last week.

They also did that without their starting quarterback, who did not play because of illness.

Highlands also has at least five players that will play division one football and about six to seven more that will play at the small college level.

"We will have to be at our best - but our team has played hard all season long and we have played some pretty good competition at times," defensive coach Tony Saylor said.

Rockcastle has the state's number one ranked defense in the third quarter when Quarterback Christopher Parsons found a streaking Derrick Russell on a 46 yard touchdown pass.

Highlands has also won more state titles than any other school.

Advance tickets are available at the Rockcastle County High School Wednesday (today), for \$55 each.

Tickets will also be available at

Mahaffey's Sporting Goods, across from the Rockcastle High School, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday. Tickets at the gate will be \$7.00. The gate will not open until 4 p.m. on Friday night.

A very large crowd is expected for Friday night's game at the ROCK. Game time is 7:30.

ROCK wins Region

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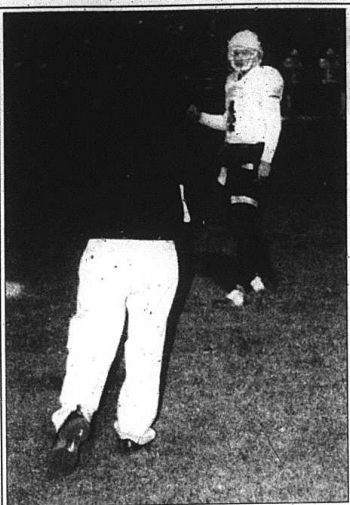
Besides the regional championship the Rockets set records in games won, first at 12-0 and now at 13 and 0.

Friday night's game was a hard fought contest that saw Rockcastle pick up only 190 yards of offense and Sheldon Clark gain only 201.

Rockcastle's game winning touchdown came in the third quarter when Quarterback Christopher Parsons found a streaking Derrick Russell on a 46 yard touchdown pass.

Senior Greg Terry nailed the extra point and Rockcastle led 7-0.

Sheldon Clark's only touchdown of the game came in the fourth quarter with about four minutes to go, when they picked off a Rockcastle pass and ran it back into Rocket territory.



Quarterback Christopher Parsons gets instructions from head coach Tom Larkey. Parsons threw a 46 yard pass for the Rockets' only score.

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Sheldon Clark scored on a two yard run and instead of trying for the extra point kick to tie the game, they went for two.

Sophomore Marty Reagan picked off the Sheldon Clark pass and the Rockets had won their first ever regional championship.

Sheldon Clark got one more chance at the end zone, but Reagan again picked off a Sheldon Clark pass to seal the deal.

The Rockets first score was nullified in the second quarter when Russell picked off a Sheldon Clark pass and ran it back 50 yards for the score.

Bussell made a spectacular run, but it was called back because of a block in the back after the interception.

Besides Russell and Reagan's interceptions linebacker Greg Harper also picked off a Sheldon Clark pass. No other defensive stats were available at press time because of a filming malfunction.

Offensively the Rockets were led by Parsons who completed nine of 19 pass attempts for 112 yards. He also rushed for 43 yards on six carries and threw the lone score.

Bussell had nine yards on four carries and he caught two passes for 54 yards and the score.

Clay Dooley had 12 yards on five carries.

Reagan had nine yards on four carries and he caught one pass for four yards.

Josh Hale had five yards on one carry and he caught three passes for 33 yards.

Harper caught three passes for 21 yards.

Terry was one for one in extra point kicks.

"Our kids played their hearts out - it was a hard fought game," said Head coach Tom Larkey.

"It was no doubt the most physical game that our team has been involved in all season. Sheldon Clark had a great team, loaded with seniors, but our team was determined that we were going to bring the Regional Championship Trophy back

Rockcastle High School basketball begins next week

Both the girls and boys basketball teams will begin regular season play next week.

The boys' team, which has been to the regional tournament in the past three seasons, will begin the 2000-2001 season next Tuesday night, when they host Lee County.

The girls team, which has also

been very successful in past seasons, which included a trip to the state tournament in 1998, will kick off their season at McCreary Central on Thursday, November 30.

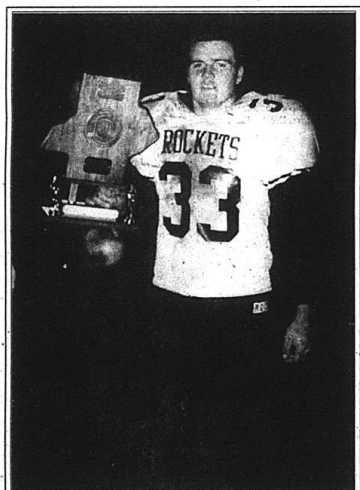
The girls head coach is Chrissy Noble and the boys head coach is Clayton Cash.

Look for the basketball special section in the Signal on December 7.

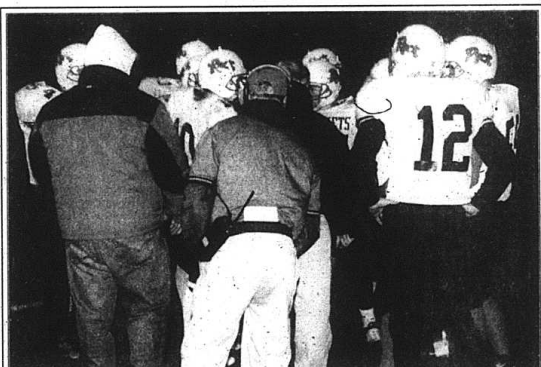
2000-01 Rockcastle Co. High School Rockets Basketball Schedule

Nov. 28	Lee County	Home	
Dec. 1	Knox Central	Away	
4	Jackson County	Home	GV/BV
8	Lynn Camp	Away	
12	Clay County	Home	GV/BV
14, 15, 16	McDonald's Classic	Harrodsburg	
19	OB	Home	
22	All Saints	Home	
Jan. 5	Clay County	Away	GV/BV
9	SW Pulaski	Away	
12	Williamsburg	Home	
13	Australia	Home	
16	Madison Southern	Away	
20	Lincoln County	Home	
23	Monticello	Away	GV/BV
26	Whitley Co.	Away	
29	OB	Away	
Feb. 2	Jackson County	Away	GV/BV
3	Somerset	Away	
8	All Saints	Away	
9	North Laurel	Home	GV/BV
12	OPEN		
13	Barbourville	Away	
16	OPEN		
20	Evarts	Away	
23	McCreary Central	Away	

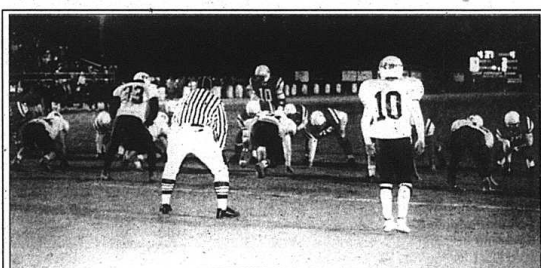
Purchase tickets at Mahaffey's Sporting Goods Thursday or Friday for Friday night's game \$5 In Advance \$7 At The Gate



Senior middle linebacker Travis Ingram, who holds the record for tackles at RCHS, proudly holds the championship trophy on Friday night. The Rockets will host the number one team in the state on Friday night.



Coaches Tom Larkey and Tony Saylor give instructions to their team during Friday night's regional championship game. The Rockets won their first ever regional title and are now among only four teams left in the Class AAA play-offs.



The Rocket defense is ranked number one in the state - but they will have their hands full on Friday night when the Bluebirds from Highlands come to the ROCK. Highlands is ranked number one in the state and 17th in the nation. Last week the Rockets played at Sheldon Clark, one of the worst kept fields in the state, which is evidenced by the photo above.



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