

Rockets lose to Generals, 76-59

As did the Lady Rockets in the game before them, the Rockcastle County Rockets lost in the opening round of the district tournament on Tuesday night.

The Jackson County Generals defeated the Rockets 76-59 in a game that was played in Jackson County.

The Rockets finished the season with an excellent mark of 18-8, but it was the first time in four years they have not advanced to the regional tournament.

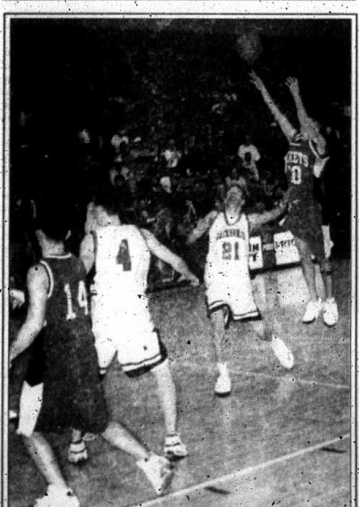
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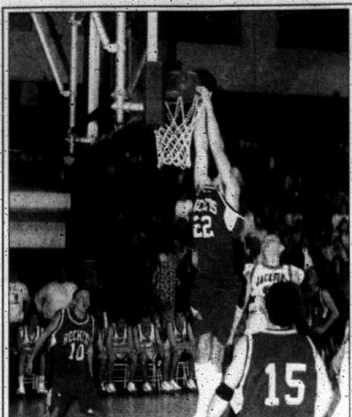
Josh Rowland goes for two of his six points against Jackson County Tuesday night.



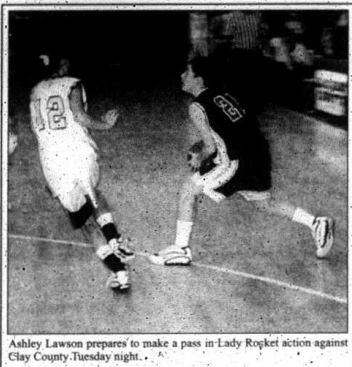
Jason Reynolds came off the bench to lead the Rockets in scoring with 16. The Rockets lost to Jackson County 76-59.



Jeremy Neeley puts up a jumpshot for the Rockets as they lost to Jackson County 76-59 Tuesday night in first round action of the district tournament. Neeley had 15 points in the loss. Also in the photo is #14, Thomas Coffey.



Andrew Hammond slams down two of his 10 points in district journey action Tuesday night. The Rockets lost to Jackson County 76-59.



Ashley Lawson prepares to make a pass in Lady Rocket action against Clay County Tuesday night.

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Steve Park earns Rockingham victory

By Gerald Hodges

The Racing Reporter

There is no better therapy than a win in NASCAR racing.

Steve Park soothed a lot of pain and hurt among Dale Earnhardt fans as he drove the No. 14 Pennzoil Chevrolet owned by Dale Earnhardt Inc. to Victory Lane in the rain-postponed Dura Lube 400, Monday.

It was the second consecutive win for a DEI team. The other win came last Sunday when Michael Waltrip drove the No. 15 NAPA/Chevrolet to victory in the Daytona 500.

Park led 165 laps and held off a late charge to win by 138 seconds over Bobby Labonte who finished second.

"Dale (Earnhardt) is the one that taught me how to drive in this place," Park said. "He told me to stay off the brakes. I did and I won. Thank God it was Bobby (Labonte) that was behind me, and he drove me clean."

Labonte moved into second spot with 15 laps remaining in the 393-lap race. He caught Park with three laps to go, but was unable to get by. Both cars wiggled coming out of turn four on the last lap, and Labonte lost ground.

Polesitter Jeff Gordon, who finished third led 171 laps, the most of any driver.

Finishing order: 1. Steve Park, 2. Bobby Labonte, 3. Jeff Gordon, 4. Jimmy Stewart, 5. Ricky Craven, 6. Johnny Benson, 7. Rusty Wallace, 8. Sterling Marlin, 9. Dave Blaney, 10. Dale Jarrett, 11. Elliott Sadler, 12. Robert Pressley, 13. Bobby Hamilton, 14. Kevin Harvick, 15. Jerry Nadeau, 16. Ward Burton, 17. Joe Nemechek, 18. Casey Atwood, 19. Michael Waltrip, 20. Mark Martin, 21. John Andretti, 22. Ken Schrader, 23. Bill Elliott, 24. Mike Skinner, 25. Ron Hornaday, 26. Robby Gordon, 27. Brett Bodine, 28. Matt Kenseth, 29. Terry Labonte, 30. Jimmy Spencer, 31. Tim Slick, 32. Rick Mast, 33. Jason Leffler, 34. Todd Bodine, 35. Buckshot Jones, 36. Kurt Busch, 37. Jeff Burton, 38. Jeremy Mayfield, 39. Ricky Rudd, 40. Mike Wallace, 41. Stacy Compton, 42. Kenny Wallace, 43. Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Rusty Wallace is points leader

The top-10 Winston Cup points leaders after 2 of 36 events: 1. R. Wallace 311, 2. Martin 295, 3. Waltrip 286, 4. Hamilton 266, 5. Elliott 254, 6. Park 250, 7. Craven

249, 8. Pressley 248, 9. J. Gordon 243, Nemechek 242

Busch Alltett 200 goes to Todd Bodine

By Gerald Hodges

The Racing Reporter

Todd Bodine gambled and took on four tires on lap 183 of the 197 lap Alltett 200, Saturday. The move paid off as he worked his way back to the front for his seventh career Busch Series victory.

Finishing order: 1. Todd Bodine, 2. Kevin Harvick, 3. Greg Biffle, 4. Kenny Wallace, 5. Bobby Hamilton Jr., 6. Jeff Purvis, 7. Rich Bickle, 8. Jeff Green, 9. Ryan Newman, 10. Jason Keller, 11. Jay Sauter, 12. Kevin Grubb, 13. Jimmie Johnson, 14. Mike McLaughlin, 15. Chad Little, 16. Blaine Alexander, 17. Hank Parker Jr., 18. Clay Rogers, 19. Mike Dillon, 20. Mark Green, 21. Tim Sauter, 22. Chad Chaffin, 23. Andy Santerre, 24. Larry Foyt, 25. Shane Hall, 26. Jamie McMurray, 27. Kelly Denton, 28. David Green, 29. Elton Sawyer, 30. Tim Fedewa, 31. Scott Wimmer, 32. Randy LaJoie, 33. Ashton Lewis Jr., 34. Brad Baker, 35. Robby Faggar, 36. Sammy Sanders, 37. P.J. Jones, 38. Tony Raines, Sean Stucker, 39. Jason Rudd, 40. Bill Hoff, 41. Marty Houston

Top-10 Busch Series points leaders after 2 of 33 events: 1. Harvick 340, 2. J. Green 313, 3. K. Wallace 302, 4. Keller 280, 5. J. Johnson 279, 6. Biffle 272, 7. McLaughlin 271, 8. Bickle 261, 9. Little 256, 10. LaJoie 247

Blame, Blame Who's to Blame?

Several new twists have developed in the cause of the death of Dale Earnhardt, who was killed Sunday, Feb. 18 during the last lap of the Daytona 500. Thursday, NASCAR officials disclosed the left side of Earnhardt's safety harness had either broken or was cut.

Friday, members of the organization seemed to point a finger at the harness maker, Simpson Safety Products. Others said the failure was a result of alterations to the harness ordered by Earnhardt.

During a press conference at North Carolina Motor Speedway Friday, Winston Cup director Gary Nelson said the nylon webbing on Earnhardt's lap belt broke, not the metal parts.

"In 32 years of NASCAR racing, this is the first time we've seen this happen," said Nelson. "The integrity

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Lady Rockets fall to Clay County in Districts

For the second straight year, the Lady Rockets will not be playing in the 13th region tournament, as they lost to the Clay County Lady Tigers 48-44 in first round district action Tuesday night.

The Rockets got off to a very slow start in the game, with two straight turnovers causing Coach Chrysi Noble to take an early time out to try to steady her troops.

The Rockets were down 6-0 when Ashley Lawson got the first point for her team at the free throw line. Amber Denney followed with a bucket and Amber Falin then scored off a steal by Rachelle Hammond. This

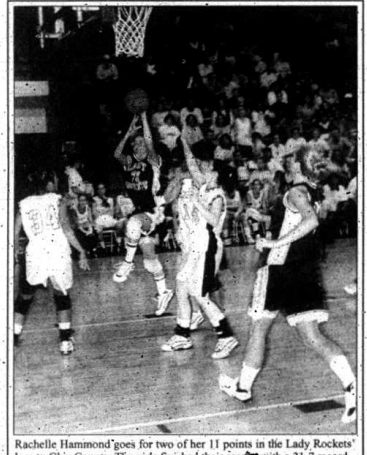
flurry called for a time out by the Clay County coach whose team came back with a bucket making it 8-5. Denney then scored a bucket and a free throw to tie the score at 8 all and the Rockets took the lead at the end of the first quarter on a basket by Denney which was set up by a great pass from Jessie Rickles to Ashley Mink to Denney.

The score was tied 22 all at the end of the first half but the Rockets picked up their defense in the third quarter, got several steals and went on a 14-4 run to take a 42-32 third quarter lead.

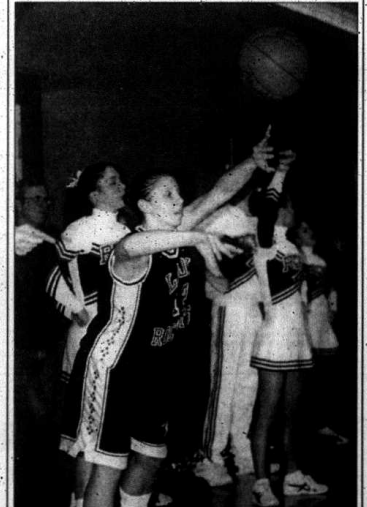
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Jessie Rickles works around a Lady Tiger Tuesday night as the Lady Rockets went down to defeat 48-44.



Rachelle Hammond goes for two of her 11 points in the Lady Rockets' loss to Clay County. The girls finished their season with a 21-7 record.



Amber Falin led the Lady Rockets in scoring with 13 points as the Lady Rockets lost in first round district action to Clay County 48-44.