



Math teacher Dawn Quigley guards her goal during the Teachers vs. Preachers game on March 26.

Teachers prevail over preachers in a fourth quarter push

Winning by a single point, the teachers made a last minute comeback against local preachers. Besides the game itself, proceeds from concessions and a halftime basketball shoot-out went to St. Jude's for research funds. The RCHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes provided halftime entertainment.



The annual NHS Teacher/Preacher game tipped off on to raise money for St. Jude's Children Hospital.



Carmack, Pennix National cheerleading winners

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Two RCHS cheerleaders are now national winners. Seniors Jennifer Carmack and Zach Pennix, along with their Kentucky Elite All-Stars squad, finished first at nationals earlier this month.

The Lexington based team competed March 9-13 in Orlando, Florida. After preliminary competition, Kentucky Elite was ranked fourth.

"Our routine was so hard we had to move on to finals. We did perfect in finals but we weren't expecting anything until they called our name," Pennix said.

When they called their name, it was for first place.

"I didn't know if we were going to win or not, but I knew we had to because they (Kentucky Elite) hadn't lost in two and a half years," Carmack said.

Both Carmack and Pennix were on the squad for one season. They practiced two times a week and more often as competition neared. Both are also on the RCHS cheerleading squad, but have differing opinions about the difficulty of being on both teams.

"[It is hard] because kids on All-Star teams have a different work ethic than kids on sports team," Pennix said.

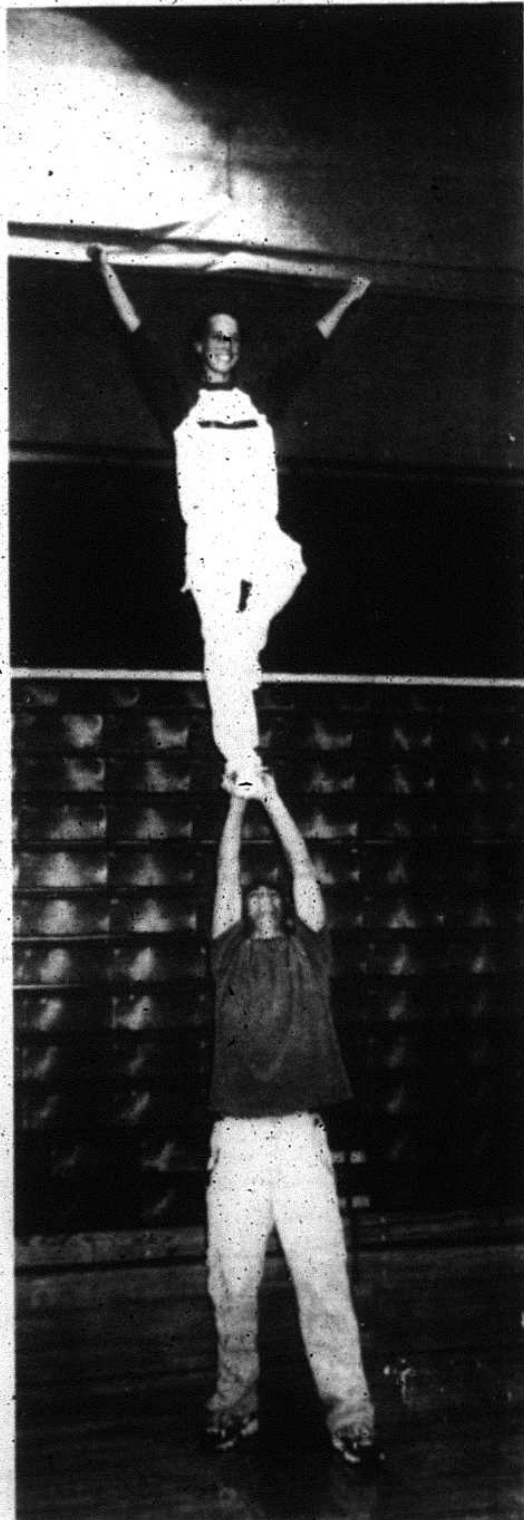
But, Carmack believes, "Actually it makes it easier because it helps us to improve our high school team because we can steal ideas. And, it keeps us in shape."

So, what's next for these two cheerleaders?

"UK tryouts in April," Pennix said.

The Nationals competition will air on ESPN sometimes in May and various other times throughout the year. Pictures of the competition can be seen at varsity.com.

Wanna be a cheerleader?
Tryouts will be held in April after Spring Break



Seniors Jennifer Carmack and Zach Pennix are members of the Kentucky Elite All-Star cheerleading squad who won nationals in March.