

Lady Rockets lose to Pulaski Co. 43-34

The Pulaski Co. Maroons came to town last Thursday night and went away with a 43-34 win over the Lady Rockets.

The Maroons drew first blood in the game and were ahead 13-7 at the first quarter stop. Junior Amber Denney went to work in the second quarter and put in four straight baskets but Pulaski County added one to their lead in the second quarter for a 25-17 half-time lead.

At the end of the third quarter, the Maroons were up by ten, 37-27, and the Rockets couldn't gain any ground in the fourth, settling for a 3-3 mark after the first six games of the season.

Denney led her team in scoring with 10; Amber Falin got 9; Rachelle Hammond 6; Jessie Rickles and Ashley Mink, 4 each; Ashley Lawson and Johanna Abney, 2 each and Angie Boring got 1.

Lady Rockets win first game in Berea tournament

Monday night, the Rockets played their first game in the Berea Lady Pirates Invitational Tournament by soundly trouncing the West Jessamine Colts 53-30.

It was a contest which left little doubt that the Rockets were in control throughout.

Senior Rachelle Hammond hit her first five three point attempts to help give her team a 16-7 first quarter lead. Coach Chrystie Noble got to clear her bench in the contest with 12 Lady Rockets getting in the scoring column.

Hammonds led the team with 19 points. Jessie Rickles got 7; Bryanna Russell 5; Amber Denney, Ashley Lawson and Amber Falin 4 each; Amy Barnett, Jessica Carpenter, Lauren Clontz and Johanna Abney scored 2 each and Ashley Mink and Allison Anderkin got 1 each. The Rockets are scheduled to take on a tough Johnson Central team, who easily defeated Tates Creek Monday night, on Wednesday at 1 p.m.

In last week's Signal, Jessie Hayes total scoring was inadvertently omitted from the Rockets-Clay Co. game. Hayes scored four points in the contest.

Jayvees win two; lose one
The Jayvees beat their Pulaski Co. counterparts in the first game Thursday night 39-32.

The Rockets were down 10-7 at the first quarter stop but the Rockets defense proved stingy the second quarter, holding the Lady Maroons to just two points in the period while Amy Barnett, Bryanna Russell and Johanna Abney all scored for the Rockets.

The third quarter saw the Rockets lose the lead 27-25 but the Rocket offense came through in the fourth

quarter to pull away for the final 39-32.

Abney led the scoring for the Rockets with 13; Russell had 12; Jessie Hayes and Lauren Clontz 4 each and Allison Anderkin, Amy Barnett and Jessie Carpenter 2 each.

Against Berea Friday night, the Lady Rocket Jayvees couldn't contain a good offensive team, losing 38-27. Bryanna Russell led her team in their losing effort with 10, Johanna Abney and Katie Parsons got 5 each; Jessie Hayes scored 3 and Amy Barnett and Allison Anderkin got 2 each.

At Lincoln County Saturday, the Rockets came out ahead in a close contest 36-30.

It took a while for either team to get on the scoreboard. Bryanna Russell got the first point for her team at the free throw line and there was less than a minute left in the quarter when Lauren Clontz put the first basket through for the Rockets. At that point, Lincoln Co. was ahead 6-3 but, with time running out, Amy Barnett unleashed a half court shot that tied the score 6 all at the end of the half.

The score was tied three times in the second quarter before Lincoln Co. managed to go ahead 18-15 at the half.

The Rockets came back with good defense in the third quarter and tied the score at 23 all. The score was tied at 27 all in the fourth when the Rockets went on a 9-3 run for the final 36-30.

Bussell and Abney led the scoring for their team with 8 each; Jessica Carpenter and Jessie Hayes got 5 each; Amy Barnett scored 4 and Lauren Clontz, Allison Anderkin and Katie Parsons scored 2 each.

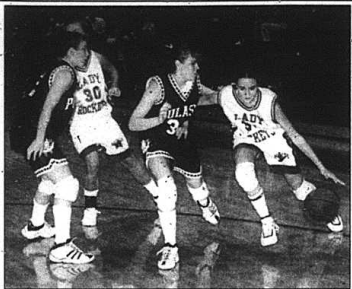
Freshmen beat Berea, Lincoln
The Rockets freshmen lucked into a win Friday against the visiting Berea Pirates. The Pirates were ahead 25-18 when the Berea coach, evidently wanting to save his players for the jayvee game, switched out his entire team. The Rockets, playing primarily their reserves, came back to tie the score at 28 all at the end of regulation play.

In overtime, the Rockets took command early and came away with the 35-32 win. Johanna Abney and Katie Parsons led the scoring with 8 each; Krystal Parsons scored 7; Allison Anderkin got 6; Ashley Kimbrell 4 and Lauren Clontz 2.

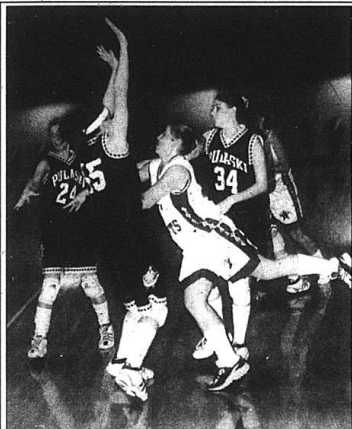
At Lincoln County, the Rockets took an early lead and kept it throughout for the 39-29 win.

Coach Dawn Quigley cleared her bench and nine Rockets scored in the contest.

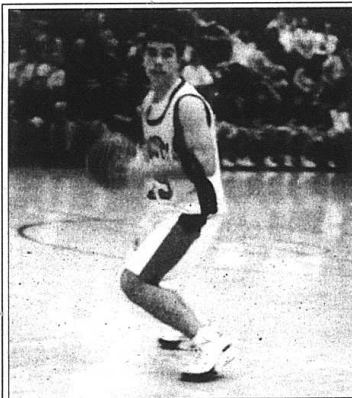
Allison Anderkin led the scoring with 11 points; Krystal Parsons got 9; Johanna Abney scored 6; Katie Parsons 4; Lauren Clontz, Anna Guilfoil, Ashley Kimbrell and Jessica Asher got 2 each and Holly Colson 1.



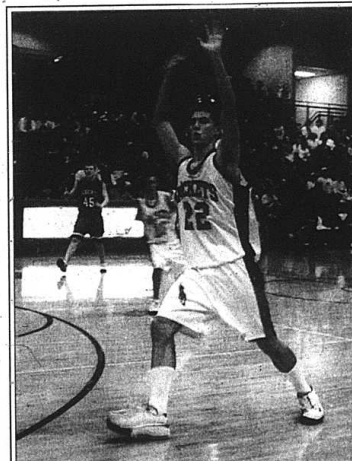
Rachelle Hammond hit her first five three point attempts Monday night in the Lady Rockets win over West Jessamine. Hammond had 19 points in the game. Here she attempts to go by a Pulaski defender in last Thursday 43-34 loss. Also in the photo is #30 Ashley Mink.



Amber Falin attempts a pass in the Lady Rockets loss to Pulaski County last Thursday.



Aaron Cash scored 18 points to lead the Rockets to victory over Harrodsburg last Thursday night.



Andrew Hammond applies defense in a recent Rocket game. The Rockets play again this Friday at home. Game time is 6:00 p.m.

Rockets win one, lose two in tourney

The Rockcastle Rockets competed in the McDonald's Classic at Harrodsburg High School last weekend, playing three games, but unfortunately losing two of those to put the Rockets to 5-3 on the season.

The Rockets faced off in their opener against eventual tournament runner-up and host Harrodsburg on Thursday night, and although they played well, the Rockets were defeated 71-70.

The Rockets only shot 35% from the field, but came up big at the free throw line, shooting 75% from the stripe. Also a factor in the loss was the absence of senior Josh Rowland, who the Rockets missed for his rebounding and tough defensive play.

Although the Rockets had four players score in double digits, Harrodsburg took the 20-11 first quarter lead and never looked back as the Rockets struggled from the perimeter and could not gain the lead.

Aaron Cash was leading scorer for the Rockets with 18, followed by Jeremy Neely with 16, Andrew Hammond with 14, Aaron Anderkin with 12, Thomas Coffey with 6 and Jason Reynolds with 4.

The Rockets second game of the tournament was against Burgin, and not only was Rowland out, but the Rockets also lost sophomore starter Aaron Anderkin with a knee injury.

Rockcastle did not shoot well again, only 33% from the field, but they were still too much for Class A Burgin, defeating them 71-43. The Rockets were helped in a big way from their young bench, which contributed 22 points for the Rockets win.

Rockcastle led the way at the end of the first quarter 23-11, and although Burgin hung tough in the second, outscoring the Rockets 16-11, Rockcastle had too many guns in the third, outscoring Burgin 29-46.

Leading scorer for Rockcastle in the defeat of Burgin was Jeremy Neely with 24, followed by Aaron Cash with 11, Andrew Hammond with 8, Austin Miller with 10, Jason Reynolds with 7, Thomas Coffey with 4, Devin Taylor with 4 and Chris Settles with 1.

On Saturday, the undermanned Rockets played against a very big and very good shooting Louisville Seneca team, with the Rockets coming up short in the 65-47 loss.

The Rockets did not help themselves, shooting at a 27% from the field as the Rockets could not get their offense on the right track.

Seneca led 18-11 at the end of the first quarter, and although the Rockets kept it to where Seneca could not let down their defenses in the second and third quarters, the fourth quarter was the ruin for the Rockets as Seneca put the game away with outscoring Rockcastle 21-12 for the win.

Jeremy Neely and Andrew Hammond each had 11 points for the top scoring in the game followed by Aaron Cash with 9, Jason Reynolds with 7, Thomas Coffey with 3, Austin Miller with 3 and Chris Settles with 2.

Good news on the injury front. Josh Rowland, who was thought to have a chipped ankle bone, instead has a severe ankle sprain and could be back in action as soon as this Friday night's game, and Aaron Anderkin is also expected back at the end of the week after intense physical therapy for his knee.

The Rockets played Tuesday night against district foe Owens Baptist. Results from that game and from this coming Friday's home game against All Saints.



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Benefit Sale

"Relay for Life" Benefit Sale each Saturday thru Jan. 13th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. inside building at 439 Chestnut Street in Berea. Donation of items appreciated. Call Betty Jo Foster at 1-800-932-2513. Proceeds go to American Cancer Society.

RTEC Notice

RTEC, Broker for Region 12, announces that no transportation services will be provided on December 25, 2000 due to Christmas holiday or on January 1, 2001 due to New Year's holiday. Offices will be closed on these two days with the exception of Urgent Care transportation.

Offices Closed

The County Clerk's office will be closed at noon on Friday, December 22nd and remain closed through Monday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday.

Bookmobile

There will be no bookmobile scheduled December 25-29. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Migrant Program

Needs Coats

The Rockcastle County Migrant Program located at 245 Richmond St., across from the Rockcastle Board of Education, is in need of coats for all ages to replenish the clothing closet. We will accept donations at the Migrant Office Monday-Friday from 8:00-3:00 or call 256-2157 for pick-up.

Bittersweet Cloggers

After Dec. 6th, the Bittersweet Cloggers will be holding classes in the basement of the Coetz & Co. building at 115 Richmond St. Classes will be on Tuesday nights beginning at 6:30. No class Dec. 26th.

SBDM Committee Meetings

Buildings and Grounds, Needs Assessment, School Planning Review, Student Support and Technology and Media meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at RCHS.

Marine Corps League

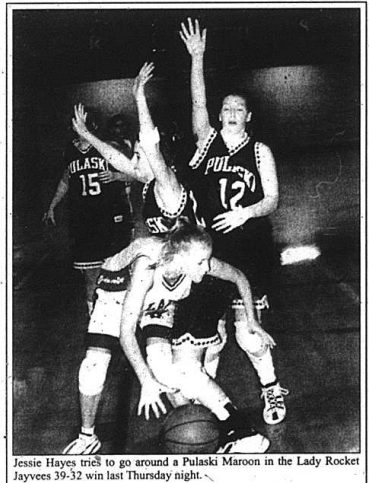
Bluegrass Chapter 1012 of the Marine Corps League meets every fourth Thursday of the month at the Jingo Club at the Bluegrass Army Depot. For more info, call Jack Dimer at 369-7310 or Nathan Seals at 256-0741.

JobStart

Want to earn great prizes while learning new skills and increasing your chance of getting a great job? JobStart is the place for you! For more info, call Jennifer at 256-9612 or fax us at 256-8232. E-mail: jobstart@ksh.net.

Food Needed

Come Unity Cooperative Care is in dire need of food for their food pantry. Because there has been an increase in the number of families needing food our food pantry is empty. We need help immediately! We will take any nonperishable foods. Here is a list of some specific items we need: stuffing, applesauce, green beans, peas, corn, carrots, peaches, mixed fruit cocktail, macaroni & cheese, cereal, jelly. Please bring all foods to 735 South Dixie St. in London ASAP. For more info, call 864-2351.



Jessie Hayes tries to go around a Pulaski Maroon in the Lady Rocket Jayvees 39-32 win last Thursday night.

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